





HOUSE TEAMS DRESS-UP DAY

Friday, September 26th


 Wear Your House Colours Proudly!

 Show your spirit. Show your style. Show your team pride!

Come dressed in your House Team Colour from head to toe — shirts, hats, socks, accessories, face paint — the bolder, the better!

 House Colours

 Red


 Black (Formerly the orange team)

 Yellow

 Green

 Blue

 Purple

 Let's fill the school with colour, energy, and team pride.



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.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY MONDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH



On Monday September 29th at 10:30am we will be hosting our 5th annual Orange Shirt Day Honour Walk at Steeples School. We have invited 7aᑭamnik School to join us with Sookena Singers drumming for us. After our walk we will gather for lunch in the gym. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Andrew or Mr. Holt.

Parking Reminder for Morning & Afternoon Pickup

We appreciate your ongoing support in keeping our school safe, respectful, and accessible for everyone.

As a quick reminder:

- Please do not park in the staff parking lot during morning drop-off or afternoon pickup. These spaces are reserved for school staff and must remain available for their use.
- Wheelchair-accessible parking zones are strictly for vehicles displaying a valid permit. Parking in these spots without a permit prevents access for those who rely on them.
- For safety reasons, parents and students should not walk through the staff parking lot. This area has frequent vehicle movement and is not designed for pedestrian traffic.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and inclusive environment. Your cooperation makes a big difference.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH

HOUSE TEAMS ASSEMBLY - AM
HOUSE TEAMS COLOURS DRESS UP DAY

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH

NO SCHOOL - NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY OCTOBER 10TH

NO SCHOOL

MONDAY OCTOBER 13TH

NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY OCTOBER 17TH

PAC POPCORN AND TREAT DAY

MONDAY OCTOBER 20TH TO

THURSDAY OCTOBER 23RD

EARLY DISMISSAL WEEK - 1:50PM
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - LIBRARY



7AQ'AM

Sept 30th 2025

National day for Truth & Reconciliation

Wear orange to show support

10:00 am

Welcome, Walk & Lunch

Everyone welcome

No animals - Bring chairs

St. Eugene Mission - 7777 Mission Road, Cranbrook



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 Barb Fode at barb.fode@sd5.bc.ca

This year we request that parents/guardians pickup the bag from the school, rather than sending home with students.

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.

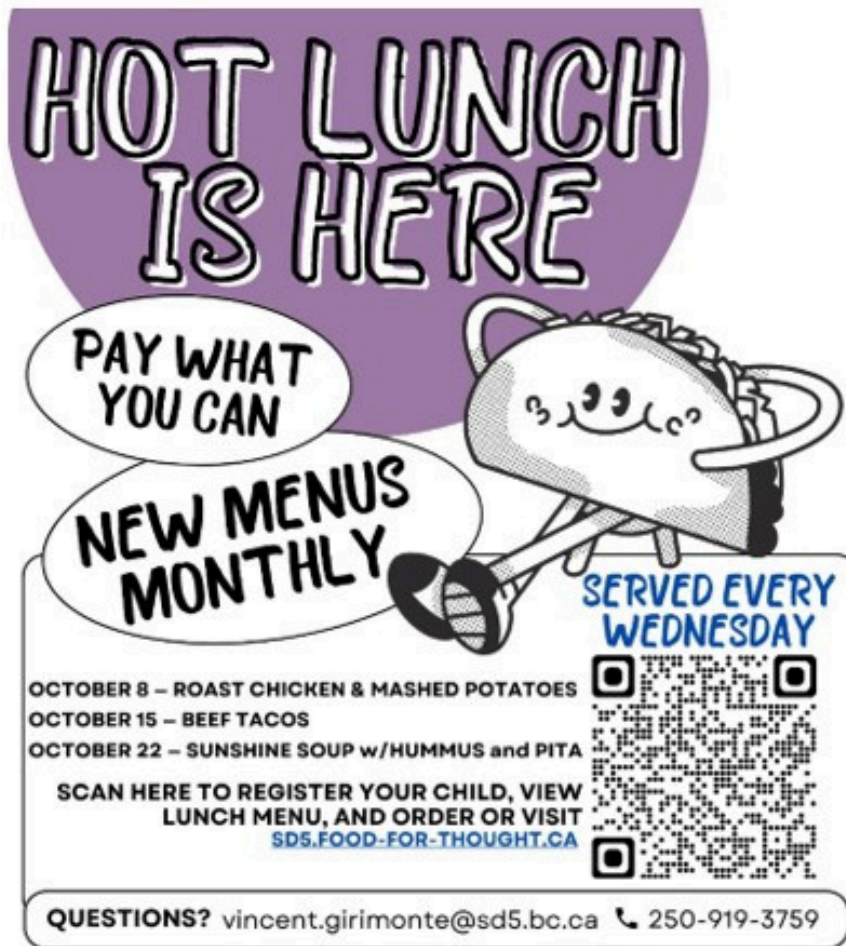


We feed hungry kids with dignity and discretion

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.

