

September 11th Newsletter

Welcome Back, Ravens!

We are excited to welcome our students and families back for another wonderful year at Peter Ewart Middle School! The first few days have been filled with positive energy, smiling faces, and the excitement of reconnecting with friends while building new relationships. It has been a joy to see our school community come together as we begin another year of learning, growth, and belonging.

A special thank you goes to our outstanding Grade 8 WEB leaders, who helped welcome our new Grade 6 students on their first day of middle school. Through their leadership, kindness, and encouragement, they helped create a warm and supportive environment that made our newest Ravens feel comfortable and connected from the very start.

Next week marks our first full week of classes, and students will have opportunities to participate in a variety of activities while learning about the many clubs, teams, and leadership opportunities available at Peter Ewart.

Thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive families, and hardworking PAC for helping make the start of the year such a success. We look forward to an exciting year filled with learning, achievement, and memorable experiences for all students.

Here's to a fantastic 2026-2027 school year at Peter Ewart Middle School!

Warm regards,
Stephanie Labby
Principal

Here are a few reminders from the school.....

PHOTO DAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th

A reminder that **Photo Day will take place on Monday, September 14.** All students will have their individual photos.

If your child is absent on Photo Day, a retake day will be scheduled for October 9th.

We look forward to capturing our Ravens' smiles and helping create lasting memories of the 2026-2027 school year!

BEGINNING BAND

Beginning Band - Grade 6 students received a presentation about Beginning Band during today's assembly. An email containing more information on joining Beginning Band this year, along with the online registration link has been sent out today to Grade 6 families.

We will not be using paper forms this year and registrations will be completed online. Please check your inbox for the email containing the registration link.

If you have difficulty accessing the registration form, or if your child is in Grade 7 or 8 and would like to join Beginning Band, please contact ejoo@sd35.bc.ca

HOUSE TEAMS

Below is some more information on House Teams and House Team colours ahead of our first Spirit Day next week.

House teams serve a variety of important roles in our schools:

- Community – connects students with more adults
- Pride and Participation– sense of competition building points for your team
- Belonging – every person in the building has a team
- Unity – mixed teams of Grade 6, 7, 8
- Leadership – Grade 8s can be role models for 6s and 7s
- Engagement – ignites excitement throughout the building
- Connection – all events flow through the house teams (spirit days, assemblies, intramurals, fundraisers, etc.)

Each class has been assigned a house team colour, starting in rainbow order from red to yellow.

Division	Teacher	House Team
601	Jonasson	Red
602	Sidhu	Green
603	Manghat/Fan	Blue
604	Shin	Yellow
605	Amaad	Red
606	Kepler	Green
607	Thunstrom	Blue
608	Marcus	Yellow
609	Matties	Red
610	Davis	Green
611	Weiss/Bradley	Blue
701	Main	Yellow
702	Caguiat	Red
703	Corsan	Green
704	Chung	Blue
705	O'Neill	Yellow
706	Vos	Red
707	Williamson	Green
708	Ceranic	Blue
709	Ford/Goertz	Yellow
710	Guild	Red

711	W. Taylor	Green
712	Mooney	Blue
801	Stewart	Yellow
802	Mehan	Red
803	Raman	Green
804	Dix	Blue
805	Basi	Yellow
806	Parmar	Red
807	Moodley	Green
808	Astoria	Blue
809	Gleitman	Yellow
810	P. Curtis	Red
811	Wilde	Green
812	Romero	Blue

We will have our first spirit day, **House Team Colours Day, on Friday, September 18th.**

The more students in your class wear their House Team Colour, the more points your class earns for their house team!

ATHLETICS

Here is some information about Athletics at PEMS as we begin a new school year.

Practices for school teams run before school, after the eating period at lunch, and after school. Morning practices start at 7:15am and most coaches request players arrive at 7:00am. Players who have practice at lunch, are asked to eat their lunches in their classrooms, then come down to the gym when the outside bell rings. Finally, practices after school start about 10 minutes after the last bell of the day and run no later than 4:30pm. Students are not released from class for practices; however, coaches may ask that students be let out of class early if they are traveling to a different school.

Students are told that band practice take precedent over sports teams, and all student athletes are required to have all of their academic work up to date.

Grade 8 girls and boys volleyball teams have started their try-outs and are currently the only teams that have started practicing. Grade 8 girls volleyball practices are Monday morning and Wednesdays after school. Grade 8 boys volleyball practices are Monday after school, Wednesday morning, and Fridays after school. Both teams have tournaments coming up in September and we wish them luck!

