



October 19/2025

Ey Swayel Prince Charles Families:

On Monday, October 20, we will be recognizing Diwali, the Festival of Lights, at school. Diwali is a joyful celebration observed by many around the world, symbolizing the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. It is marked by the lighting of lamps, sharing of sweets, and spending time with loved ones.

To help celebrate this special occasion, we invite students to wear bright and festive colours to school on Monday. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about and honour the rich cultural traditions of our diverse community.

This is a gentle reminder that our Parent/Guardian – Teacher Conferences are taking place this week. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to connect and discuss your child's progress and learning journey.

To schedule your appointment, please click on the link below:

<https://pce.schoolappointments.com/>

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a welcoming and inclusive place for all.

Warm regards,

Mr. Paul Allanson
Principal of Prince Charles Elementary School

Here are some things for you to know as we head into **Week #8 at Prince Charles Elementary**:

1. **Attendance:** As we continue to nurture a positive and engaging learning environment at our school, I want to take a moment to emphasize the vital role that regular attendance plays in your child's academic success and social growth. To put it into perspective, missing just 20 days of school over the course of a year is equivalent to losing an entire month of learning.

Why Attendance Matters: Consistent attendance helps students:

- Avoid falling behind in key subjects

- Stay engaged with learning and classroom activities
- Build strong relationships with peers and staff
- Develop routines that support long-term success

At the same time, we recognize that student health must come first. If your child is feeling unwell, especially with symptoms such as fever, upset stomach or a persistent cough, we ask that you keep them home to rest and recover. This helps prevent the spread of illness and ensures a healthy environment for all.

2. **Halloween:** Friday, October 31st is Halloween, and students may come to school dressed in costumes if they wish to. We are asking that costumes should be appropriate for school i.e. **no violence, weapons, blood or gore** please, and that students bring a change of clothes if needed. Here are some Halloween Activities that will be happening at PC on October 31st:

Jack O' Lantern Tour : We are excited to announce our upcoming Jack O' Lantern Tour! We invite all students to carve or decorate their pumpkins at home and bring them to school on October 31st. Pumpkins should be dropped off in the school library between 7:45 and 8:15 am. Please ensure that your child's name and their teacher's name are clearly labeled on the pumpkin. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their creativity and have some festive fun. All pumpkins will be displayed throughout the day, and students will bring their pumpkins home at the end of the day. We look forward to seeing all the amazing Jack O' Lanterns!

Costume Parade: We are thrilled to announce that Prince Charles Elementary will be hosting a Halloween Costume Parade on October 31st! The parade will take place at 11:30 am. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their creative costumes and enjoy the festive spirit of Halloween. Students will be parading through classrooms and eventually making their way outside around the entire school. Parents are warmly invited to attend and enjoy the parade out back. We look forward to seeing all the amazing costumes!

3. **Abby Canucks Game:** The Abbotsford Canucks are thrilled to partner with Prince Charles Elementary School on our School Spirit program again this year. The program was developed for students around the Fraser Valley to impact the Canucks 2025.26 season by cheering on the team at a game! This allows students, staff, and families to gain access to special rate tickets, prizes and memorable experiences!

\$5 from every ticket will be going to the school.

The Game is Sunday, November 2nd @ 4:00

Click on the link below for tickets, if you are interested.

[Prince Charles Elementary](#)

4. **Noon Hour Supervisors Wanted:** We are currently seeking on-call, casual Noon-Hour Supervisors (Duty Moms or Dads) to join our team here at PC. If you enjoy working with children and contributing to a positive school environment, we'd love to hear from you!

If you're interested or would like more information, please reach out to **Paul Allanson** at paul.allanson@abbyschools.ca.

5. **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Parent – Teacher Conferences will be happening on:

- **Wednesday, Oct. 22:** This will be a half day for students, as students will be dismissed at 11:58. Conferences will be held from 12:10 – 7:00 on this day.
- **Thursday, Oct. 23:** This will be a half day for students, as students will be dismissed at 11:58. Conferences will be held from 12:10 – 2:20 on this day.
- *****Click on the School Appointment link below.***** Parents/Guardians will be able book time(s) that work best for their families. You will notice that some of our teachers will be hosting student led conferences and some will be hosting 10-minute individual conferences. Please see the link below:

<https://pce.schoolappointments.com/>

6. **Cross Country:** We're excited to announce that our school's Cross Country races will be held on Mondays at Bateman Park

- October 20
- Races begin at 3:15 PM, starting with Grade 5 girls, followed by Grade 5 boys, Grade 4 girls, and Grade 4 boys.

Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from the events. Practices will take place on Wednesdays at recess.

7. **PC Swag:** We're excited to offer Prince Charles Elementary swag for students and families! To order a Prince Charles Elementary hoodie, zip-up, or t-shirt, please click on the link below:
<https://sapphirecreative.com/product-category/apparel-program/prince-charles-elementary/>

Orders typically take about two weeks to arrive. Once your items are ready for pickup, Ms. Smith will contact families directly.

Show your Royal pride, we can't wait to see our community rocking their PC gear!

8. **Upcoming Dates:**

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Wed. & Thurs. Oct. 22 & 23	Parent/Guardian – Teacher Conferences (early dismissal @ 11:58)
Friday, Oct. 24	Professional Development Day #2
Friday, Oct. 31	Halloween

9. **Information from the PAC:**

Next PAC Meeting is: Monday, October 20th @ 7:00 in the library.

Playground Project Fundraiser!



Prince Charles Elementary School



HELP MAKE OUR DREAM A REALITY!

We are aiming to raise \$100,000 to create this vision.

Our plans include:

- Installing a rope climbing structure in the upper field playground.
- Adding two small spinning play structures.
- Replacing the old wooden monkey bars with metal climbing bars and a small climbing wall.



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