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	SEPT 29	30	1	2	3	4
	ORANGE SHIRT DAY MR. WALTON/MS. SHULTZ – SWIMMING – PM MS. GREENLEE – FOREST WALK	NO SCHOOL	WILDERNESS WEDNESDAY – MR. HAMMOND, MRS. ENNS & MR. CATHERALL - PM	MS. JOHNSON – FOREST WALK - PM	MR. WALTON & MS. SHULTZ – FOREST FRIDAY MS. PORTER/ MS. TOFFOLO – SWIMMING - PM	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	MS. JOHNSON – SWIMMING – PM MS. GREENLEE – FOREST WALK		DISTRICT HOT LUNCH WILDERNESS WEDNESDAY – MR. HAMMOND, MRS. ENNS & MR. CATHERALL - PM	MS. JOHNSON – FOREST WALK - PM	NO SCHOOL	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEW WEEK – EARLY DISMISSAL – 1:50PM SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – LIBRARY – AFTERNOON TILL 4PM				NO SCHOOL	
			DISTRICT HOT LUNCH			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	MS. GREENLEE – FOREST WALK		DISTRICT HOT 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	HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRESS UP DAY	



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

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 will be the same:

Monday-Thursday

Morning session: 9-11:30

Afternoon session; 12:15-2:45

📄 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-C4A5E7A1DFCD>

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**

Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) Program



What is a Settlement Worker in School?

Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS Workers) help eligible immigrant and refugee students and their families to settle and integrate into their schools and communities.

The Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL) provides support for immigrants as they begin their new lives in Canada.

We can help with many things, including referrals to community services, helping to understand the Canadian school system, and English language training for adults.

Your SWIS worker is not there only for students - they are able to provide the wrap-around support your entire family needs to thrive.

Is my family eligible to receive SWIS services?

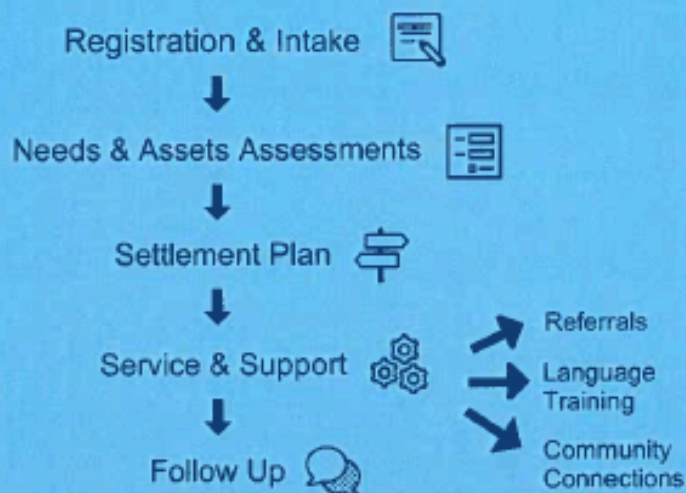
If you and your family members are:

- Permanent Residents
- Refugees
- Refugee Claimants
- Work permit-holders
- Study permit-holders
- Naturalized Canadian Citizens



Yes! You may register for the SWIS program at your school.

What does service look like?



How do I register?

- ✓ Complete a paper or online registration form
- ✓ SWIS Worker will connect with you by email / text / phone
- ✓ Bring your family members' immigration documents to your first meeting

We help students and their families access the supports they need to successfully settle and thrive!

What kind of services do you provide?

That will depend on the kind of support you and your family need!

Here are some examples of the work we do:

- Support with completing registration forms
- Help with understanding your children's report cards
- Join you for support at parent - teacher meetings
- Hold workshops for families to learn about the Canadian school system
- Host cultural events
- Provide one-to-one support for students at the school or at our local CBAL office
- Host after school groups and homework clubs
- Make referrals to community supports
- Provide other information and resources to support you and your family

Why should I register?

We know that adapting to a new school can be challenging. It is even more challenging in a new country. The SWIS Worker in your community can provide many types of support for both you and your children.

Beyond helping with learning about your school, your SWIS Worker and our community settlement team are able to support you in many different ways:

- Language training for eligible adults
- Workshops to support employment success
- Connections to many community-based programs and services
- Volunteer opportunities
- Building your social network through events and programs

Contact us to register & to learn more.

All of our services are FREE to eligible newcomers!

Feel free to contact your local SWIS Worker, at any time!



cbal.org



Meet your Cranbrook SWIS Worker

Tetiana Sokolenko

Tetiana is dedicated to supporting newcomers as they navigate life in their new communities.

With a passion for inclusion and community building, Tetiana provides personalized assistance with accessing services, understanding local systems, and building connections.

Tetiana has a compassionate and practical approach to helping individuals and families feel welcomed, informed, and empowered.



**Tetiana can be reached at
swiscranbrook@cbal.org
250-581-2112**



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
Phone: (250) 426-3352
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Website: <http://ses.sd5.bc.ca>



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