

# November 28, 2025 Message from the Principal

'Uy skweyul. Good day.

We acknowledge that we live, learn, and play on the traditional territory of the Qualicum First Nation. We are grateful for their ongoing stewardship of this land and for the opportunity to learn from their knowledge, culture, and traditions.

As we move into Tumxwul't — Cold Time — we feel the shift into rainy days, crisp air, and shorter daylight. This season invites us to slow down, reflect, and bring warmth into our learning spaces. In classrooms, students are leaning into rich discussions, collaborative projects, and hands-on learning that mirror the rhythms of this time of year.

Teachers are also busy gathering evidence of learning and writing Learning Updates, thoughtfully capturing each child's growth and next steps. Earlier this week, on our Professional Development Day, staff spent focused time refining our literacy programs. Using the data we've collected through assessments, teachers identified key skill areas and strengthened plans for providing targeted, responsive instruction. This intentional work supports each student in building a strong foundation in reading and writing.

This month, we were fortunate to welcome the Brooks Secondary Senior Performance Band and Jazz Band, who filled our school with music and joy. Experiences like these remind us how the arts connect us, uplift us, and deepen our sense of community.

As we approach winter and the holiday season, we continue exploring ideas from "How to Be a Good Ancestor," reflecting on gratitude and the many beings — including those that swim — who sustain us. These conversations help guide the way we care for one another, the land, and our

shared future.

Wishing all our families warmth, wellness, and moments of connection during the approaching Cold Time.

Warmly,

Flo Wong

Principal, Arrowview Elementary



Congratulations to our long service award recipient teachers, Elia Bravo, Laura Rae and Adam Pike. Also pictured Ron Amos, Secretary Treasurer, and Carol Kellogg, School District Trustee.



We enjoyed a performance from Brooks Secondary from the Qathet School District on Nov 21.

### Important Dates

#### November

28: Hot Lunch: Extreme Eatery 🗢

#### December

3-5: Scholastic Book Fair! AES Library

5: Hot Lunch: Pizza Pizza 🔊

10: Ready, Set, Learn

11: Winter Concert 🐉

12: Hot Lunch: Subway ₪

**15:** Winter Skate (*Room 2, 10, 12, 14*)

15: Learning updates go home

16: Holiday Christmas Shop

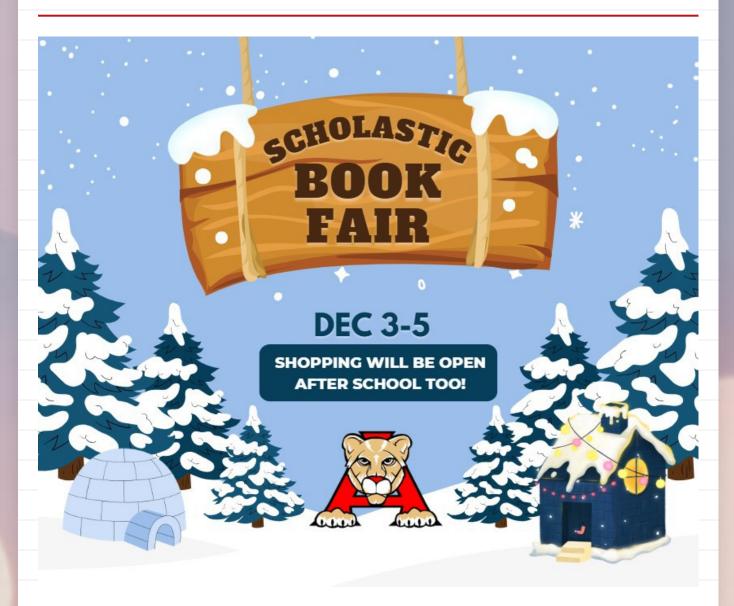
**17:** Winter Skate (*Room 4, 9, 11, 13*)

19: Hot Lunch: Extreme Eatery ⇔

19: Winter Skate (Room 1, 5, 6, 8)

19: Last day before winter break

20: PAC Meeting AES Library 6:30



Our Scholastic Book Fair is back! Students/parents/guardians can shop our bookfair after school on December 4th and 5th, from 2:51-3:30pm, with additional shopping for students during school hours. We will also have a teacher wish list if parents would like to gift a book or two to their child's classroom library. All proceeds go toward purchasing new books for our library, so every purchase helps grow our collection. Don't miss out on this chance to discover great reads and support our school library!

