## Kodiak News

October 20 - Oct 23, 25

Weekly
Communication
with families







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**Duncan Cran Website** 

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**Duncan Cran PAC Facebook** 

## This week

1		Mon, Oct. 20	Tues, Oct. 21	Wed, Oct. 22	Thurs, Oct. 23	Fri, Oct. 24
	General info	Hot Lunch Orders are open Scholastic Book Fair 8 am - 4 pm FSA tests for Grade 4s			Compassion Assembly 9:15 am	Non- Instrutional Day No School
	Activities and Sports		Volleyball League starts -see schedule for practices and games	Mr. Klaus class to Fort Bowing Lanes - Science Project		orders close



### Duncan Cran PAC Merchandise Store

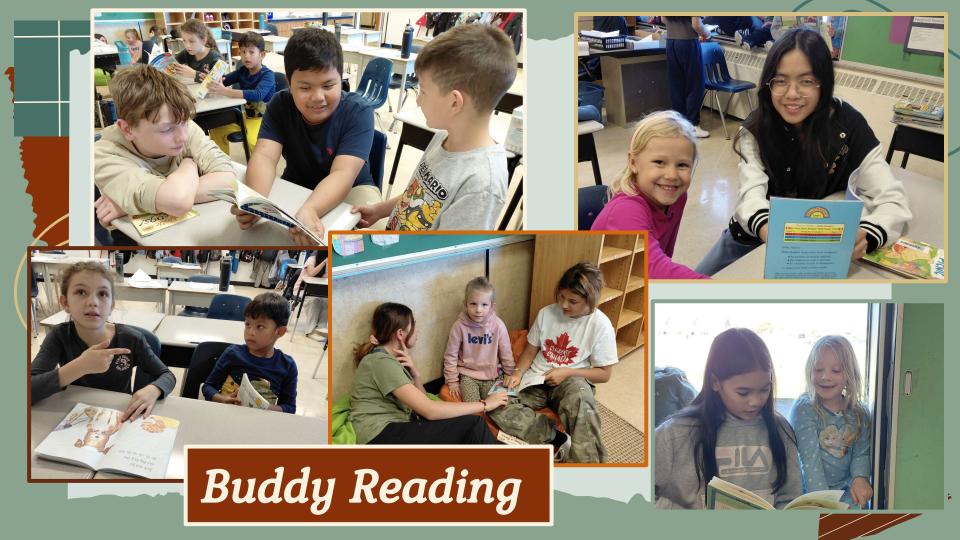
Check out the awesome Kodiak Merchandise!

### Kodiak NEWS

- Hot lunch orders are open until October 24. Please take the time to order for your children as we can't take late orders.
- Volleyball has started. We have 3 girls teams and 2 boys teams.
   Please look at the schedule for your practice times and game schedule.
- Foundation Skills Assessments are continuing for grade 4s.
- The PAC merch store is still open.
- If you are interested in volunteering in the school, please complete the online application. All parents who are interested in working in the school need to have a Criminal Record Check.







## Volleyball practice schedule

Practice Schedule						
***********	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Morning		2	Grade 5/6 Boys Coach Claire Grade 5/6girls			
7:45 - 8:30 am			Grade 4/5 Boys Ms. Jaimelia			
Lunch 12:00 - 12:40			Grade 4/5 Girls Coach Needham	Grade 5 Girls Coach Bria	Grade 5 Girls Coach Bria	
After school 3:00 - 4:00 pm	Grade 5/6girls Mr. Read	Grade 4/5 Girls Coach Needham	Grade 5/6 Boys Coach Claire	Games after Oct 21	Grade 4/5 Boys Ms. Jaimelia	
		Games after Oct 21	6.			

## Volleyball Games

	Boys A Team Grade 6	Girls A Team Grade 5-6	Boys B Team Grade 4-5	Girls Gr. 4 Team	Girls Gr. 5 Team
Tues., Oct. 21			Duncan Cran @ Ma Murray	Duncan Cran Gr. 4 @ Upper Pine	
Wed., Oct. 22	Bert Ambrose @ Duncan Cran				
Thurs., Oct 23					Ma Murray @. Duncan Cran Gr. 5

## Land Acknowledgement



We work, learn, and live on the traditional territory of the Tsaa? Çhé Ne Dane or Dane-zaa.