Also starting up on September 23, is our cross-country team which practices on Wednesdays and Fridays at 2:45 pm on the turf field.

Finally, our athletics program depends on parent drivers. Parent drivers are required to fill out forms each year to be able to drive for teams, field trips, and other activities.

BELL SCHEDULE

Bell Schedule

8:18	Warning Bell
8:23 – 9:44	Block 1
9:44 – 9:59.	Recess
9:59 – 11:20	Block 2
11:20 – 11:53	Lunch (15 mins eating/18 mins outside)
11:53 – 1:14	Block 3
1:14 – 1:19	Transition
1:19 – 2:40	Block 4
2:40	END OF DAY

STUDENT ABSENCES/LATES AND EARLY DISMISSAL

For any student absences, lates or early dismissals please email pemattendance@sd35.bc.ca or call the PEMS attendance line at 778-726-4815 (press 1).

For student absences and lates please provide the following information in your message or email. This helps us in the office to mark your child attendance record accordingly so we can account for their absence.

Student Name:

Division:

Date(s) of Absence:

Reason:

****If your child is leaving early without a parent/guardian signing them out at the office, please call/email the office to let us know that they have permission to leave on their own.**

We cannot sign students out without written or verbal permission from you.

We encourage students to be down at the office on their own if they know they are leaving early. Emailing or letting the teacher know as well is always helpful!

STUDENT ITEM DROP OFF

If you are dropping items off for your child, we have a table just beside the office window. Please label your child's item with their name and division number; they will get called down at the next natural break!

PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY

Our policy is that students must put away all personal technology (Phones, iPads, headphones...etc.) in backpacks upon school entry and locked in lockers all school day. Technology is not to be used until the bell at the end of the day. Electronic devices will not be used during recess and lunch and will not be allowed outside during these times. Please visit <http://www.sd35.bc.ca> for the most updated district cellphone policy.

We kindly ask parents to support our Personal Technology Policy by contacting the school directly if you would like to contact your child during the school day

WEBSITE

We are working hard to keep the PEMS website up to date with important information, staff contacts, athletics and other updates.

<https://pems.sd35.bc.ca/>

INSTAGRAM

Follow Peter Ewart Middle on Instagram for updates, posts, and reminders.

VOLUNTEER DRIVING?

Driving paperwork needs to be completed every school year. If your insurance or driver's license expires that needs to be updated as well!

- First 2 pages of insurance papers with 2 million liability
- Copy of driver's license
- ICBC Drivers Abstract (**NOT** Factor Report) <https://www.icbc.com/driver-licensing/getting-licensed/Your-driving-record>
- SD35 Volunteer Drivers form (form is attached)

VISITORS TO THE BUILDING

Any visitors to the building should phone ahead and make an appointment through the office to enter the building. Visitors enter the building through the main entrance. Visitors must sign in before entering the office. A drop off table is located outside the office for items dropped off by parents/guardians.

UPCOMING DATES

- September 14 – Photo Day
- September 24 – Meet the Teacher 6pm
- September 25 – School Improvement Day (Students do not attend)
- September 29 – Assembly for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- September 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Stat Holiday. School Closed)
- October 2 -- PAC Meeting 9:15 (Band Room)
- October 5 – World Teacher Day
- October 9 – Photo Retakes
- October 12 – Thanksgiving Monday (Stat Holiday. School Closed)
- October 21 – Parent/Teacher Interviews (1 Hour Early Dismissal)
- October 22 – Parent/Teacher Interviews (1 Hour Early Dismissal)
- October 23 – Professional Development Day (Students do not attend.)

Below are a few updates and important information from the School District.....

ELECTRIC KICK SCOOTERS/E BIKES

The Langley School District has new guidelines around the use and storage of e-scooters and e-bikes at our schools. **E-scooters and e-dirt bikes are prohibited on all school sites. This ban applies for elementary, middle, and secondary schools.** Legally, e-pedal bikes are permissible at secondary schools; light e-bikes for students aged 14 and 15, and standard e-bikes for students aged 16 and older. E-pedal bikes are permissible at all schools for adults. Health and safety are a priority. Please have conversations with your

child about these guidelines and help us maintain a healthy, safe, and positive learning environment. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your school administrator. For more information, visit the district website [here](#).

