



Aspen Park Elementary School Newsletter

Hello Aspen Park Families,

Here are this week's information items. New items are in **Yellow**.

Week at a Glance

September 15	September 16	September 17	September 18	September 19
Consent Week Open Gym	Consent Week	Consent Week Open Gym 9:00 – Earthquake Drill	Consent Week	Consent Week Open Gym Terry Fox Run / Chalk the Walk
September 22	September 23	September 24	September 25	September 26
Open Gym	1:00 – Assembly KFN Lunch Open House	Open Gym Strong Start		Open Gym

Upcoming dates to note:

- September 29th – Orange Shirt Day
- September 30th – No School – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- October 1st – Photo Day
- October 7th to 9th – Cycling Program (Grade 4/5)

Open House and Meet the Teacher – September 23rd

We are excited to invite all families to our Open House & Meet the Teacher event on Tuesday, September 23, from 2:45–4:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit classrooms, connect with teachers, and get to know our school community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Terry Fox Fundraising

Each year, our school proudly participates in the Terry Fox Run. Cancer affects so many families, and by coming together as a school community, we can contribute to life-saving research and support those in need.

This year, our Run will take place on Thursday, September 19, with a special assembly on Monday, September 23 to celebrate our efforts. Leading up to the Run, we are excited to host some fun fundraising events to help us reach our goal.

- **Toonies for Terry:** Students are encouraged to bring in a toonie this week to support cancer research.
- **Popsicle Sales:** Popsicles will be sold for \$2 after school on Tuesday and Thursday, September 16 and 18.
- **Tape Your Principal & Vice-Principal to the Wall:** For \$2 a tape strip, students can purchase tape (tickets sold alongside popsicles) to help stick Mr. Darnel and Mrs. Sabell to the wall during the assembly on September 23rd.

Thank you for your support. All funds raised will be donated to Cancer Research.

Library News

Check out this month's Library News using the link below. This month's edition features information about upcoming clubs and activities.

<https://learn71.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Aspen-Monthly-1.pdf>

Photo Day – October 1st

School photos will be taken on Wednesday, October 1st. Photos can be viewed and purchased online.

- Orders placed by the deadline will be delivered to the school in bulk for distribution (sorted by class) approx. 3-4 weeks after the deadline date.
- After the shipping deadline, a shipping fee is applied, and orders will be shipped directly to their address. Photos remain online indefinitely.

For questions or support, please contact Island Life Photographics at 778-420-2833 or info@islandlifephotographics.ca

Open Gym

We are excited to share that Open Gym will be available for students on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Doors will open at 8:15 a.m., giving students a chance to come in early, get active, and start their day with movement and fun.

Students should enter through the outside gym doors, where staff will be ready to welcome them. This is a great opportunity for students to connect with friends, try different activities, and enjoy some extra playtime before classes begin.

Breakfast Program

We know mornings can be busy! Our breakfast program is here to help, starting at **8:15 a.m.** each day. The **outside door of the multipurpose room** will be open, and any student who didn't get a chance to eat or is still feeling hungry is welcome to come in for something to eat before the day begins.

School Supplies

For the 2025-2026 school year Aspen Park Elementary will be providing basic school supplies to students in Kindergarten to grade 7. Instead of parents purchasing individual sets of supplies, families provide money to the school and the school will purchase supplies for each student. This approach will ensure equity and equality among all students and will save parents time (no shopping!) and money (ordering in bulk, our discount on school supplies is significant). The only items parents will have to provide are a backpack, a lunch bag, and appropriate shoes for gym.

Grade 1 to grade 7 the fee will be \$40

Kindergarten fee will be \$30

The office will accept cash, cheque, or e-transfer. Fees are due no later than October 17th.

Those who are choosing the e-transfer option, you can send the transfer to AspenPark@sd71.bc.ca.

Please make sure you include the following message: ***School Supplies-Student(s) Name***

Family Support

We understand that school expenses like supply fees, field trips, and other costs can sometimes be a challenge. If your family is experiencing financial hardship, please don't hesitate to reach out to the office. We are here to help and will work with you to ensure every child has access to all school opportunities. Your conversations with us will be kept confidential.

Consent Week

Consent Week in Comox Valley Schools is an annual event dedicated to promoting a culture of respect, kindness, and open communication around the concept of consent, particularly within relationships and school environments. During this time, students and staff engage in age-appropriate discussions and activities to raise awareness about consent.

School Forms

Due to technical difficulties with the Clevr software that was used to send and receive Student Verification forms and Protocol and Consent forms, we have decided to revert to paper packages.

Please take the time to complete the forms (front and back - check boxes and signatures where required), sign them, and return them to the school as soon as possible.

Community Information



Thursday September 25th
6:30-8pm
2488 Idiens Way Courtenay

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Email: dpac@SD71.bc.ca



Feel free to email me at zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

Zale Darnel

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