

PEACE ARCH ELEMENTARY

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CELEBRATING DIWALI

On Thursday November 5th, our classes will recognize the start of Diwali which takes place the weekend following the 5th.

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is a time of joy, celebration, and the triumph of light over darkness.

On **Thursday November 5th** we invite students and staff to wear traditional cultural clothing on Diwali as we recognize and celebrate the diversity of our school community. Teachers will recognize Diwali in their classrooms with possible art activities, stories and videos to teach about this wonderful celebration!



NEXT WEEK @ PAE:

- ✓ **Diwali**
Thursday November 5
- ✓ **Professional Development Day**
Friday November 6

Reminders & Updates

Darker Mornings Reminders

With British Columbia remaining on Pacific Time year-round, many students will be travelling to and from school in the dark during the fall and winter months.

- Students are encouraged to wear bright or reflective clothing, use designated crossings, stay alert, and keep headphones and phones put away so they can see and hear traffic around them.
- Drivers are reminded to slow down in school zones, use their headlights, and avoid distractions while driving.
- Please do not make assumptions about where pedestrians may be walking or crossing, especially in low-light conditions, and use extra caution near schools and crosswalks.

Remembrance Day Assembly



We would like to invite any veterans or active service members to our Remembrance Day assembly this year. If you have a veteran in your family or you have someone who is or has actively served, please email peacearch@surreyschools.ca to let us know you'd like to attend our Assembly on November 10th.

Any students who are in cadets, scouts or any other service are welcomed to wear their uniforms on November 10th. More details next week.

Administrator Message:

I can't believe we've already reached the end of October. It feels like the school year just began, yet we've already completed two months of learning, growth, and wonderful experiences together. As we head into Halloween, we wish all of our students and families a fun, safe, and happy celebration, and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school ready for November! I want to thank Mme Workun for helping get our first student submission for the newsletter! Please see below for some information about our wiggly, wonderful school pets!

Ms. Swansburg

UPCOMING DATES AT PAE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Nov. 4 -Boy's Volleyball Game Away vs. Ta'Talu	Nov. 5 Diwali @ School -Girl's Volleyball Game Away vs. Ta'Talu	Nov. 6 Non Instructional Day
Nov. 9	Nov. 10 Remembrance Day Assembly	Nov. 11 School Closed Remembrance Day	Nov. 12	Nov. 13
Nov. 16 - Photo Retakes in the Afternoon	Nov. 17	Nov. 18 -Boy's Volleyball Game Home vs. Jessie Lee	Nov. 19 - Girl's Volleyball Game Home vs. Jessie Lee	Nov. 20 - PAC AM Meeting in Portable @ 9am - Hot Lunch: Kesari

PAC UPDATES

THANK YOU, RAVENS!

The Boo Bash was a spooktacular success!! Students and parents kept the dancefloor bumping at both the Ghostly Gala and the Monster Mash. Thanks to your generous support, we were able to raise \$600 for the Raven Fund through ticket sales and approximately \$2000 for PAC to support our school! Nothing scary about that!



The Next PAC Meeting is: Friday November 20th @ 9:00am in the Portable next to the Basketball court!

WONDERFUL WORMS



Did you know that nine of our classrooms now have 500 new, special friends? Thanks to a BC Government Nature Grant, nine divisions are caring for their very own worm composting bins!

Read on as Esther, Brooklyn, Aviendha and Ellie from Division 5 describe what class life is like with our worm friends:

We opened the dark black box, and hundreds of tiny, slimy heads wiggled into the dirt and out of sight!

Last year, Mme Workun's class welcomed red wiggler worms into our classroom. We fed them food scraps like banana peels, apple cores, and baby carrots. In return, they produced nutrient-rich castings (worm poop!) that helped our new native plant gardens flourish. We took turns feeding and misting our worms, learning how food scraps can be transformed into something valuable. Their home was made of shredded cardboard, coconut coir, paper scraps, and a little sand. Our worms taught us that even small actions, like composting, can make a big difference for the environment.

Want to stay up to date?

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Surrey Schools App: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/the-surrey-schools-app>

