



# 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

October 6	October 7	October 8	October 9	October 10
Open Gym	Cycling Program (Grade 4/5)  Full School SBT	Cycling Program (Grade 4/5)  Open Gym  Strong Start  Cross Country @ Huband Elementary	Cycling Program (Grade 4/5)  D08 – Field Trip	Open Gym  Hot Lunch
October 13	October 14	October 15	October 16	October 17
<b>Thanksgiving – No School</b>	Staff Meeting  6:30 – PAC Meeting	Open Gym  Strong Start  Cross Country @ Brooklyn Elementary	10:45 – Shake Out BC Earthquake Drill	Open Gym  Deadline for School Supplies Payment

Upcoming dates to note:

- October 22 – Phot Retake Day
- October 24 – **No School** (Pro-D)
- October 31 – Halloween
- November 11 – **No School** (Remembrance Day)

### **Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)**

Next Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting is Tuesday, Oct 14 at 6:30 in the Multipurpose room. Come join us for some snacks, good company, and contribute to our wonderful school's community. At this meeting we will be going over and approving the PAC's spending for the year. If you have any questions, please reach out to [aspenpac@gmail.com](mailto:aspenpac@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

PAC is also looking for a new secretary. If anyone is interested please reach out to [aspenpac@gmail.com](mailto:aspenpac@gmail.com)"

### **Helping Keep Our School Healthy**

We want to thank families for helping keep our school community healthy. A friendly reminder that if your child is feeling unwell, it is best to keep them home to rest and recover. This helps prevent the spread of illness and ensures that all students can enjoy a safe and positive learning environment. We appreciate your continued support and care for our school community.

### **Grade 6/7 Pop up sale**

On the next newsletters can you please add the grade 6/7 "pop up sale" on Thursdays. Just an FYI some weeks it is frozen treats (popsicles), sometimes it will be popcorn. We have sold gourmet lollipops in the past as well.

### **Library**

A local author event is taking place that families may be interested in attending. In addition, the public library is offering a youth writing workshop and story competition. Information about these, along with details on the upcoming Remembrance Day competitions and more, can be found on our Aspen Park Library webpage.

[Aspen Park Elementary Library Learning Commons – Learn71](#)

### **School Pictures**

Flyers with details on how to order school photos have been sent home. Please check your child's backpack or folder for this information.

- Orders submitted by the deadline will be delivered in bulk to the school (sorted by class) approximately 3–4 weeks after the deadline.

For questions or assistance, please contact Island Life Photographics at 778-420-2833 or [info@islandlifephotographics.ca](mailto:info@islandlifephotographics.ca).

### **Hot Lunch - Hot lunch starts on Friday October 10th!**

We are looking for volunteers to help pick up orders as needed, organize and distribute on Fridays throughout the school year. Parent support is invaluable to ensure the Hot Lunch program is a success! Ideally, we need 3-4 volunteers per Friday. The time commitment is approximately 1.5 to 2 hours (10:45-12:15 and 10-12:15 on hot dog days).

If you are available and willing to help out, please let me know via email at [aspenparkhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:aspenparkhotlunch@gmail.com).

## 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 17<sup>th</sup>.

Those who are choosing the e-transfer option, you can send the transfer to [AspenPark@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:AspenPark@sd71.bc.ca).

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

## Pictures











## Community Information

**What kind of information can I find on [erase.gov.bc.ca](https://erase.gov.bc.ca)?**

- **Practical guidance** to help you support your child's safety and well-being
- **Resources and information about:**
  - Diversity and inclusion
  - Mental health and substance use
  - School and online safety
- **Free training sessions** to help you keep your child safe online
- **Videos** explaining erase, the Report It Tool, and safe, caring and inclusive schools
- **Tips** for bringing concerns to your child's school

**What is the Report It Tool?**

**Report It** is an **anonymous online tool** for **students** to report anything concerning to their school safety team—whether it happens at school, online, or somewhere else. Find it at [erase.gov.bc.ca](https://erase.gov.bc.ca).

Questions? Reach out to your school to learn more.



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[www.EducationPlannerBC.ca](https://www.EducationPlannerBC.ca)

EducationPlannerBC is offering the ***Parents as Education and Career Coaches (PECC)*** virtual presentation to parents and student supporters in the **Vancouver Island Coastal Region**, on **Wednesday, October 29, 2025, from 6:30pm-7:45pm**.

Learn about post-secondary education and career opportunities, and resources to support your student in planning for their future. The information will be especially helpful for families with students in grades 10-12. Please share widely!

Register at: <https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/events/pecc-oct29>

Visit our [Parents & supporters](https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/parents-supporters) website for our event calendar and helpful resources.

For more information, contact [support@educationplannerbc.ca](mailto:support@educationplannerbc.ca)

Feel free to email me at [zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca) if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

**Zale Darnel**

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