Our district is also in Treaty 8 territory, the only numbered treaty in British Columbia.

## Local Language Learning



### Dane-zaa Záágé

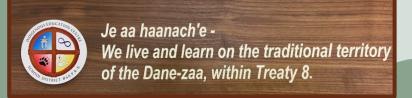
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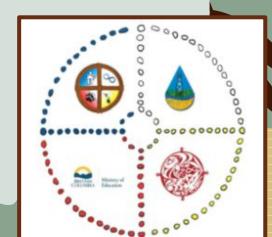
### <u>Cree</u>

Deer - apisimosos (Apsi moe sis)

### **Michif**

Deer - shoovreu







If your family needs childcare during Pro-D days, please contact the BASC program to register.

There are still a few open spaces in preschool at Duncan Cran. Email for more information.



### **IMPORTANT LINKS**

District website www.prn.bc.ca

Hot Lunch - Online Ordering <a href="https://kodiaks.hotlunches.net/admin/">https://kodiaks.hotlunches.net/admin/</a>

Online payments <a href="mailto:kodiakfees@prn.bc.ca">kodiakfees@prn.bc.ca</a>

SD# 60 3-year calendar <a href="https://www.prn.bc.ca/district/district-calendars/">https://www.prn.bc.ca/district/district-calendars/</a>

SD #60 Emergency Preparedness - <a href="https://www.prn.bc.ca/safety/plans-info/emergency-preparedness/">https://www.prn.bc.ca/safety/plans-info/emergency-preparedness/</a>

School Bell Schedule

<u>Duncan Cran Elementary Bell Schedule 2025-202</u>6



### Picture Retake Day is Wednesday, October 29th.

Here's a few important things to remember as you get ready:



- All students are expected to have their photo taken, even if you don't plan to purchase your photos. This photo is also used for student files.
- There are no pre-order forms. All student images will be available online to view and purchase within a few days after photo day is complete. Watch for an email to let you know when.
- Find an outfit you like. Photos include a headshot as well as a 3/4 length shot. This means your pants will show too.
- When picking an outfit, try to stay away from fluorescent or reflective material, while picking something which will compliment your skin tones.
- If you plan to wear makeup, please note that makeup highlights will reflect very brightly in our lights. Try to keep a more matt look for best photo results.
- If you miss School Picture Day, don't worry! Photography by Hart will be back for a make up day October 29th.

Information for Parents and Caregivers



### All about the Foundation Skills Assessment

#### What is the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)?

The FSA is a learning assessment for all grade 4 and 7 students. It focuses on the areas of literacy and numeracy.

FSA results are one way of measuring how the education system is doing in these key areas. It assesses how students think, communicate and reflect - not just the facts they know.

The FSA is not intended to be used to rank students, teachers, or schools. The FSA is a snapshot of student learning at a moment in time. For parents and caregivers, it tells you where your child is at in their literacy and numeracy development, as well as areas where they may need support. When all students participate, it also gives the Ministry of Education and Child Care a clear picture of how the education system is performing as a whole.

#### Why is the FSA important?

The Ministry of Education and Child Care sets the standards for what your child learns and, along with teachers, figures out ways to measure how well they are learning. The goal is for your child (and all students in BC) to get a great education that readies them for life after graduation and helps them become educated citizens.

One way the Ministry ensures the quality of student learning is through the FSA. The FSA helps us understand what learning looks like across the entire province. It lets us see how different groups of students are learning and find out where they might need extra help. It also helps us understand how well BC is doing over time.

The Ministry uses this information to make sure that your child's learning is "on track" and that they don't fall behind. This data also allows us to know how BC students are doing in relation to students in other provinces in Canada and the rest of the world. The FSA provides both the Ministry and parents and caregivers with the assurance that students possess the literacy and numeracy skills necessary for their future.

**Literacy** is your child's ability to understand language and communicate in a variety of ways.

Numeracy is your child's ability to apply important math skills, solve problems, and communicate solutions.

