

# **Strathcona Elementary School** **Newsletter**



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**'We inspire competence, character and compassion'**

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**Some of November's happenings and reminders in this newsletter:**

 <b>Staff Updates</b> Staff News	 <b>WE Remember</b> Remembrance Day Celebrations	 <b>Fall Weather</b> Fall Weather	 <b>PARKING LOT SAFETY</b> Parking Lot	 <b>PAC UPDATE</b> PAC News	 <b>Wheels at School</b> Wheels at School
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	<b>Staffing Updates</b> Welcome to Taylor Weller who will be teaching our PE classes while Mrs. Reimer is on maternity leave. Also, an official welcome to Karlie Murphy who has accepted a permanent EA position at Strathcona.
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## **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

This year, students participated in an online virtual assembly of reflection and remembrance/honour of Canadian Soldiers and Peacekeepers. A special note of thanks to the students in Mrs. Beauchene, Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Uzelac's classes for preparing a special presentation of remembrance.



Thursday, November 11th, all schools and district sites are closed to observe Remembrance Day.



	<b>Fall Weather Outdoor Attire</b> A reminder to ensure that your child has appropriate outerwear for the Fall weather. Students will go out for play periods, even when it's raining, windy or chilly. Please make sure your child arrives to school with a warm jacket and proper footwear (particularly boots on rainy days), and as the weather gets colder remember to send mitts and toques as well. The school will only have inside play periods when it rains heavily. Getting fresh air and some physical activity is an important part of their day...rain or shine!
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## **Student Health Policy**

### **Stay At Home When Sick**

Students must stay home when they are sick. Families can use the following link to determine when it is safe to come back to school: <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>  
K-12 Health Check (gov.bc.ca) or call 8-1-1.



### **If Students Become Sick At School**

If a student becomes sick while at school, the office will contact the student's parent/caregiver with a request to have their child picked up as soon as possible.

### Parking Lot Reminders



With 330 students and over 35 staff members, Strathcona Elementary's parking is a busy area! With limited parking stalls and to reduce congestion, particularly at entrance area of the school, when possible, families are encouraged to walk to school. Drivers are also reminded not to park in parking stalls marked for staff.

There is a time limited Drop Off Zone along the front of school. DO NOT park and leave your vehicle in a drop off zone. All families, students, parents, and staff are reminded about the importance of using the crosswalk and sidewalks when walking to and from school, particularly using the crosswalk when walking across the parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation and making our parking lot as safe as possible.

When dropping your child off please have them exit the car on the curbside of the car to help keep everyone safe.

### Wheels at School

A reminder that these "wheeled" modes of transportation (bicycles, scooters, skateboards, and other wheeled items) must be walked on and off school grounds for safety reasons. This includes the front of school sidewalk. With many younger students and pre-school children walking or running about an unfortunate accident could occur. Students riding wheeled "vehicles" are required to be wearing a helmet.



### Appointments



If possible, please try to schedule appointments or activities for your child outside of school hours to help protect instructional time & to adhere to safety protocols. If unavoidable, please notify the office and classroom teacher beforehand by calling or emailing the office, letting the classroom teacher know by email, sending a note or writing it in your child's planner.

To contact your child's teacher please see Strathcona Staff emails on our website at:

<https://strathcona.sd33.bc.ca/staff/teachers>



### • PAC Meeting via Zoom November 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Purdy's Fundraiser

The school will be doing up a plan for an outdoor classroom, so we are getting ready to help fund it!! Here is the info if you would like to order!!! You can order online, or if you would like you can print a paper order and pay by cash or cheque. Cheques are payable to "Strathcona Elementary PAC".

#### Catalogues:

[https://fundraising.purdys.com/.../2021\\_Christmas...](https://fundraising.purdys.com/.../2021_Christmas...)

#### Printable Order Form:

[https://www.purdys.com/.../Christmas\\_Order\\_Form\\_2021\\_FUND..](https://www.purdys.com/.../Christmas_Order_Form_2021_FUND..)

#### Our order Deadline is November 24<sup>th</sup>!!

Items will be Delivered to the School and be ready for pick up December 9<sup>th</sup>!!!

Please Click on this link to order online as it takes you to our group order number: 57409

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1237813-87723>



# HALLOWEEN

It was **SPOOKTACULAR** to see so many students and staff members dressed in costumes or wearing orange & black.

