




EARLY DISMISSAL WEEK - NEXT WEEK

MONDAY OCTOBER 20TH TO THURSDAY OCTOBER 23RD

Students will be dismissed at 1:50 PM. We encourage all parents to schedule a Parent/Teacher Interview with their child's teacher.

 Students who take the bus or participate in after-school programs will remain supervised at school until the regular dismissal time of 2:50 PM.

If for any reason you are unable to pickup at 1:50pm, please email Mrs. Ney at jennifer.ney@sd5.bc.ca.

PICTURE RETAKES

THURSDAY OCTOBER 23RD

Please note that **Picture Retake Day has been moved up to the morning of Thursday, October 23rd.**

Retakes will take place in the **gymnasium** that morning.

If you would like your child to have their photo retaken, please ensure they come to school **prepared and dressed appropriately** that day.



VISITOR CHECK IN

We'd like to remind all visitors to please check in at the office when visiting the school. If you are dropping off an item for your child, you may leave it at the office or Mrs. Ney will call your child up to receive it.

LOST & FOUND ITEMS

If you recently lost a bank card in the area of the school or a bike lock key, please stop by the office.



Open Gym Night at Steeples

Free Open Gym Night every Wednesday from 7-8:30 pm for youth 10-13 years old at Steeples gymnasium. The drop-in program will run from October 1- Dec 3rd. Contact Erin.stevenson@sd5.bc.ca with any questions.

NEXT WEEK:

EARLY DISMISSAL MONDAY TO THURSDAY 1:50PM

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - LIBRARY - MONDAY TO THURSDAY 1:00PM-4:30PM

**MONDAY OCTOBER 20TH
PAC MEETING - LIBRARY 5:30PM**

TUESDAY OCTOBER 21ST

VOLLEYBALL GAMES

BOYS/MIXED TEAM @ AQAMNIK

GIRLS TEAM @ STEEPLES VS. PINEWOOD

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22ND

DISTRICT HOT LUNCH

THURSDAY OCTOBER 23RD

PICTURE RETAKES - MORNING - GYM

FRIDAY OCTOBER 24TH

NO SCHOOL

PAC MEETING REMINDER

MONDAY OCTOBER 20TH, 2025

5:30PM - LIBRARY



Hello Steeples Families,

We are excited to announce our Scholastic Book Fair is happening next week!

When: Monday October 20th through Thursday October 23rd

Time: 1:00-4:30pm

Where: Steeples School Library

Every purchase helps us earn new books and resources to support our school library and classrooms. Please pop into the library to say hello, browse, and shop!

Thank you for the support 😊

OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEW WEEK – EARLY DISMISSAL – 1:50PM SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – LIBRARY – AFTERNOON TILL 4PM				NO SCHOOL	
	BOYS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE @ LUNCH PAC MEETING 5:30PM	VOLLEYBALL GAMES – BOYS/MIXED TEAM AT 2a9amnik - 3:30PM GIRLS TEAM @ STEEPLES VS. PINWOOD – 3:30PM	DISTRICT HOT LUNCH BOYS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE @ LUNCH	PICTURE RETAKES – MORNING - GYM		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	BOYS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE @ LUNCH MS. GREENLEE – FOREST WALK – PM GRADE 6 GIRLS & BOYS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 3-4PM	VOLLEYBALL GAMES – BOYS/MIXED TEAM AT STEEPLES VS. KCA – 3:30PM GIRLS TEAM @ KCA – 3:30PM	DISTRICT HOT LUNCH BOYS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE @ LUNCH WILDERNESS WEDNESDAY – MR. HAMMOND, MRS. ENNS & MR. CATHERALL – PM	MS. JOHNSON – FOREST WALK – PM MR. WALTON, MS. SHULTZ, MRS. LENTZ, & MRS. ENNS – SWIMMING – PM GRADE 5/6 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 3-4PM	HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRESS UP DAY	



FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER

The Fresh to You Fundraiser is a great way to fundraise with healthy food choices while making a 40% profit for your school.

**ORDERS DUE
TO THE OFFICE
ON THURSDAY
OCTOBER
23RD**

Here's What's in the Bundles



**We love to eat fresh
fruits and vegetables!**

Basic Bundle 1 - \$25

3 lb Carrots
5 lb Russet Roaster Potatoes
3 lb Yellow Onions
3 lb Apples

Seasonal Bundle - \$30

283g Shallots
5 lb Russet Roaster Potatoes
3 lb Carrots
1 lb Parsnips
3 pack Loveable Little Squash

Our school is making a healthy choice in fundraising by selling top quality fruits and vegetables from BC.