#### The FSA:

- Is not a high-stakes assessment
- Is not meant to be used for ranking students, teachers, or schools
- Does not impact student marks or report cards
- Provides valuable information
- about student learning
   Ensures all students are developing a strong foundation
- in literacy and numeracy
  Guides improvements to BC's
  education system

#### Information for Parents and Caregivers



#### How will your child participate?

The FSA will be completed by your child as part of their regular classroom learning. Your child does not need to prepare for the assessment. The FSA has five parts that can be spread out over several days or weeks during the fall of your childs grade 4 and 7 school year. Each component of the assessment will never be longer than an hour, so it wort take too much time away from classroom learning. Here is what your child can expect:

Component	Description	Time	
Paper-based literacy task	A collaboration activity and 3 written response questions	60 minutes	
Online literacy task	30 questions	60 minutes	
Paper-based numeracy task	3 written response questions and 1 self-reflection question	45 minutes	
Online numeracy task	30 questions	60 minutes	
Self-reflection	1 selected-response question and 1 written-response question	5 minutes	

Some students may feel nervous about tests. Talking about the FSA at home can help your child understand the purpose of the assessment. It can also help your child feel more confident writing it.

You will receive your child's test booklet back after it has been marked. Marking is done by teachers using the provincial proficiency scale, the same scale used for report cards for kindergarten to Grade 9. For FSA, "Developing" and "Proficient" have been combined on the scale into a single category, so that you know if your child is "On Track" in their literacy and numeracy learning.

Emerging	On Track	Extending	
means your child is	means your child	means your child is	
beginning to	mostly understands	able to apply their	
understand the	the expected	learning in new and	
expected concepts	concepts	different ways	

Along with written comments from teachers and the proficiency scale on report cards, the FSA results can be another helpful source of information to see where your child is in their literacy and numeracy development and where they can go next in their learning.

#### How are the FSA results used?

The FSA results offer insights to parents, caregivers, teachers, schools, districts, and the Ministry. They provide valuable information to all levels of the education system that help improve student learning.

- For parents, caregivers, and teachers, these results can show how students are doing in literacy and numeracy.
- Teachers, schools, and districts can use the FSA results to help support classroom teaching. They can see where students are doing well and where they might need more help.
- Schools, districts, and the Ministry can use the FSA results to help make the education system better.
   The Ministry also relies on the FSA to uphold high learning standards to help all students develop their literacy and numeracy skills.

It's important to know that the PSA results aren't for ranking students, teachers, schools, or districts. Rankings don't help learning and don't make BC's education system better. The FSA is just one data point and doesn't reflect all the teaching and learning that happens in a school. That's why the Ministry doesn't make, share, or support any rankings.

### When are literacy and numeracy assessed?

Foundation Skills Assessments Graduation Assessments



Contact Us







# Foundation Skills

<u>Assessment</u> (FSA)

Click this link for more information

### VOLUNTEERS AND COACHES FOR DUNCAN CRAN



CONTACT SCHOOL

COMPLETED CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

Scan this code to access the online form.



Access Code for Volunteers:

**K9XRVWNH32** 

For more information please contact the school (250) 787-0417

## Upcoming events

1		Mon, Oct. 27	Tues, Oct. 28	Wed, Oct. 29	Thurs, Oct. 30	Fri, Oct. 31
	General info	FSA tests for Grade 4s				Halloween Parade
	Activities and Sports			Photo Retake Day		

## Upcoming events

	Mon, Nov. 3	Tues, Nov. 4	Wed, Nov. 5	Thurs, Nov. 6	Fri, Nov. 7
General info	FSA tests for Grade 4s				FSA tests for Grade 4s
Activities and Sports					

## Upcoming events

	Mon, Nov. 10	Tues, Nov. 11	Wed, Nov. 12	Thurs, Nov. 13	Fri, Nov. 14
General info	FSA tests for Grade 4s Remembrance Day assembly 11 am	Remembrance Day No School			
Activities and Sports					

- Before and After School Care If you are interested in Before and or After School Care please contact the BASC co-ordinator.
  - There are spots available in this program. Please see the BASC information, including the fees, at the following link. \*https://www.prn.bc.ca/programs/before-and-after-school-care/
    - For more information, please contact Susanne Currie, BASC Coordinator, at 250-264-7186 or basc@prn.bc.ca.
- Before and After School Supervision If families need before and after school care please see the BASC information above.
  - Morning supervision begins @ 8:30 am.
  - After-school supervision ends at 3 pm. Please pick up students by 3 pm.
  - When checking out your child early, please call or stop by the office. The office will page your child down to the office, or we can send them to you.
  - We ask families to wait outside for their child/children at 2:44 pm dismissal. This ensures a smooth dismissal process.

