



DeBeck News



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Howard DeBeck Elementary

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School Schedule:

8:40 - Welcome Bell
8:45 – Classes Begin
9:55 - 10:10 Recess
12:00 -12:50 Lunch
2:45 - Dismissal

Nov 14th - Nov 18th Week at a Glance

Monday	Grade 6/7 Volleyball Home Game vs. Lee
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Grade 6/7 Volleyball Practice at lunch
Thursday	Grade 6/7 Volleyball Away Game vs. Garden City Grade 6/7 Volleyball Practice at lunch
Friday	

Dear Families,

Today is Remembrance Day. It is a day for all of us to take time to pause and pay respect to the people who risked their lives so that we can live in peace. Taking time to pause and reflect can seem hard these days as parents and care givers. Yesterday was the first day in two years that we were able to gather as a community in honour of Remembrance Day. Thank you to the families who were able to join us and hear our messages of hope and peace.

As we near the winter season, we know that families are struggling financially to purchase winter clothing for their children. We will be outside during recess and lunch breaks, and it's expected to be cold and wet. This year the Ministry of Education has funded a Family Affordability Fund where we can access gift cards from stores such as The Bay, SportCheck, or Walmart to help families purchase much needed outside clothing for their children. If you feel that your family would benefit from accessing the Family Affordability Fund, please email kpantaleo@sd38.bc.ca and we will help you by sharing more about the resources that are offered.

Lastly, attached to this email is the last call for families to order DeBeck Wear. If families would like a t-shirt for their child, but are not able to afford one, please contact Kathy or Cori and we will ensure that your child receives a t-shirt this year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at kpantaleo@sd38.bc.ca or coanderson@sd38.bc.ca.

Wishing you all good health,

Kathy Pantaleo and Cori Anderson

Important Dates!

Nov 11	Remembrance Day - No School
Nov 21 - 24	Scholastic Book Fair!
Nov 25	Professional Learning Day - School is Closed
Dec 14	Reports sent home to families for all classes
TBD	Winter Sing-a-long Concert with families



Purdy's
CHOCOLATIER

Treat yourself while supporting students through PAC initiatives

Orders due November 14th
Pick up week of November 28th

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR NOV 21ST - 24TH!

The book fair is back! Students will have class time to look and purchase items. Families can buy items using the link below to avoid the issue of lost or stolen money.

In-Person Book Fair

Times:

Monday:

2:45pm-3:10pm

Tuesday:

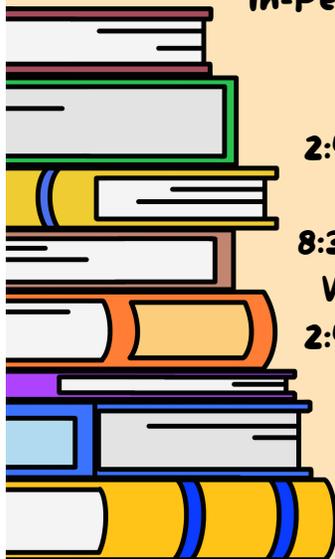
8:30am-8:50am

Wednesday:

2:45pm-3:10pm



<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5181278>



Remember to dress for the weather! We will be going outside rain or shine.

DIGITAL SAFETY 4 KIDS

5 tips for parents & guardians to help students stay safe on their device

KNOW THE APPS

Parents often do not know what apps or platforms their children are using to communicate and share. Be aware of age restrictions, inappropriate content, and who they are chatting / connecting with online. Talk with your kids about the pros/cons of these apps.

Did you know?

- 80% of teens operating a phone use the iOS app while the other operating a PC
- 57% of teens admit to lying their online behavior from parents.
- 42% of kids in grades 4-8 have screenshot or chatted online with a stranger.

DIGITAL HARASSMENT



Talk with your child about possible things to do if they are harassed or feel unsafe

- let an adult know
- block / mute / unfriend that person
- take screenshots of the offensive or inappropriate content
- prevent an escalation of the situation (don't share with friends)
- In serious situations, contact the RCMP

SCREEN TIME

Most social media apps are designed to keep users engaged with their content for as long as possible. The more screen time our kids have, the more influence this messaging and built in ads will have on them. Limit the amount of screen time by



- NOT storing it overnight in their bedroom
- setting daily usage limits on the device
- encouraging them to be active outside
- having device free times
- modelling your own screen time limits

LOCATION SERVICES



Our phones have a built-in GPS that records the location of where we are. Ensure that location services are turned off for the camera and for apps like Snapchat and Instagram. This prevents location stamping of photos and in some cases, where the kids are in real time.

POSTS ARE PERMANENT

Remind students that text messages and photos posted on social media last forever. Talk with your children about this and the pitfalls of content that is deemed inappropriate. A good rule of thumb is to ask "Would I share this with a grandparent?"

