

SEPTEMBER

"Every Student...A Success!"

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KANDAL'S NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

KANDAL'S PARENT ADVISORY EXECUTIVE for 2023-2024

President: Mrs. Sethi

Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. Sidhu



We are looking for any interested parents to become our school PAC. Being a part of PAC is a great way to be involved with your child's school. Please see the office for more information.

Please note that Dave Kandal is a "Peanut Aware School".

We ask you to enjoy your peanut products at home to avoid complications for students with peanut allergies.

School Closures: School District: [Abbotsford School District](#) OR 604-859-4891 OR www.abbynews.com

KANDAL'S SCHOOL CALENDAR for SEPTEMBER

Please check school website for any last-minute changes.

- Sept. 5 - School Starts
- Sept. 15 - Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 20 - Kindergartens First Full Day
- Sept. 28 - Orange Shirt/Student Recognition Assembly
- Sept. 28 - Meet the Teacher - more information to come
- Sept. 29 - Non-Instructional Day - no school for students
- Oct. 2 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - school closed
- Oct.3 - Photo Day



Able Cresting Ltd.

DRESS CODE

A reminder that our school code is: white collared shirt, black pants, shorts or skirt, burgundy or black sweater with the Dave Kandal logo. Clothing with our logo must be

purchased from Able Cresting online at

<https://www.ablecresting.com>. They may also be reached by phone at 604 864 9728.



STARTING THE YEAR OFF RIGHT

Students will be bringing home several important forms this month as we start our year off. Please return them promptly to your child's teacher when they are sent home for you to fill out. A **Student Demographics Form** will be sent home for you to make any changes in addresses, phone numbers, medical

information, emergency contacts, etc. If there are 'no changes', please state this on the form, sign it, and return it.

We also need a **Photographs/Media Consent Form** completed to allow us to use student pictures for public displays such as in the newspaper, school bulletins, or class websites.

Students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 will also receive an **Extracurricular Athletics Consent and Participation Agreement**. This provides permission for your child to participate in sport activities while attending Dave Kandal Elementary.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

A reminder that we are a cashless school, and all items can and should be paid online. Instructions on how to set up and use [Schoolcash](#) online have been emailed to our families. If you are having trouble setting up your child's account online, please see the office.

HEALTH and WELLNESS

A reminder that a visual health check needs to be done daily, **after** your child wakes up in the morning, before coming to school. If your child is not feeling well, please keep them at home.

OUTSIDE PLAYTIME

Our students will be going outside regularly. Students will need to have proper raingear including rain jackets and rain boots. A change of clothes should also be kept at school, for all students, in case of slips and falls in wet weather.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Students stop for their lunch break at 11:57am and enjoy some time with their classmates over lunch. **Please be sure to send your child's lunch with him or her when they leave for school in the morning. Lunches are not to be delivered to the school.**



DAILY ATTENDANCE

If your child is going to be away from school, please report your child's absence by doing one of the following:

1. Call 1-844-487-3701
2. Go online to "go.schoolmessenger.com"
3. Download the SchoolMessenger app from the App store (Iphone) or Google Play (android phone)



IN THE SCHOOL

Please call the school at 604-856-7342 or send an email to davekandal@abbyschools.ca to make an appointment. A reminder that all visitors must sign in at the office.

LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY PICK UPS

Please arrange appointments outside of school time to limit class interruptions. Arrivals and departures during the school day must come through the office. Students may not be dropped off or picked up at the classroom door.

SCHOOL PARKING LOT

We appreciate your assistance in ensuring our students arrive and depart from school safely. Parents needing to stop and come to the school are asked to park in the school parking lot or on Crestview Avenue and walk with their children down the sidewalk to the school. Please note the following details about traffic:



- **Drop-Off/Pick-Up Lane:**
- There is no parking in this lane immediately beside the school sidewalk. Students are either readily dropped off or picked up here. The driver must be in the car at all times when cars are in this lane.
- **Drive-Through Lane:**
- No parking is allowed in this lane.

SPORTS AT KANDAL

Student will need a pair of inside shoes which are non-marking and properly fitting. Be sure your child can tie laces if their runners are laced . . . otherwise, please send velcro closing shoes for student safety in the gym.

TERRY FOX RUN

Our Terry Fox School Run will be held on **September 15th**. This is an annual event for Kandal students and staff. Students learn

- to build their understanding of the challenges Terry faced
- to see the leadership and determination he showed in working to make a difference in the lives of others
- to know more about one of our Canadian heroes



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

As a public education institution, Abbotsford School District recognizes the importance of officially honouring September 30, aligning with the district's ongoing commitments to reveal and correct miseducation around residential schools' shameful legacy and the ongoing need for Truth and Reconciliation.



As part of this formal recognition, *the Abbotsford School District will be closed to all students and staff on Monday, October 2nd, 2023.*

PARENTS AS LITERACY PARTNERS: "Together, we make literacy happen!"

Parent support with **Home Reading Programs** is invaluable in building students' reading skills. Primary students should read or be read to for 10-15 minutes a night. Intermediates should spend 20-30 minutes a night reading and then sharing what they read with parents when finished.



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) NEWS

Please let the office know if you are interested in being a part of our school PAC.

Having a strong PAC enables us to access services and funding from the school district and the provincial government as well as providing a vibrant school environment for our students!

KANDAL'S STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Throughout the first few weeks of school classes will review our expectations for safe and friendly student behavior. Students will have a copy of our "Student Code of Conduct either as an insert in their Planners or as an individual printed copy to take home. This contains the **rules of safe and successful behavior** in and around the school along with redirection possibilities for misbehavior if needed.

We summarize our intentions for correct behavior in the "Sonics Code of Success":

S: SUCCESS	"We strive for Success"
O: ORGANIZED	"We are Organized"
N: NICE	"We are Nice"
I: INTEGRITY	"We have Integrity"
C: CREATIVE	"We are Creative"
S: SERVICE	"We provide Service"

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The staff at Dave Kandal Elementary is committed to providing the highest standards of instruction and to promoting student achievement in a safe and cooperative atmosphere. We believe that students are to feel safe, secure, and welcomed in an educational environment that stresses:

Courtesy, Acceptance, Responsibility and Respect.