#### **Holiday Kids Shop**

Every year Arrowview hosts their annual kids shop. Kids bring loonies and toonies and get to purchase gifts for their family. They have so much fun picking out an item to gift their loved ones.

We are looking for good

- toys and books
- home decor and kitchen items
- jewelry
- arts and craft supplies
- sports items and tools, arts and crafts
- gifts for men.

We also need donations of gift wrapping, gift bags, brown and white lunch paper bags, paper grocery bags, tape and labels.

Donations can be dropped off at the school between now and December 15<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Volunteers Needed</u> In addition to the above donations we are calling for all volunteers to support the PAC at Kids Shop (December 16<sup>th</sup>)



We are accepting donations for our Winter Concert Fundraiser. Items will be used for gift baskets, draws and more!

If you are a business owner and would like to donate, your business will be featured on our posters and concert program.

Help support Arrowview PAC so we can continue to support our students!

Donations must be received by December 8, 2025.

#### **West Coast Weather Reminder**

The west coast weather has arrived; rain, wind, and all! Please ensure your child comes to school each day prepared for the elements. We go outside for recess and lunch **rain or shine**, so waterproof jackets, boots, and warm layers make a big difference in keeping everyone comfortable and ready to play.

A little preparation goes a long way toward making outdoor time fun for everyone, no matter what the forecast brings!



## AES Club's Schedule

### Monday

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

Sports w/ Doug (Gym)
Grade 5-7

Recycle Club Room 10 & 4

Lego Club, all grades

Dance K-Grade 4 Dungeons and Dragons
Grade 6/7

### Thursday

Glee Club

Grade 3-7

Dance

K-Grade 4

Sports w/ Doug (Gym)
Grade 5-7

### Friday

### Notes

All clubs and activities at lunch recess

### Our Library is Looking for Good Books!

Doing a bookshelf clean-out at home? Our library would love the following books to help restore our well-loved series!

- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Dog Man and Cat Kid
- Babysitters Club and Little Sister
- Amulet
- Wings of Fire
- Hard Cover Graphic Novels

Please be choosy - if it's not something your child would be excited to read, it's probably not the right fit for donation.



### Walk Your Wheels

A friendly reminder that for everyone's safety, students are not permitted to ride bikes, scooters, or other wheeled devices on school property. With active traffic during arrival and dismissal times, it's important that all students *dismount* once they reach school grounds and *walk their wheels* to the designated parking areas. The same applies at the end of the day—students must walk their bikes or scooters off school property before riding. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe!



### Reminders From the Office

#### **Lost & Found Reminder**

Please remember to label all items, especially hoodies, jackets, water bottles, and lunch kits. A name inside makes it so much easier for us to return belongings quickly.

Did you know? You can view our lost and found items on facebook! <a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574771672785">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574771672785</a>. You don't need a Facebook account to view. Thank you for helping us reunite students with their belongings!



#### **Absences**

© To report a student absence, please use the <u>School Messenger App</u>.

If it's been three days of consecutive absences, the app will not let you enter a fourth. You can either call the school to report the absence or email <u>attendance@sd69.bc.ca</u>

#### **Personal Items**

We kindly ask families to help us discourage students from bringing personal items to school, such as high-value makeup, Pokémon cards, electronic toys, and other special belongings. These items can be distracting in the learning environment and, unfortunately, we are not responsible for any personal items that are lost, stolen, or damaged. To avoid disappointment, please remind your child to keep these treasures at home. Thank you for your support!

### **Extra Change of Clothes**

■ Please ensure your kids have a change of clothes to keep in their classroom/backpack for any emergencies, as we make our way through a La Nina fall and winter season.

#### School Volunteers and Criminal Record Checks

MMSchool volunteers need a Criminal Record Check completed:

<a href="https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck">https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck</a> Access Code: 2NCAZFWAWT

#### **School Supplies Fees**

A reminder that school supply fees of \$50 are due. If you have not yet paid, please do so as soon as possible, or contact the school office to arrange a payment plan. These fees cover pre-ordered supplies for your child, and timely payment helps us avoid a deficit and ensures every student has

need financial assistance, reach out to Flo Wong at <a href="mailto:fwong@sd69.bc.ca">fwong@sd69.bc.ca</a> .	
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