



May 17/2026

Ey Swayel Prince Charles Families:

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend our Volunteer Appreciation Tea at Prince Charles Elementary. It was wonderful to see so many members of our school community come together.

We are deeply grateful for the countless ways you support our school. Whether you volunteer in classrooms, help on field trips, coach sports teams, assist with hot lunches, serve on committees, or quietly lend a hand behind the scenes, every single contribution makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our students. Thank you for all that you do and for being such an important part of our school community.

As we wind down to the end of the school year, teachers will be conducting PM Benchmark Reading Assessments. The PM Benchmark Reading Assessment is a one-to-one assessment used to measure your child's reading level, accuracy, understanding, and fluency. It is based on the PM Benchmark system, which includes carefully levelled fiction and non-fiction texts.

At PC, Royals begin participating in this assessment in Grade 1, and progress is monitored through to Grade 5. The results help teachers:

- Determine your child's reading level
- Identify strengths and areas for support
- Track reading progress over time
- Plan targeted teaching and reading groups

This information allows us to better support each student's growth as a confident and capable reader.

Please see the attachment for more detailed information about the PM Benchmark system and how it supports student learning.

Warm regards,

Mr. Paul Allanson
Principal of Prince Charles Elementary School

Here are some things for you to know as we head into **Week #34 at Prince Charles Elementary:**

1. **Victoria Day:** As the Victoria Day long weekend approaches, this is a friendly reminder that school will be closed on Monday, May 18th. We hope you and your family enjoy a safe and pleasant long weekend. Classes will resume as usual on Tuesday, May 19th.
2. **Break the Rules Day:** We are excited to announce our upcoming "Break the Rules" Day fundraiser on Friday, May 22nd! This fun event will allow students to enjoy a day of breaking some school rules while raising funds for our new playground. Donations of \$5.00, can be placed onto SchoolCash Online and students can participate in the following activities:

- Switch seats with someone in their class.
- Change their name for the day.
- Chew Gum in class
- Use a pen to do their work, even math!
- Wear their hat all day.
- Wear their PJs and bring a stuffy.

All proceeds from this event will go directly to the playground fund, helping us create a wonderful space for our students to play and learn.

3. **Silent Auction Items:** Thank you for all the silent auctions items that have been donated so far! If anyone else has been still wanting to donate, gift cards would be greatly appreciated:

Gift cards ideas:

Local businesses/restaurants/coffee shops
Canadian Tire
Michaels
Sport Chek
Lordco/Princess Auto/Home Depot
Walmart, grocery stores, etc.”

4. **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!

5. Upcoming Dates:

May/June	
Monday, May 18 th	Victoria Day (Schools are closed)
Friday, May 22 nd	Break the Rules Day – more info to come
Friday, May 29 th	Family Fun Night
Monday, June 1 st	Virtue Assembly - Appreciation
Tuesday, June 2 nd	Grade 4&5 Track & Field Meet (Rotary Stadium)

Information from the PAC:

Come and join us for our annual Family Fun Night! We are in need of many volunteers to make this night a success. Please consider signing up to help. Volunteers are asked to arrive 10–15 minutes before their scheduled start time to allow time to check in and get prepped for their role. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4EA9A92CA7F58-64143067-family>

Mark your calendars! We're raising money for Prince Charles Elementary and this one is BIG: **June 19** at the Whatcom White Spot
When you dine in or order online, 20% of your bill goes directly toward our playground fundraiser.

AND HERE'S THE GAME CHANGER

We have an anonymous donor who will MATCH every dollar raised from this fundraiser! That means your meal = DOUBLE the support for our kids
Grab your family, invite your friends, and enjoy a delicious meal for a great cause. Every bite helps bring our new playground to life.

Don't forget to mention: Prince Charles Elementary Fundraiser when ordering
Let's show up strong and make this count twice!

Next PAC Meeting is: Monday, June 22 @ 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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Do you want to make a tax-deductible donation to support this cause?

1. Visit www.abyschools.ca/donations-0 or scan the QR code.
2. Click "Donate Today".
3. Enter your donation amount.
4. Select "Prince Charles Elementary" from the "Fund Destination" drop-down menu.
5. In the message box, type "Playground Fund." You will receive a tax receipt for your donation.

