



GENERAL CURRIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PAC Meetings - Every third
Wednesday of the month at
6:30pm in the Library. Please join us
on Wednesday, **Feb. 17th**.

Hours of Operation Gr. K - 7

Monday: 8:45 - 1:00
Nutrition break 10:40 - 11:10
Dismissal 1:00 pm

Tues-Fri: 8:45 - 3:00
Recess 10:25-10:40
Lunch 12:20 - 1:10
Dismissal 3:00 pm

Early Warning Number **604-668-6441**

Please call if your child
will be late or absent

We're on the Web

See us at:

<http://currie.sd38.bc.ca/>

A Message from Admin...

Can you believe that we are at the end of January 2016? It is wonderful to see the sun awake by 7:30 am and setting later than 5:00pm. The weather can change from hour to hour so please remember to send students with the appropriate clothing to be outside in weather that is a bit colder and rainy. We encourage the students to get outside as frequently as possible and only call an inside day when it is really pouring outside.

We are also asking for your support to keep your child at home from school when they are ill. When your child is sick, he/she is unable to learn well. Also, sick children need rest to get better. Finally, when your sick child comes to school, others also become sick. Please keep your child home from school if they have the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Diarrhea and/or vomiting in the previous 48 hours
- A rash that has not yet been diagnosed
- Cough, runny nose and/or sore throat.

Please continue to tell your children to wash their hands regularly, cover their mouths when sneezing or coughing, and to throw away tissues that have been used for nose blowing. Please also encourage your children not to share drinks that have been touched by another person's mouth. Thank you for your continued support of your child's education.

Joanne Rooney
Acting Principal

Carolyn Russo
Acting Vice-Principal

CALENDAR



Jan. 29 - Pro-D Day - Students **do not** attend
 Feb. 8 - B.C. Family Day Holiday - **School is closed**
 Feb. 15 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - **Regular 1:00 pm dismissal**
 Feb. 16 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - **12:20 pm dismissal**
 - Feb. 17 - PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm
 Feb. 19 - Pro-D Day - Students **do not** attend
 Feb. 9, 11, & 12 - Scholastic Book Fair
 Feb. 26 - PAC Movie Afternoon



BASKETBALL



It is basketball season again! Students in Grades 6 and 7 have recently signed up and practices and games have started to get underway. Please check for a complete schedule of the games posted on our gym doors. Coaches include Mrs. Stahl, Ms. Mais, Mr. Thesiger, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Petersen, with additional assistance from our student teachers. Thanks to all! "Go Currie All Stars!!"

Redesigned Curriculum

The BC Ministry of Education has developed an updated curriculum. For information about the changes, please have a look at this website; <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

Teachers have been provided with release time, as well as additional training days to become more familiar with the new curriculum.

The first of these two additional days is Friday, January 29 and the second day is Monday, May 29. Teachers will be meeting at one of three sites to share and learn more about specific areas of the new curriculum.



Scholastic Book Fair: February 9th, 11th and 12th

Help to support student literacy and raise funds for our school library through your purchases!

PINK SHIRT DAY

Wednesday, February 24th

The last Wednesday in February is PINK SHIRT DAY, a day when people are encouraged to wear pink as a symbol of acceptance and tolerance. Get in the spirit and wear pink on February 24th.



PAC Meeting - Wednesday, February 17th

The next PAC meeting will be on Wednesday, February 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. We hope you can join us!

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

In an effort to reduce, reuse and recycle, General Currie will be **posting** their monthly newsletters on our website. In addition, **hard copies** will be available outside the office in the plexi-glass holders. Please advise the office of your email address, if you did not indicate on the verification form.

Currie Website: <http://currie.sd38.bc.ca/>

Parent Satisfaction Survey

Help us plan for the future by telling us about your education experience. Students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12, their parents and all staff in B.C. public schools are invited to participate in an annual online satisfaction survey about their school experience.

The parent survey is available in 16 languages and takes about 10 minutes to complete. All responses are anonymous and confidential.

The survey is open until the end of April. To take the online survey now, using a web browser such as Internet Explorer, Safari, Chrome, or Firefox, please go to bit.ly/pss2016

For those who do not have access to a computer, you can contact your school's office to request a paper version of the survey.

家长满意度调查（中文简体字版）

请分享您的学习经历，以帮助我们筹划未来。特诚邀卑诗省所有公立学校在校的四年级、七年级、十年级学生和他们的家长，以及全部教职员参与年度满意度在线调查，分享各位就学的经历。

面向家长的调查可以用十六种语言作答，只需要十分钟时间即可完成。回应全部采用匿名方式并为参与者保密。

在线调查将一直开放到今年四月。如欲参与此在线调查，请选用以下任何浏览器 Internet Explorer, Safari, Chrome, or Firefox 并访问 bit.ly/pss2016 网站。

如果您需要帮助，请与您孩子的学校办公室联系，获取书面版的调查问卷。

家長滿意度調查（中文繁體字版）

請分享您的學習經歷，以幫助我們籌劃未來。特誠邀卑詩省所有公立學校在校的四年級、七年級、十年級學生和他們的家長，以及全部教職員參與年度滿意度在線調查，分享各位就學的經歷。

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

In light of the recent earthquake that shook our area, we thought it would be a good idea to review our emergency preparedness procedures. As our school is in an earthquake zone, safety procedures have been put in place in the event that this or a similar emergency situation should occur. First Aid supplies, search and rescue equipment and water are all stored in the school. Westwind has its own Emergency Preparedness Manual, which outlines the procedures to be followed before, during and after an earthquake. All staff members are familiar with this document and are prepared to care for your child until you can reach the school.

As required by the Ministry and district policies, our school will be practicing earthquake drills with a similar frequency as fire drills. The following procedures will be used:

- Take cover and "hold" under desks or table. Assume Crash Position on knees, head down; hold with arms held high to protect the sides of the head.
- Face away from windows.
- Count aloud from 1 - 60 until the shaking stops.
- Evacuate the building in single file to the assembly area on the back field and remain there until instructions are received from the principal or his/her designate.

In the event of an emergency, parents should be aware that in the interest of student safety:

- No student will be allowed to leave without a parent or individual designated by the parent.
- No student will be allowed to leave with anyone other than his/her parent unless we have written permission to that effect, or, unless that person is listed on the student's information card.
- Teachers will be required to await authorization from the Principal or designate before dismissing students. An authorized representative must sign out your child. We do ask for your help in the following areas:
 - Please do not call the school; we must have lines open for emergency calls.
 - Following an earthquake or other emergency, do not immediately drive to the school as streets may be cluttered with debris. The school access route and entrance must remain open for emergency vehicles. When it is safe to do so, please travel by foot to our school.
- Do turn your radios to CKNW (980 am) or CBC (690 am) for emergency announcements.