

Monday Sept. 8	Tuesday Sept. 9	Wednesday Sept. 10	Thursday Sept. 11	Friday Sept. 12
				Welcome Back Assembly Time TBD
Monday Sept. 15	Tuesday Sept. 16	Wednesday Sept. 17	Thursday Sept. 18	Friday Sept. 19
CLEVR Student Verification Due 6:30pm PAC Meeting Tentative Lunch Program Start				School Fees Due Terry Fox Run 1:30pm

Looking ahead:

Sept. 15 – First PAC meeting 6:30pm in Multi-Purpose Room

Sept 23 - **Meet the Teacher** - Before school – More info to come

Sept 24 – First Wheelie Wednesday

Sept. 26 – Photo Day

Sept. 29 – **Orange Shirt Day at Arden**

Sept. 30 – **School Closed** – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Happy Friday everyone,

I was so great to see everyone back in action this week. The weather has been pretty warm, but it is certainly nice to be out in the sun. Teresa and I are thrilled to be back for our third year in a row with a very skilled team of professionals. I am very grateful for the wonderful team here at Arden.

The parking seems to be doing ok so far. You may have noticed the RCMP presence here. I am very happy that they are here to help remind the community to slow down in our school zone. The one request I have so far is to not drop off or pick up your child in that spot behind the Handicap parking. Please pull forward into our drop off zone. It is too confusing for the drivers behind you and then they try to pass and things can go very wrong. Thanks for your attention to this.

We finally had our three cement picnic tables installed under the back tree. Kids seem to be loving it at recess and it will be a great place for classes to do some outdoor learning.

I just want to make an extra special shout-out and welcome to all of our new Kindies and their families. (I know some of you have been here for years, but it is still fun to see you with your little ones) I have spent more time out there in the last few days and it has been great to get to know your kiddos.

I hope everything has been going ok with our new Family Verification system called Clevr. Here is the link to the parent help guide.
<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/CLEVR-SD71-Comox-Valley-Parent-Guide.pdf>

I'm sure there's more but I will call that it for now:)

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Have a wonderful weekend!


Andrew

District Happenings

Understanding Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for Parents & Caregivers

Join Comox Valley Schools Inclusive Education and SD 71 DPAC for an important session to help parents and caregivers better understand Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

 Thursday, September 25th

 6:30 – 8:00 pm

 2488 Idiens Way, Courtenay

 Zoom option available

 Free childcare option available

This session will provide families with tools and knowledge to support their children's learning journeys.

 Registration is required.

 To register or learn more, email: dpac@sd71.bc.ca

Thursday September 25th

6:30-8pm

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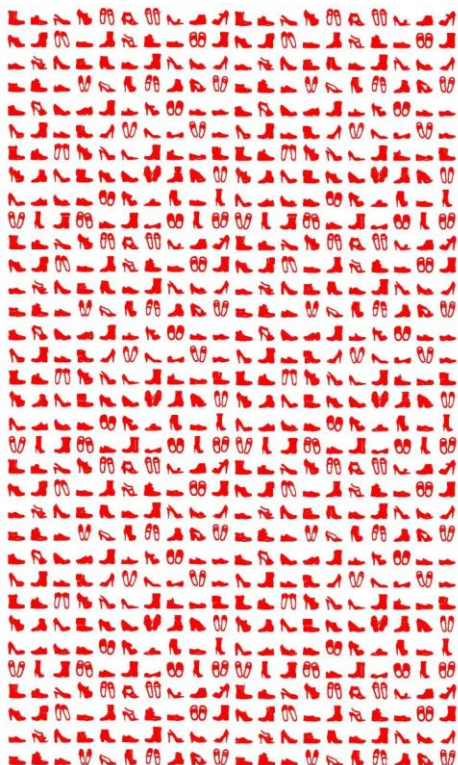
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FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS
WITH SD71 INCLUSIVE EDUCATION
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September 9th marks International FASD Awareness Day, a time to recognize and support individuals affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). As educators, we play a vital role in fostering inclusive, informed learning environments that support all students, including those with FASD.



RED SHOES ROCK

September 9th is
International FASD Day

In your hallway, classroom, or school there may be students with FASD. You may not know it, as FASD is largely a hidden disability. POPFASD encourages you to wear red shoes on September 9th to raise awareness of FASD.

What is FASD

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a disability that affects the brain and body of individuals who were prenatally exposed to alcohol. It is a lifelong disability. Each person is unique and has strengths and challenges. Providing appropriate, respectful supports will help individuals reach their full potential.

What can you do today?

- Begin a 2x10 campaign to build relationships - spend two minutes each day talking to a student!
- Share this information with others.
- Visit our website and learn more about FASD and what you can do!
- Contact your District Partner
fasdoutreach.ca/about/district-partners

For more information visit
fasdoutreach.ca and canfasd.ca/fasd-awareness-month



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