



HALLOWEEN

FRIDAY OCTOBER 31ST

Students can dress up for Halloween on Friday October 31st. There will be activities in the school for primary students in the afternoon and intermediate students will be going on a walk in the community forest in the afternoon. **NO WEAPONS OR FACE MASKS.**

WALL OF HONOUR FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

This Remembrance Day, we invite our school community to help us pay tribute to the brave individuals who have served our country and communities.

If you have a relative such as a veteran, firefighter, RCMP officer, paramedic, nurse, or other service member—we would be honoured to include them in our display.

📸 Please send a COPY of a photo of your relative in uniform, along with a brief description.

Submit by: November 7th

Drop off to: Mrs. Ney at the office

Or email to: jennifer.ney@sd5.bc.ca

Let's come together to remember and recognize the courage and sacrifice of those who have served.



PAC PIZZA DAYS

PAC will be hosting pizza days on Friday November 7th and Friday December 7th. Order forms will be going home. Orders can also be made on School Cash Online.



Remember:
NO SCHOOL
Friday

NEXT WEEK:

MONDAY OCTOBER 27TH

BOYS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE AT LUNCH

GRADE 6 VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 3-4PM

TUESDAY OCTOBER 28TH

VOLLEYBALL GAMES

BOYS/MIXED TEAM AT STEEPLES VS. KCA

GIRLS TEAM AT KCA

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29TH

DISTRICT HOT LUNCH

BOYS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE AT LUNCH

THURSDAY OCTOBER 30TH

MR. WALTON, MS. SHULTZ, MRS. LENTZ & MRS. ENNS - SWIMMING - AFTERNOON

GIRLS 5/6 VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 3-4PM

FRIDAY OCTOBER 31ST

COSTUME DRESS UP DAY
HALLOWEEN STATIONS IN THE AFTERNOON (PRIMARY) & INTERMEDIATE WALK

HOUSE TEAMS AT STEEPLES

Many of the most innovative schools across our province use **House Teams** to foster relationships and build school spirit among students and staff. This year, **Steeple Elementary** has taken this concept further by embedding both **Indigeneity** and the **Core Competencies of Learning** into our House Teams program.

The **Core Competencies**, which have been part of the BC curriculum since 2016, are sets of intellectual, personal, social, and emotional proficiencies that students need to engage in deep, lifelong learning.

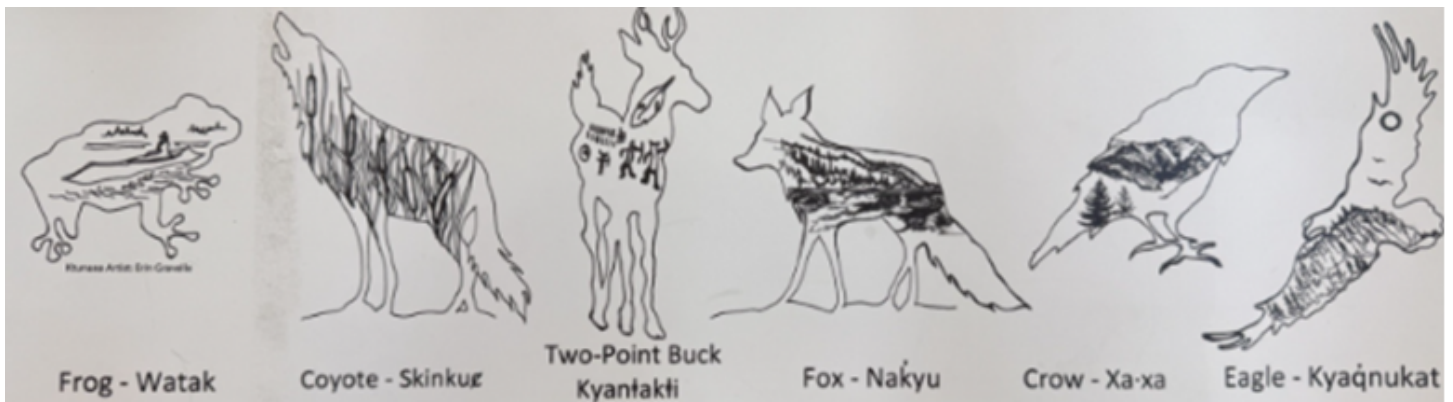
Each House Team at Steeples is now represented by:

- A **colour**
- A **Core Competency**
- A **Ktunaxa animal** that exemplifies the qualities of the chosen competency

Monthly assemblies and House Team competitions are centered around the traits and teachings of these animals, helping students connect meaningfully with both the curriculum and Indigenous ways of knowing.

House Teams & Their Representations:

- Red – Frog (Communication)
- Yellow – Coyote (Creative Thinking)
- Black – Two Point Buck (Critical Thinking)
- Green – Fox (Positive Personal & Cultural Identity)
- Blue – Crow (Personal & Social Responsibility)
- Purple – Eagle (Social Awareness)



OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 MRS. SHULTZ – DESIGN LAB – AM OPEN GYM NIGHT – 10-13 YEAR OLDS – STEEPLES GYM 7-8:30PM	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 HALLOWEEN STATIONS – PM INTERMEDIATE WALK	

