



DeBeck News



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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

Oct 31st - Nov 4th Week at a Glance

Monday	Halloween Dance! 1:15 – 1:45: Divisions 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15 2:00 – 2:30: Divisions 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 16
Tuesday	Grade 6/7 Volleyball Home Game vs. Currie
Wednesday	Grade 6/7 Volleyball Practice at lunch
Thursday	Grade 6/7 Volleyball Practice at lunch
Friday	Grade 6/7 Immunizations

Dear Families,

The sky cleared and it was a beautiful morning for the pumpkin patch. Thank you to families for helping pick up the pumpkins, scatter them in the morning, and for making donations using SchoolCashOnline. At this point in time, we have raised \$616 - our goal is to raise \$800 to cover the cost of the pumpkins. We will keep the link open until Monday.

Link to SchoolCashOnline: <https://www.schoolcashonline.com/>

Halloween can be fun. However, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for ALL and not at the expense of equity-seeking groups. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices with colleagues and students and requires consideration. In doing so, it is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other 'dress-up' events.

It's good to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes:

RACE (black face/brown face)
CULTURE (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks)
RELIGIOUS FAITH (religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab)
GENDER (gender switching for humour or to mock)
TRAUMA (hangman's noose/weapons)
(Adapted with permission from SD41 resources)

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!

Oct 31	Halloween Dance - Families are Welcome!
Nov 1	Grade 6/7 Volleyball Home Game vs. Currie
Nov 4	Movie Night!
Nov 4	Grade 6 and 7 Immunizations
Nov 9	PAC Meeting
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assembly - families are welcome to join.
Nov 10	Photo re-takes after lunch
Nov 11	Remembrance Day - No School

DEBECK PAC PRESENTS

Family Movie Night

Featuring

LIGHTYEAR

FREE ADMISSION

PIZZA & SNACKS FOR SALE

FRI, NOV. 4, 2022 | DOORS OPEN 5:00PM

DEBECK GYM

Purdy's
CHOCOLATIER

Treat yourself while supporting students through PAC initiatives

Orders due November 14th

Pick up week of November 28th

Thank you to families who were able to donate candy to the school. All students will be going home with a goodie bag on Monday!

BITE SIZE SOGI SERIES:

#1: NAMES & PRONOUNS

KRAFT SOGI

PRONOUNS ARE HOW PEOPLE REFER TO US IN THE THIRD PERSON

The most common pronouns that you will likely encounter are *he/him*, *her/hers*, and *she/hers*. We all have pronouns, and for a lot of us, we don't think about them because they just "feel" right. This is not the case for everyone though: many trans folks grew up being referred to with pronouns that didn't "feel" right.

Think of it like this: you know when you were a kid & your adults would you wear an uncomfortable outfit for an important event, and you kept getting compliments with it, but you just wanted to get away so to fly it off? That's how it feels to be referred to with the wrong name and pronouns.

- IT'S EASY TO ASSUME, BUT PRACTICE ASKING INSTEAD
- INTRODUCE YOURSELF WITH YOUR OWN PRONOUNS TO NORMALIZE IT: "HELLO, MY NAME IS KELLI, I USE SHE/HER PRONOUNS"
- ADD YOUR PRONOUNS TO YOUR EMAIL SIGNATURE & YOUR ZOOM NAME TO NORMALIZE IT
- REMEMBER THAT A PERSON'S PRONOUNS ARE NOT DETERMINED BY THEIR APPEARANCE

ALWAYS ASK (AND SHARE)!

An easy way to make sure you are aware of your students' (or anyone's) name and pronouns is to ask. Use this by including questions on a first day survey:

What name appears on my attendance sheet? What name do you use? (or do you use it, can't?) What are your pronouns? Can I use these pronouns when I contact home, talk to other teachers/admins?

- MANY STUDENTS USE A NICKNAME OR MIDDLE NAME, SO IT IS NOT UNCOMMON TO USE A NAME OTHER THAN THAT ON THE ATTENDANCE SHEET
- MANY OF US WILL TEACH STUDENTS BEFORE & AFTER THEY TRANSITION, SO UNLESS WE ASK, WE WON'T KNOW HOW THEY WANT TO BE REFERRED TO
- ASKING EVERYONE NORMALIZES THE QUESTION & AVOIDS OUTING TRANS KIDS

WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES!

It can be daunting to start using a name we're awkward w/ or pronouns that we're not sure how to use. Remember that we all make mistakes, and that's not a "learning"!

We all know that practice makes perfect, so if you find yourself making a person's name or pronouns often, talk about them to yourself using the proper language!

"Cameron looks so nice today. I love their style. They have great hair. I'm so happy that I get to work with **them** this year."

- TRY NOT TO JUST "BREEZE BY" A MISTAKE WHEN YOU MAKE IT. ACKNOWLEDGE IT SO THE PERSON KNOWS YOU'RE AWARE!
- IT'S TEMPTING TO "DRAW OUT" AN APOLOGY TO MAKE CLEAR THAT YOU FEEL BAD— HOWEVER, THIS PUTS THE ONUS ON THE OTHER PERSON TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE "INCONVENIENCE"
- TRY THIS AS BEST PRACTICE: "WHEN JANE WENT TO **HER**... WHOOPS, SORRY, I MEAN WHEN JAMES WENT TO **HIS**..." AND MOVE ON!

I LOVE SHARING! EMAIL ME AT KRRAFT@CSDE WITH YOUR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, OR TO GET SOME RESOURCES.