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October 23, 2023

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| **Upcoming Events** | |
| **Date** | **Event** |
| October 24 | Photo Retake Day  Boys Volleyball @ Wix-Brown (2:40 – 3:40) |
| October 25 | Girls Volleyball @ Wix-Brown (2:40 – 3:40) |
| October 23-26 | **Scholastic Book Fair** |
| October 25 | Parent-Teacher Conferences – 1:30 – 4:00 (1 hour early dismissal. **Students released at 1:08PM)** |
| October 26 | K/1 Pumpkin Patch (9:30-12:30)  Parent-Teacher Conferences – 1:30 – 7:00 (1 hour early dismissal. **Students released at 1:08PM)** |
| October 27 | Halloween Bake Sale (PAC/Grade 7 Camp Fundraiser)  Halloween Dance (6:00-8:00) |
| October 30 | **Grade 6 Immunizations** \*Fraser Health has changed the start time to 11:30 and will run during the eating period. |
| October 31 | Halloween Costume Parade & Assembly  Grade 7 Boys Volleyball @ North Otter |
| November 1 | Grade 7 Girls Volleyball @ North Otter |

**Parent-Teacher Conferences**

A link was sent to each family to book parent-teacher conferences. This is a great opportunity to connect with your child’s classroom teacher about things that are going well and areas of growth for the first term. If you have not yet booked your appointment, please make sure you do that this week. If you have any issues, please let the office know so we can assist you with setting up an appointment.

**Halloween Costume Donation**

We are looking for donations of gently used costumes of all sizes. We have a small clothing rack set-up in the foyer to hang costumes if you are able to donate any costumes that are no longer being used in your home. We plan to do a costume "shop" on Thursday/Friday this week.

**Halloween Bake Sale**

October 27th is our Halloween Bake Sale. This is a joint fundraiser for PAC and Grade 7 Camp. We are in need of donated baked goods for this event. If you are able to contribute please bring your items at the end of the day on Thursday OR send them at the beginning of the day on Friday.

Items will be available for students to purchase for $1-2 each. Each class will have an opportunity to purchase the baked goods during the school day similar to the Candy Store. If you have any questions please use the PAC contact information at the end of the newsletter.

**Costume Parade and Pumpkin Carving Contest**

Students will have an opportunity to model their costumes on the morning of October 31st in a costume parade if they choose.

We also invite parents and students to design and carve a special pumpkin that will be showcased in the school on Monday, October 31st. Students can carve a pumpkin and bring it to school in the morning to be displayed in the hallways. Before lunch, we will announce our winners.

**Note for parents: Please include one or two battery-powered candles to go in the pumpkin and remind your child to take home the pumpkin at the end of the day.**

**Costume Day (Tuesday, October 31st)**

Please consider the following when choosing a costume for your child to wear to school.

* Regular school rules regarding the dress code must be followed.
* No canes, sticks, or weapon-like items of any kind are allowed. Masks should only cover the nose/mouth.
* No fake blood or other substances that will spill or cause a mess will be allowed.
* Nothing that promotes the use of illegal substances or activities, derogatory or disrespectful or portrays violence.
* Students must show respect to other students by not touching, defacing or insulting other students’ costumes
* Students must show respect for others by not choosing costumes that are insensitive and/or offensive to the diverse backgrounds represented by others at our school or community.

**Grade 6/7 Explorations**

All students in Ms. Peach’s explorations class: please bring a box before October 24th to complete your Stop Motion project. The box must be at least the size of a shoe box.

**Spring Musical**

Auditions have begun and announced each day so please remind your child if they have signed up they need to keep their ears open for their names on the announcements. Rehearsals start in November, and our show will run March 5th and 6th, 2024!

**Scholastic Book Fair**

It’s that time of year! We are grateful that our PAC can provide this opportunity for our student community to purchase a variety of the latest reading materials. The book fair runs October 23-26th. Students will have a chance to do a walk through during the school day and make purchases during lunch and after school. Parents are welcomed to make purchases after school or during parent-teacher conferences.

**Student Supply Fees**

As mentioned in previous emails, student supplies were distributed through the classroom this year. To cover the expense, we have organized student supply fees on schoolcashonline. Any family that requires assistance to cover the fees is asked to reach out to the office or administration.

