



School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)

November News

Principal's Message

Our third month of the 2022-23 school year is soon to be underway. October has flown by with activities such as classes going on field trips to the Salmon Run, students participating in our Fire Prevention Presentation as well as taking part in the [Great BC Shake-Out](#). Before October ends, we will be celebrating Halloween at School on Monday October 31st (Information to follow below). I wanted to thank all the parents, students and teachers that participated in our Parent/Teacher conferences this past Wednesday. I hope that you found the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's goals, strengths and stretches beneficial. If you were not able to make it, please make sure you have been in touch with the classroom teacher to find a way to connect that works for you. In November our Grade 4 and 7 students continue to finish up their Foundations Skills Assessments (FSA). We will also be hosting our Remembrance Day ceremony on November 9th. I also want to wish our Grade 7/8 boys and girls volleyball continued luck and success for the remainder of the season. Lastly, our first formal report card of the year will be sent home on November 30th. As always, please feel free to call, email, or stop in if you have any questions or concerns or just want to offer a helping hand.

Chris Matheson

Halloween Guidelines

On Monday October 31st, we invite people to participate in our Pumpkin Carving Contest. Please have your child bring their pumpkin already decorated to school. The pumpkins will be put on display in the morning and prizes will be given to the winners after recess. Please remember that if your child rides the bus, their pumpkin must be able to fit in their backpack. If you are driving your child to school and bring a pumpkin, please make sure to pick it up at the end of the day. We will also be having a costume parade in the morning starting at 8:30 am. Please have your child wear their costume to school. I can't wait to see all the creative costumes!

Here are some guidelines to consider when selecting costumes that will be worn at school:

- Students need to be identifiable and visible to ensure safety. Face paint is welcome; full face masks should be left at home or only worn during the costume parade.
- Costumes that are sexual in nature or employ questionable props are not appropriate for a school setting.
- Costumes that depict violence, drugs, or alcohol are not appropriate. Fake weapons should be left at home and saved for Halloween night.
- Costumes that could be offensive or perpetuate a stereotype of someone's culture, gender, heritage, or religion are not permitted. A resource to help better clarify this concern is the #IAMNotACostume Campaign which can be found at: <http://www.lspirg.org/costumes>.

If there is a chance your child will get uncomfortable in their costume during the day, you may wish to have them bring a change of clothes to put on later in the day.

Have a fun and safe Halloween!

Picture Re-takes

Picture re-take day is scheduled for November 7th, 2022





NORTH SHUSWAP ELEMENTARY



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Hot Lunch

A reminder that hot lunches continue to be delivered on Wednesdays for all of our students free of charge. Thank you to our PAC and parent volunteers for making this such a fun and nutritious day for our students.

Thank you again to all the local business that supports the NSH hot lunch program. If you do not want your child to participate in this program for any reason, please put a note in your child's planner and contact the office.



Important Dates

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| Nov. 3 | PAC Meeting 2:15 |
| Nov. 7 | Photo Re-Take Day |
| Nov. 9 | Remembrance Day Ceremony |
| Nov. 10 | Pro-D – No Students Attend |
| Nov. 11 | Remembrance Day Stat – No Students Attend |
| Nov. 30 | Report Cards sent home |