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	DEADLINE FOR PIZZA PIZZA ORDERS BOYS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE – LUNCH MS. GREENLEE – FOREST WALK GRADE 6 VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 3-4PM	VOLLEYBALL GAMES BOYS/MIXED TEAM AT AQAMNIK GIRLS @ STEEPLES VS. KOOTENAY ORCHARDS	DISTRICT HOT LUNCH BOYS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE – LUNCH MR. HAMMOND, MR. CATHERALL & MRS. ENNS – WILDERNESS WEDNESDAY – PM	GRADE 5/6 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 3-4PM MS. JOHNSON – FOREST WALK – PM	PAC PIZZA PIZZA LUNCH KINDERGARTEN HEARING SCREENING KINDERGARTEN FOREST WALK – PM MR. WALTON – FOREST WALK – AM MRS. SHULTZ – FOREST WALK – PM DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT – COTR	INDIGENOUS VETERAN'S DAY
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	LEGION CONTEST DEADLINE REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY – 11AM MS. SHULTZ & MR. WALTON – SWIMMING – PM MS. GREENLEE – FOREST WALK	NO SCHOOL	DISTRICT HOT LUNCH MR. HAMMOND, MR. CATHERALL & MRS. ENNS – WILDERNESS WEDNESDAY – PM MS. MA, MRS. LENTZ & MS. GREENLEE – STICK TO READING WITH THE CRANBROOK BUCKS	MS. JOHNSON – FOREST WALK – PM	DRESS LIKE YOUR TEACHER DAY PAC MOVIE NIGHT MRS. SHULTZ – FOREST WALK – PM MR. WALTON – FOREST WALK – AM KINDERGARTEN FOREST WALK – PM	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	MS. GREENLEE – FOREST WALK PAC MEETING – 5:30PM		DISTRICT HOT LUNCH MR. HAMMOND, MR. CATHERALL & MRS. ENNS – WILDERNESS WEDNESDAY – PM	MS. JOHNSON – FOREST WALK – PM MRS. LENTZ & MRS. ENNS – SWIMMING – PM	NO SCHOOL	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	MS. GREENLEE – FOREST WALK		DISTRICT HOT LUNCH MR. HAMMOND, MR. CATHERALL & MRS. ENNS – WILDERNESS WEDNESDAY – PM	MS. JOHNSON – FOREST WALK – PM MS. PORTER/MS. TOFFOLO – DESIGN LAB MR. CATHERALL – SWIMMING – PM	PAC POPCORN / FROZEN TREAT DAY MRS. SHULTZ – FOREST WALK – PM MR. WALTON – FOREST WALK – AM	

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

Girls

Date	Away	Home
Week 1 October 7	Highlands	Steeple's
	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's	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's
Date	Away	Home
Week 4 October 28	T.M. Roberts	Pinewood
	Kootenay Orchards	Highlands
	Gordon Terrace	St. Mary's
	Steeple's	Kootenay Christian
Date	Away	Home
Week 5 November 4	Kootenay Orchards	Steeple's
	St. Mary's	Highlands
	Kootenay Christian	Gordon Terrace
	Pinewood	T.M. Roberts
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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

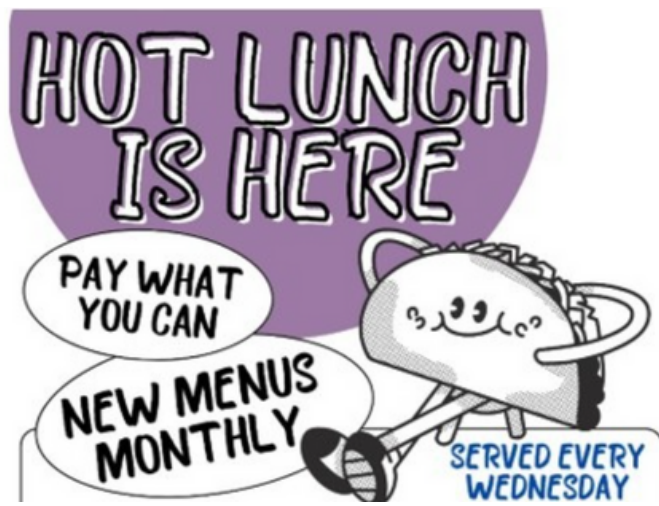
For more information, please check out the website:

<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 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 NOVEMBER 17TH
5:30PM - LIBRARY



READING WEB

brick by brick

LEGO challenges

Wed, Nov 5 3:30 - 4:45pm



FOR AGES 6-8

FOSTER PARENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Our
community
NEEDS
caregivers!



Have you considered becoming a Foster Parent?

- Can you provide a loving, supportive, and nurturing environment?
- Do you have patience and are you able to mentor a young person?
- Can you open your home and your heart to a child or teen in need?
- Can you work with the child's family and social worker?

If you answered 'yes' we want to hear from you!

Our program will help connect you to a resource social worker in your area to get your application started. While the requirements vary in each community, there is a need for Foster Parents wanting to work with: children and youth with support needs, babies, youth and sibling groups. Scan the QR code or contact:

James Weir - Network Facilitator - (250) 426-6013
jweir@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca

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**

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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Youth Care Worker - Barb Fode - barbara.fode@sd5.bc.ca

Youth Care Worker - Nicole Babcock - nicole.babcock@sd5.bc.ca

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Indigenous Education Support Worker - Cyndi Andrew - cyndi.andrew@sd5.bc.ca

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Melissa Flegel - Learning Services Teacher - melissa.flegel@sd5.bc.ca

Sarah Brooks - Learning Services Teacher - sarah.brooks@sd5.bc.ca



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.