Help us:

- 🍎 meet our school's fundraising goals
- 🍎 support healthy choices
- 🍎 support local growers and producers

Fundraising Dates: ORDERS DUE FRIDAY OCTOBER 24TH

Fundraising Coordinator: STEEPLES PAC

LINK FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY TO ORDER:

SES - PAC - FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER - BASIC BUNDLE - \$25
<https://SD5.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/16500/213/False/True>

SES - PAC - FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER - SEASONAL BUNDLE - \$30
<https://SD5.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/16501/213/False/True>

VOLLEYBALL

If your child is on the Volleyball teams for Steeples Elementary, please see the schedule of games below. Schedule of practices is on the calendar within the newsletter.



Cranbrook Elementary Schools Grade 6 Volleyball Schedule 2025

Boys / Mixed

Date	Away	Home
Week 1 October 7	Kootenay Christian	Kootenay Orchards
	Gordon Terrace	T.M. Roberts
	St. Mary's	ʔaqamnik
	Steeple	Bye
Date	Away	HOME
Week 2 October 14	Kootenay Christian	T.M. Roberts
	St. Mary's	Steeple
	Kootenay Orchards	Gordon Terrace
	ʔaqamnik	Bye
Date	Away	Home
Week 3 October 21	T.M. Roberts	Kootenay Orchards
	Kootenay Christian	St. Mary's
	Steeple	ʔaqamnik
	Gordon Terrace	Bye
Date	Away	Home
Week 4 October 28	T.M. Roberts	ʔaqamnik
	Kootenay Christian	Steeple
	St. Mary's	Gordon Terrace
	Kootenay Orchards	Bye
Date	Away	Home
Week 5 November 4	St. Mary's	Kootenay Orchards
	Gordon Terrace	Kootenay Christian
	Steeple	ʔaqamnik
	T.M. Roberts	Bye
November 7	Tournament	COTR (PM)

Girls

Date	Away	Home
Week 1 October 7	Highlands	Steeple
	Gordon Terrace	Pinewood
	Kootenay Orchards	Kootenay Christian
	T.M. Roberts	St. Mary's
Date	Away	Home
Week 2 October 14	T.M. Roberts	Kootenay Christian
	Gordon Terrace	Kootenay Orchards
	Highlands	Pinewood
	Steeple	St. Mary's
Date	Away	Home
Week 3 October 21	Kootenay Orchards	T.M. Roberts
	St. Mary's	Gordon Terrace
	Kootenay Christian	Highlands
	Pinewood	Steeple
Date	Away	Home
Week 4 October 28	T.M. Roberts	Pinewood
	Kootenay Orchards	Highlands
	Gordon Terrace	St. Mary's
	Steeple	Kootenay Christian
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Week 5 November 4	Kootenay Orchards	Steeple
	St. Mary's	Highlands
	Kootenay Christian	Gordon Terrace
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BACKPACK BUDDIES PROGRAM

Steeple Elementary participates in the Backpack Buddies program. If you are interested in having your child added to the Backpack Buddies program at Steeple, please email Barbara Fode at Barbara.Fode@sd5.bc.ca

Families utilizing this program NEED to contact the school to organize delivery and pickup.

For more information in regards to the program, please check out the website:

<https://www.backpackbuddies.ca/how-we-help/>



Backpack Buddies is unique because we deliver food directly to children through their schools.



We partner with schools to connect with children in need

Everything we do is coordinated in partnership with teachers and administrators. They advise us on the needs of their students and discreetly identify children who will benefit most from receiving a bag of food for the weekend.



We provide over 1.5 million meals a year

We work with grocery suppliers and food rescue organizations to stretch every dollar we have. Over 1.65 million meals a year are packed at our warehouses in North Vancouver and Victoria.



We deliver bags of food directly to schools every week

With the support of our transportation partners, we deliver thousands of bags of food every week to schools across BC.



We feed hungry kids with dignity and discretion

We take steps to ensure kids aren't ashamed to get help. Every Friday, the kids we serve go home with a bag full of meals and snacks to last them the weekend. Coordinating with teachers and administrators, we ensure delivery is discreet so that no child feels singled out by this support. For the kids we serve, they head home every Friday knowing where their next meal is coming from and are equipped to return to school on Monday ready to learn.

PASSPORT TO THE KOOTENAYS FUNDRAISER

Steeple is selling Passport to the Kootenays Coupon Books as a fundraiser for the school. Order before Friday November 7th. \$10 per book sold will go towards the school. The Passport to the Kootenays Coupon Book is a book full of coupons for the Kootenays. Delivery date will be at the end of November.