**Reporting Absences**

The best way to ensure that on-call office staff receive your email is to either call the school and leave a message or email [noeattendance@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:noeattendance@sd35.bc.ca)

**Otter Athletics**

The entire league schedule can be found here: [Poppy Region Volleyball Schedule](https://langleyschoolsca-my.sharepoint.com/:x:/g/personal/dwoelders_sd35_bc_ca/EeGRzm4QdoRMsjL8cBAj9bcBYa2D3jGZ6hYJbEpeNrLggQ?e=IfsJWd)

* Boys – Practices continue on Monday and Friday after school. Games are on Tuesdays and alternate between North Otter and Wix-Brown, with a start time approximately 2:40pm.
* Girls – Practices on Tuesday and Wednesday at lunch. Games are on Wednesdays and alternate between North Otter and Wix-Brown, with a start time approximately 2:40pm.

If you have not yet paid for the athletic fee it is $20 and it covers the cost of athletic gear (tshirt, water bottle, bag, etc.). Any family that needs assistance with cost, please reach out to admin.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with refereeing. Please connect with the coach to inquire about volunteering.

**Grade 6 Immunizations**

For those parents who have elected to have their child receive immunizations. If your child is absent that day OR if they are resistant to being immunized at school, please call the Langley Health Unit at 604-539-2900 to book an individual appointment.

**District Resource**

***Erase Family Sessions: Establishing Safe, Caring, and Respectful Digital Communities***

Three virtual Erase learning sessions for families will be held on November 8th, 28th, and 30th, focusing on establishing safe, caring, and respectful digital communities. These sessions are best suited for families and youth aged 10 and above.

**News from PAC**

# **HOT LUNCH IS NOW OPEN!**

Ordering is open for all hot lunch dates through to December.

‼️Please note that all ordering closes 8 days prior to the actual hot lunch date. We cannot accept late orders.‼️

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**How to order:**

For NEW parents/caregivers to North Otter, please register for your Munchalunch account here: [https://munchalunch.com/schools/NorthOtter](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmunchalunch.com%2Fschools%2FNorthOtter&data=05%7C01%7CEDavenport%40sd35.bc.ca%7Cde10e22d4e44452ffe8608dbcade4376%7Cfcabfaaef80a4f74b6a7ba15c2a4bb24%7C0%7C0%7C638326828210744781%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=07Wj4Nn%2BhprKN84NyxreuvtudjbgpQUOguvP%2B%2FDw%2F4I%3D&reserved=0)

For RETURNING parents/caregivers, use the normal login: [https://munchalunch.com/login](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmunchalunch.com%2Flogin&data=05%7C01%7CEDavenport%40sd35.bc.ca%7Cde10e22d4e44452ffe8608dbcade4376%7Cfcabfaaef80a4f74b6a7ba15c2a4bb24%7C0%7C0%7C638326828210744781%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FjHqSVkyIu7lUy4WLUVBlXVnsumn%2Fs%2BZuBHNi2iCvv4%3D&reserved=0)

\*You'll be asked to confirm your student(s) teacher/division for the new school year.

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**Upcoming dates:**

McDonalds - Thursday, Oct. 26 / order by Oct. 18

Subway - Thursday, Nov. 9 / order by Nov. 1

Pizza - Thursday, Nov. 16 / order by Nov. 8

McDonalds - Thursday, Nov. 30 / order by Nov. 22

Pizza - Thursday, Dec. 14 / order by Dec. 6

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If you have any questions, please email [northotterpac@gmail.com](mailto:northotterpac@gmail.com)

**Upcoming Events:**

**Santa Photo Sessions Fundraiser - November 20th | Sessions available from 3pm-8pm | $45**

**New this year!**

Your 5-minute session includes one downloadable digital group album with all of your photos. Each session includes a candy cane from Santa! Held at the school.

Sample images are viewable on the PAC Facebook page:

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**Book your session now!**

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**General news:**

Breakfast Club: Now open! 8:05am-8:20am in the multipurpose room (also the preschool area).

**Looking Ahead:**

We've been busy lining up fundraisers and events for the next few months.

Here's what you can expect to see soon:

October 23-26 - Scholastic Book Fair

Early November - Fall Neufeld Farms Ordering

Early November - Winter Greenery Fundraiser

November - Art Cards

November - Purdy's Holiday Fundraiser

November 20th - Santa Photo Sessions

December - Festive Pancake Breakfast

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**Ideas, Questions, Comments?**

Join the PAC Facebook Group where you'll be up-to-date on PAC activities, events, and fundraisers:

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/871816359874721](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fgroups%2F871816359874721&data=05%7C01%7Cdwoelders%40sd35.bc.ca%7C34a7ce32880148826c5e08dbc2ce0bc6%7Cfcabfaaef80a4f74b6a7ba15c2a4bb24%7C0%7C0%7C638317962436689063%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=BAD4xJAHINX%2Bbfc95DSOpPE8D%2BeJe%2Bk%2FgW4hEz3dCJk%3D&reserved=0)

OR contact the PAC at:

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