- Duncan Cran Online Payments kodiakfees@prn.bc.ca Please remember to add your child's name and what the payment is for. Thanks for making, this a smooth process.
- Early student pick-up Thanks to our families for letting the office know when they need to pick up their child early. Please check in at the office by phone or in person when picking up your child early. The office staff will help your child get ready at the office if we know the expected pick-up time. We can also send your child out to you if you like.
  - Messages can be called in and or emailed to <u>duncancran@prn.bc.ca</u>
- Communication with the office and administration Please email or call ahead, if possible.
  - o <u>qpeet@prn.bc.ca</u> Mr. Peet
  - jaimeliaturner@prn.bc.ca Ms. Jaimelia
  - <u>duncancran@prn.bc.ca</u> Duncan Cran Office

- SD 60 Strong Start is located in the portable on the west side of the school.
  - Do you have a child 0-5 but not in school yet? Try Strong Start. Strong Start is an effective preschool program to support literacy and social skills. A qualified Early Childhood Educator is on-site to support learning and answer questions. <u>Duncan Cran StrongStart</u> is a School District 60 partnership with your community. For more information, click on this link.
- Volunteers are always welcome at our school. Please contact the office if you want to volunteer at
  the school or coach a team. All volunteers must complete a criminal records check before
  commencing any activities with students. Please contact the office for further information. A volunteer
  CRC is good for 5 years.
  - PARENT -Volunteer CRC online application

- Visitor Check-in Thanks to all our families for checking in at the office when you come to the school. This is a district policy that ensures student safety. If you need to pick up your child early, you can also email or call the office ahead of time, and we will have them ready at the office. We can also send them out if you call when you arrive. If you need to drop something off for your child, please bring it to the office.
- Kodiak Athletic Pledge Code of Conduct for Coaches, Athletes and Spectators
- Duncan Cran Elementary Hot Lunches <a href="https://kodiaks.hotlunches.net/">https://kodiaks.hotlunches.net/</a>
- Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (School Plan) Our school Framework can be foun on our website at the following link. We will continue to update our goals throughout the school year.
  - <a href="https://duncan.prn.bc.ca/our-school/framework-for-enhancing-student-learning/">https://duncan.prn.bc.ca/our-school/framework-for-enhancing-student-learning/</a>

All families need to review the following document - School District 60 Emergency Preparedness Information -

- <a href="https://www.prn.bc.ca/safety/plans-info/emergency-preparedness/">https://www.prn.bc.ca/safety/plans-info/emergency-preparedness/</a>
  - The District will be using the BC Air Quality Index (AQHI) to guide decisions about school actions related to smoke.
    - https://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/bcairquality/data/aqhi-table.html
      - When air quality risk is high,, we will limit the doors we use for entry and exit to reduce smoke in the building.
  - Please have a look at our site-specific Double Gated Evacuation Process for Parent Reunification
    - Duncan Cran Elementary Double Gate Evacuation Process
    - Students will only be released to an individual designated as the legal parent/guardian or emergency contact on the MYED student contact information form. Contact forms will come home this week so that families can ensure this information is updated.

### **Parent Resources & Links**

- Kodiak Athletic Pledge Code of Conduct for Athletes, Spectators and Coaches
- Duncan Cran Song The lyrics can be found at this link <u>Duncan Cran Kodiaks</u>
- <u>BC's ERASE</u> (Expect Respect and Safe Education)
  - ERASE Sessions for families
  - Raising Digitally Responsible Youth Document for families
- Home Reading Tips for Parents
- Our new EASE 'At Home' activities are now live on our **EASE** website.
- <u>WITS</u> is a program that teaches K-3 children to make safe and positive choices about peer conflict

#### **District Links:**

- School District calendar information can be found at the following link
- <u>Indigenous Education</u> Information can be found here.



### **Parent Resources & Links**

- Early Learning Programs <a href="https://earlylearning.prn.bc.ca/">https://earlylearning.prn.bc.ca/</a>
  - Strong Start
  - Preschool
- SD # 60 Before and After School Care Program (BASC)

If you are interested in

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