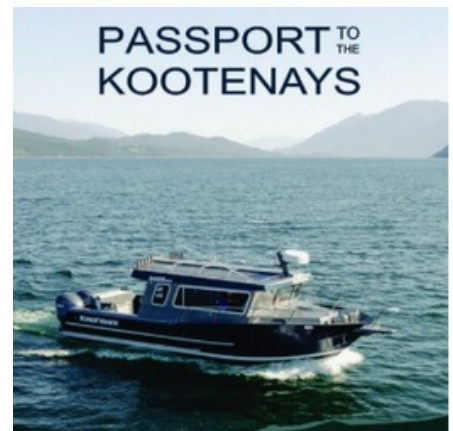
EACH BOOK IS \$52.50

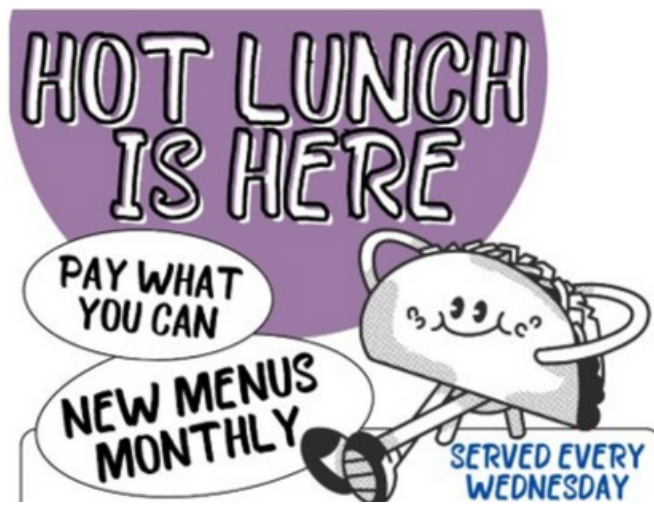
For more information, please check out the website:

<https://passporttothekootenays.site/>

LINK FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO ORDER:

<https://SD5.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/16451/213/False/True>





Dear Parents and Guardians,

We're excited to announce that the District Hot Lunch Program will begin on Wednesday, October 8th!

🍴 Lunches will be served every Wednesday, so we kindly ask that you place your orders the week before to ensure your child receives a meal.

🖥 To order, please visit: <https://sd5.food-for-thought.ca/>

We encourage all families to use the online ordering system—it's quick and easy!

💰 This is a pay-what-you-can program, so every child can participate regardless of financial circumstances. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to serving your children delicious, nutritious meals each week!

If you should have any issues with the online ordering system, please email Vincent Girimonte at vincent.girimonte@sd5.bc.ca or call 1-250-919-3759

UPCOMING LUNCHES:

October 22, 2025

Sunshine Soup with Hummus and Pita (Vegetarian)

squash, vegetable stock, garlic, thyme, onion, carrot, chickpeas, pita bread

October 29, 2025

Penne Pasta with Beef Sauce, Caesar Salad

beef, garlic, penne pasta, onion, carrot, celery, romaine, parmesan, egg, mustard

November 5, 2025

Chicken Mac and Cheese, Greek Salad

chicken, macaroni, milk, onions, carrot, celery, cheese, peppers, cucumbers, balsamic vinegar

November 12, 2025

Chickpea Masala with Rice

chickpeas, curry spices, coconut cream, celery, onion, carrot, rice

STEEPLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAC NEWS



WELCOME TO THE STEEPLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAC

WHAT AND WHO IS STEEPLES ELEMENTARY PAC?

The Steeples Elementary School Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.) is a volunteer based organization that works together with parents/guardians and the school to enrich students school experiences through field trips, equipment, fun activities and more.

We:

- Work as liaisons between parents & Steeples Elementary to provide input and feedback about programs, activities & goals.
- Raise funds to support goals & provide equal opportunity

WHEN DOES P.A.C. MEET?

We meet in person once a month in the school library to discuss fundraising events, budget, faculty funding requests, school events/needs and much more. Children are welcome to come play in the gym!

Our fabulous Principal, Vice Principal and District Board Trustee attend to give updates and offer valuable perspectives and feedback.

Meetings are held in the Library at 5:30pm: Sept 22, Oct 20, Nov 17, Jan 19, Feb 23, Apr 20, May 25, Jun 15 (AGM/Elections)

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Join our mailing list, attend meetings, follow us on social media ... volunteer on Your time! It really is as easy as that. As much time as you are comfortable with, is all we will ask of you. Welcome to PAC, every parent\guardian of Steeples' students is a voting member of PAC.

WHY FUNDRAISE?

PAC is independent of the school, but we do help to raise funds for things not in their budget. Fundraisers help to offset the costs of extra classroom supplies, extracurricular activities and much more. As a bonus this helps create a fantastic sense of community. Look below to see some things we have accomplished recently...



NEXT PAC MEETING

MONDAY OCTOBER 20TH, 2025

5:30PM - LIBRARY

STEEPLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STRONG START NEWS

Strong Start is now open!

