

SEPTEMBER

"Every Student...A Success!"

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KANDAL'S NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

KANDAL'S PARENT ADVISORY EXECUTIVE for 2024-2025

President: Mrs. Bhullar

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back everyone! It has been great to see all our students return and connecting with you parents as well. We are also welcoming our new Kindergarten students and their parents to our Kandal family.

This school year we are filled to capacity with the number of students at Kandal. We will be posting our new class lists at the front of the school and beginning in our new divisions on Friday, September 6th. Parents were asked to fill in any special considerations back in June. We do listen to all parent requests during class make-up; however, we have many other things which also need consideration in class composition so we are not able to honour all requests. Please be mindful of this as this is a complicated and time-consuming process.

We look forward to another great school year with your children. Parents get in involved in PAC and make sure you fill in the volunteer forms/criminal record checks if you are wanting to help out at the school or in your child's classroom.

Kind regards,
Mr. Sekhon

KANDAL'S SCHOOL CALENDAR for SEPTEMBER

Please check school website for any last-minute changes.

- Sept. 6 - Students start in their regular classrooms
- Sept. 13 - PAC meeting at 8:30 am in Portable 038-00
- Sept. 16 - Full day Kindergarten starts
- Sept. 19 - Terry Fox Run/Assembly
- Sept. 21 - Kindergartens First Full Day

- Sept. 26 - Orange Shirt Day
- Sept. 26 - Student Recognition Assembly
- Sept. 26 - Meet the Teacher 6:00pm to 7:00pm
- Sept. 27 - Non-Instructional Day - no school for students
- Sept. 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - school closed
- Oct. 1 - Picture Day - remember to wear your school uniform



STARTING THE YEAR OFF RIGHT

Several important permission forms to be completed on SchoolCash online will need to be done as soon as possible. If you are having difficulty accessing SchoolCash online please see Mrs. Penner in the office.

A **Student Demographics Form** will be sent home next week 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.

MEET THE TEACHER

We will be welcoming our families to meet the classroom teachers on Thursday, September 26th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. This is not the time to discuss individual student progress. For those conversations, appointments with your teacher are encouraged. More information will come from your classroom teacher.

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.

DRESS CODE

A reminder that our school code is: white collared shirt, black pants, shorts or skirt, burgundy sweater or hoodie 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. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please see Mr. Sekhon.



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 19th. This is an annual event for Kandal students and staff. If you are able, your donations are greatly appreciated and can be done through SchoolCash online or a cash donation. One lucky winner from each grade will receive a Terry fox T-shirt. 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, September 30, 2024.*

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!

OUR FIRST PAC MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 10TH AT 8:30am in Portable 038-00.

ZONES OF REGULATION

Our students will be learning about the Zones of Regulation. A glossary of terms can be found in the student planner. Additional information can be found online at <https://zonesofregulation.com>.

The picture below illustrates the 4 different coloured zones and how a child may feel in each zone. We will be working on strategies to help the students identify and manage each zone.



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"

Our Code of Conduct can be found in the first few pages of our student planner and on our website. This important information should be discussed with your child.

Below is an excerpt from our student planner.

THE ABBOTSFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPECTS ALL STUDENTS TO:

- treat others with respect and courtesy,
- respect the property of others,
- attend regularly and punctually,
- work to the best of their abilities,
- refrain from committing a reprisal for a reported transgression,
- conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the respect of others
- to promote and maintain a positive school climate free of prejudicial behaviour, discrimination of gender identity or sexual orientation, racism, harassment, intimidation, violence, weapons, illegal substances or substances that can be abused.

DAVE KANDAL'S SCHOOL GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS

We at DAVE KANDAL believe that students are to feel **safe, secure, and welcomed**. Appropriate behaviour is expected. DAVE KANDAL stresses Courtesy, Acceptance, Responsibility and Respect. **Good manners and the use of appropriate, polite language is expected at all times.**

Expectations of Students

The following list of behavioral expectations is not all inclusive, but it does provide some guidelines as to what we expect of our students at Dave Kandal Elementary.

We expect students:

- to wear our Student Dress Code,
- to be courteous, polite and well mannered,
- to complete all homework within the given time and to the best of their ability,
- to walk and move about quietly in the halls,
- to use washrooms appropriately. Loitering and fooling around in the washrooms is unacceptable,
- to play safely, respectfully and appropriately,
- to stay on the school grounds during school hours,
- to eat their lunch at their own desk and clean up after themselves,
- to secure bicycles in appropriate areas. To walk bicycles, skateboards and scooters (helmets mandatory) while on school grounds,
- to remove their hats and hoodies when they enter the school,
- to wear non-marking indoor shoes while in the school,
- to come to school prepared with the necessary materials,
- not to chew gum,
- to follow good personal hygiene practices and bring the proper clothing for Physical Education.

The staff at DAVE KANDAL is committed to providing the highest standard of instruction and to promoting student achievement in a safe, cooperative atmosphere. We recognize that the vast majority of our students share this vision and work hard to maintain these standards.

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

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