Prince Charles Elementary School

ABBOTSFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 25/2026

Ey Swayel Prince Charles Families:

One of our school-wide theme this year is *"We Can Do Hard Things,"* and Mrs. Bulat has found a wonderful way to bring this message to life. Our Royals have been drawing pictures of themselves doing something that is hard for them. Their examples range from learning how to read, learning to throw a football to even eating mushrooms! Be sure to check out the photo below of the bulletin board outside our Library Learning Commons. It is a great reminder that "hard things" look different for everyone, and that we can grow when we are willing to keep trying.



We also want to share an upcoming learning opportunity for parents and guardians. Parent Information Night: Substance Use, Vaping and Youth will take place at Colleen & Gordie Howe Middle School on November 5. Please see the attached flyer for additional information.

Finally, after an incredible 31 years in the classroom, Mrs. Christensen will be retiring at the end of this week. She is looking forward to a well-deserved new chapter filled with travel, rest, and, we suspect, many games of pickleball! Mrs. Christensen has dedicated so much of her career to supporting students and families, and we are grateful for everything she has contributed to our school community. If you have an opportunity this

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week, please join us in congratulating Mrs. Christensen and wishing her all the very best in retirement.

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. **Halloween**: Friday, October 30th is Halloween at PC, 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.

   Costume Parade: We are thrilled to announce that Prince Charles Elementary will be hosting a Halloween Costume Parade on October 30th! 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!

2. As a reminder, the Abbotsford School District uses the Safe Arrival attendance management system through School Messenger to help families conveniently report student absences. Reporting your child's absence in advance helps us ensure accurate attendance records and enhances student safety.

   Families can report absences using any of the following methods:

   School Messenger App:
   Download the School Messenger app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. When using the app for the first time, select *Sign Up* to create an account. Once logged in, choose *Attendance* and then *Report an Absence*.

   Safe Arrival Website:
   Visit the Safe Arrival Website and select *Sign Up* if you are a new user. After creating your account, choose *Attendance* and then *Report an Absence*.

Toll-Free Phone Number
Call **1-844-487-3701** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These reporting options are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and future absences can be submitted at any time.

3. **Late French Immersion Info Night**: Any Grade 5 Royals that are interested in Late French Immersion for next school year, there is an information session on November 2nd at Ecole Chief Dan George Middle School @ 6:00 PM.

4. **Grade 5 Soccer**:

   Tuesday, October 27 at Auguston Elementary @ 3:30

5. **PC Swag:** Show your Prince Charles Elementary spirit with our school swag! Families and students can order a variety of items, including hoodies, zip-up hoodies, t-shirts, crewneck sweaters, toques, and hats. Best of all, 10% of every purchase is returned directly to Prince Charles Elementary to support our school community.

   To browse and place an order, please visit:

   Prince Charles Elementary Apparel Store

   Orders are typically ready within approximately two weeks. Once your order arrives, Ms. Smith will contact families directly with pickup information.

   Thank you for supporting Prince Charles Elementary. We can't wait to see our students and families showing their Royal pride in their PC gear!

6. **Upcoming Dates**:

October/November	
Oct. 23 - Friday	Professional Development Day #2
Oct. 30 – Friday	Halloween Activities
Nov. 2 – Monday	Virtue Assembly (Perseverance)
Nov. 10 - Tuesday	Remembrance Day Assembly @ 11:15 AM
Nov. 11 - Wednesday	Remembrance Day (Schools Closed)
Nov. 13 – Friday	Hot Lunch – McDonald's

7. **Information from the PAC**:

Next PAC Meeting is: Monday, November 16th @ 7:00 in the library.