🕒 The days/times are:

Monday-Thursday

Morning session: 9:00am-11:30am

Afternoon session: 12:15pm-2:45pm

📄 Please, if you are not registered or fully registered, bring your children's Birth Certificate and proof of residency to the Steeples School office and Mrs. Ney will be happy to help you. You can come before hand or the same day you are attending.

🏠 Unfortunately the new build for Strong Start is not done yet and we will have to continue in the smaller breakfast club room. Leading to us having to sign-up for each session again. I will post the link to sign-up on the Facebook page when it is available. It will be up every 2 weeks 😞 If you ever need to cancel or cant make it in, it really is no problem and you can message me on this messenger and re book for other days. I totally understand things come up and pre registering with little ones can be very tough.

✍️ The sign-up page will ask for your email and phone number, but it doesn't actual email you with the days you booked or confirmation, so please write down or screen shot your days.

LINK TO SIGN UP:

<https://cbal.simplesurvey.com/f/s.aspx?s=0D769AAD-58CE-4FFC-B1A1-C4A5E7AIDFCB>

Cant wait to see everyone and meet all the new families.
Any questions, please reach out.

Thank you so much,
Nicole Green
cbal.ngreen@sd5.bc.ca

StrongStart - Cranbrook



- A free, parent-accompanied play and learning program for children ages 0-5.
- Snacks provided.
- Play-based and learning activities facilitated by a qualified early childhood educator.

Monday-Thursday
9:00-11:30 and 12:15-2:45
Follows school calendar

**Steeple Elementary
School**
250-426-0620
cbal.ngreen@sd5.bc.ca



StrongStartBC



**Play
Connect
Learn**



THERAPEUTIC PAWS OF CANADA

"Paws With Love To Share"

Pet Therapy Visits

Dear Parent/Guardian,

A Therapeutic Paws of Canada Pet Therapy Team, may be coming to our facility to provide a free Pet Therapy program. Your child may have the opportunity to participate by interacting with the Certified Therapy Pets in a controlled setting supervised by the Certified Handler and our staff.

Therapeutic Paws of Canada is a non-profit organization of volunteers whose pets have undergone a strict Therapy Pet Evaluation to determine their suitability to work with children and adults and have achieved their certification. All Therapy Pets have up to date vaccinations and Handlers have full background checks with Criminal Record Check for Vulnerable Persons clearance. All therapy pet handlers have been vaccinated for Covid-19 and may be wearing a face mask during visits.

Pet Therapy has been successfully used in many other facilities such as schools, libraries, community programs, and more. Medical evidence suggests that the presence of a Therapy Pet has been shown to lower blood pressure and heart rate and releases a chemical (oxytocin) in the body that make us feel more relaxed, peaceful, and happy. This program is commonly used in conjunction with other Health and Wellness initiatives within these facilities to promote a healthier, more relaxed environment.

The Handlers and the Therapy Pets involved in this program are members of Therapeutic Paws of Canada and have been certified by that organization as Therapy Pet Teams or where the program is provided to minors, as Child Certified Therapy Pet Teams. Therapeutic Paws of Canada has strict guidelines in place for the safety of those they visit and for the safety of teams performing the visits. While every possible precaution is taken, accidents can and do happen and can occur without fault of either the participant, the facility, its employees/agents or the service provider being Therapeutic Paws of Canada and its certified teams. The chance of injuries or incident can be reduced by carefully following instructions at all times whilst engaged in the visits. By permitting this activity you accept the associated risks and waive any claims, damages, losses or costs to your child or property in connection with their participation in the above noted activity.

If you do NOT wish your child to participate in this program please inform the appropriate staff at our facility or contact the Team Leader below for more information.

(insert Team Leader contact information here)

Website: www.tpoc.ca

Facebook: "Therapeutic Paws of Canada"

Twitter: @Therapeuticpaws

Did you know that 5% of your Save-On-Foods grocery bill could be donated straight to our school? It's super easy to help out our kids!

All you have to do is

1. Shop at the Cranbrook Save-On-Foods
2. Mention Steeples Elementary at the till
3. 5% of your bill is donated by the store!

How simple is that? Every little bit helps get our kids better equipment and awesome experiences.

Thanks for your support!

Keep Steeples really rocking!



Steeple's Elementary Facebook Page

Parents and guardians, please join our Steeples Elementary School Facebook page. We will be using this page to share information about the great things happening at Steeples!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2163353540497034>



Steeple's Elementary School BELL SCHEDULE 2025-2026

8:15 AM	Student supervision begins
8:40 AM	Classes begin
10:10 AM	Primary recess (15 mins)
10:50 AM	Intermediate recess (15 mins)
12:10 PM	Lunch begins
12:25 PM	Students outside for lunch recess
1:00 PM	Classes resume
2:50 PM	End of school day

Steeple's Elementary School

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Cranbrook, BC V1C 5P6
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