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Langley School District is committed to fostering safe and caring schools that promote mutual respect, cooperation, and social responsibility, and support optimal learning. Trauma Informed Practices and Procedures promote the creation and maintenance of safe, inclusive, equitable, welcoming, and nurturing school environments.

Families play an important role in helping students achieve success as well as helping create a compassionate learning community. Just as students are expected to follow the District's [Student Code of Conduct](#), there is an expectation for parents/guardians to uphold the District's [Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct](#).

PARENT CONSENT REQUEST ON MYED BC

Each year, Langley Schools asks families to complete a set of parent consent forms for their child. These consent forms are required by our schools to ensure the health, safety, and security of all students. Beginning in this school year, Langley Schools will be using the MyEdBC parent portal to collect this information. During the second week of school, please watch for an email from the MyEdBC system notifying families to log in to the MyEdBC parent portal to complete the online consent forms.

A set of consent forms will need to be completed for each child attending a Langley school. It is advised to access MyEdBC and complete the parent consent forms using a desktop or laptop as the process requires the full site version (which is not mobile-friendly). For step-by-step instructions, please read [here](#). More information can be found on the District website [here](#).

If your email address or contact information has changed, please call your school to correct it in our files. If you have not received an email regarding consent forms by the end of September or have any questions/concerns, please contact your school administrator.

TRANSPORTATION:

My Ride K-12 App

Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, the Langley School District's Transportation service will be using the My Ride K-12 (app or website) to share up-to-date bus rider information with parents/guardians and students. The application allows parents/guardians and students to view assigned bus stops and pick-up/drop-off times and receive notifications about bus delays or route changes. To access your child's bus rider information, sign-up and login to the My Ride K-12 app by following instructions found on the District website [here](#).

INSURE MY KIDS:

The District is pleased to offer families access to two voluntary student accident insurance options for the 2026/2027 school year.

Although enrollment is optional, these plans can provide additional accident-related coverage and benefits beyond those available through standard health care programs.

Please note that enrollment is completed online directly through the provider. Families may choose either of the following options:

Insure My Kids

OR

Study Insured

FROM FRASER HEALTH

Back to School Health (from Fraser Health)

Health, safety, and wellness continue to be a priority in our schools. To help support our students and families, we are sharing important information from our community partner Fraser Health about back to school health. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

Tips for Parents for a Healthy Back to School Season

As children head back to school, parents face the familiar challenge of managing busy schedules, school routines and inevitably, health concerns.

Help set the stage for a healthy school year with Fraser Health's [Healthy Back to School Guide](#).

The guide provides information on a variety of ways to keep children healthy during a school year. For instance, fostering healthy routines for sleep, mealtimes and physical activity can greatly support your child's health and wellness.

Staying healthy during the school year is also about protecting children from illnesses that can spread quickly in classrooms. It is important to make sure children wash their hands properly, and to keep them home if they are feeling unwell.

Another way to protect your child's health is to ensure their immunizations are up to date. Vaccines help prevent several serious illnesses and infectious diseases, for example, measles. Please check that you (if born in or after 1970) and your children have received at least two doses of a measles-containing vaccine. Find out how to check your immunization records [here](#).

Vaccines are available at many [pharmacy locations](#), physician offices, and at all [public health units](#).

If you are new to B.C. or Canada, provide your immunization records to public health at fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform.

Need fast access to health advice? Call Fraser Health Virtual Care

Our Fraser Health Virtual Care registered nurses and dietitians can provide convenient, fast health advice and information for busy families. With options for phone or web chat consultations, families receive medical advice from nurses with emergency experience. It can save you time and may help you avoid having to visit a clinic or emergency department. Nurses can also connect you with an Urgent and Primary Care Centre, if needed.

How to reach Fraser Health Virtual Care

1. **Dial 1-800-314-0999.** For an interpreter, say your language in English.
2. For web chat, go to fraserhealth.ca/virtualcare and click the blue chat bubble in the right corner to start.

Available 10am to 10pm every day, including statutory holidays. After hours, call 8-1-1.

Learn more about Fraser Health Virtual Care, other care options and more at:

[Fraserhealth.ca/VirtualCare](https://fraserhealth.ca/VirtualCare)

Have a wonderful weekend. We look forward to a great year ahead,

Stephanie Labby, Mark Stanton and Ryan Roman (Your Peter Ewart Admin Team)

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