

PESLLWATLSTEN

"ABANDONING MONTH"

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

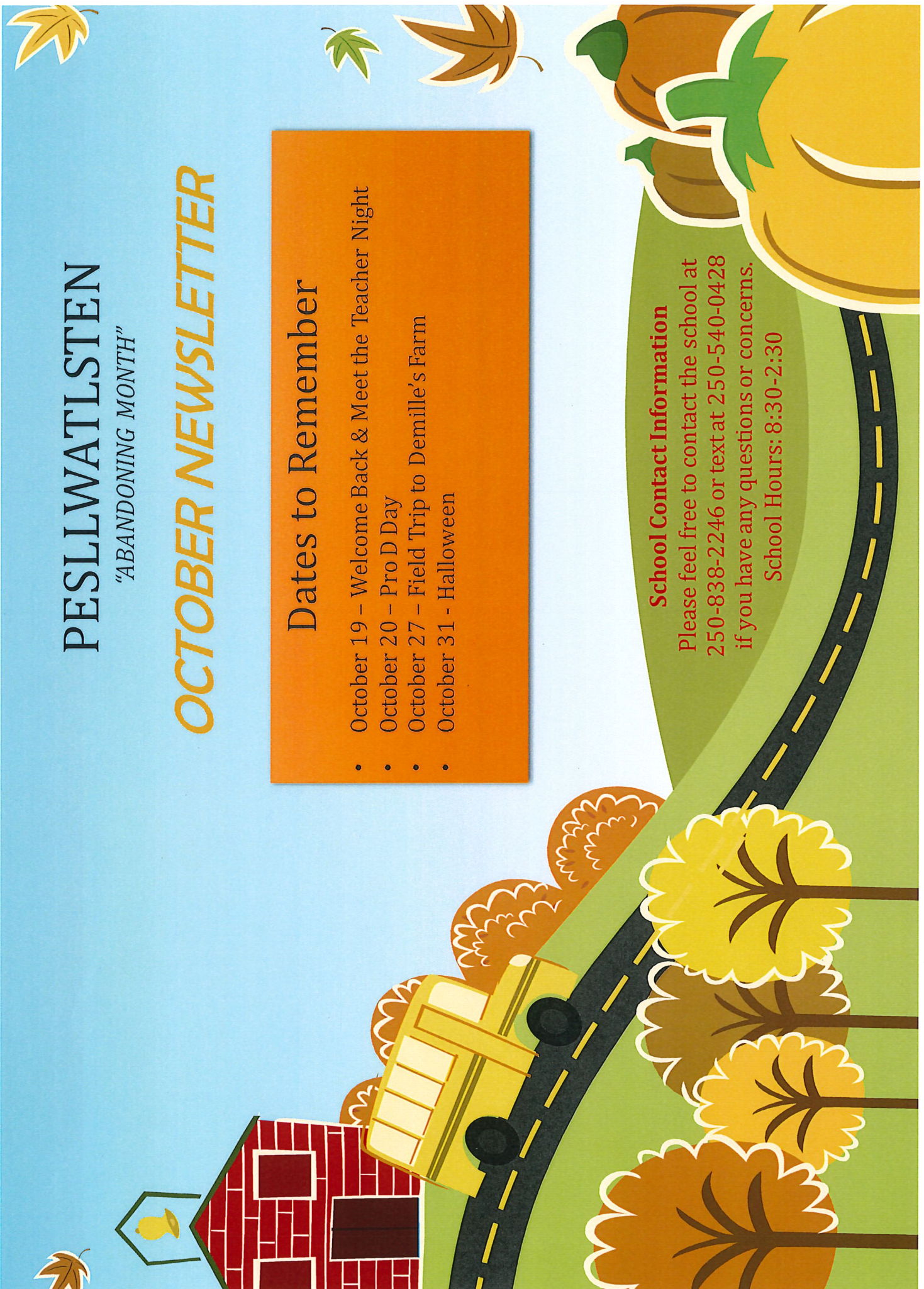
Dates to Remember

- October 19 – Welcome Back & Meet the Teacher Night
- October 20 – Pro D Day
- October 27 – Field Trip to Demille's Farm
- October 31 - Halloween

School Contact Information

Please feel free to contact the school at
250-838-2246 or text at 250-540-0428
if you have any questions or concerns.

School Hours: 8:30-2:30



Ms. Miller's Classroom News

We have had a wonderful start to the school year! Students have quickly mastered our classroom rules and routines. We spent our first few weeks getting to know each other and becoming familiar with the school environment.

We have learned the name, sound and poem for 4 letters of the alphabet. We have read stories and had discussions on people who work in our school, different areas of our school/classroom, and things we see in and hear in our environment.

Kindergarten students have begun writing in journals on various topics, printing letters in composition and learning to read in small group reading lessons. In math we are becoming familiar with math manipulatives, such as tedding bear counters, pattern blocks and linking cubes. We have done some graphing, sorting, counting and printing numbers.

Our cultural story *How Bear and Coyote Made Day and Night* has been told by John. I have set up a story retell table and we have been talking about day and night. We have started a unit on light.

I am looking forward to some field trips in October. We will be visiting jungle mania, the Kekuli, the community center for gym classes and one of my favourites – the river float!

Thank you to all caregivers for helping our school year start off on the right foot by sending your children rested, prepared and ready to learn! – Ms. Miller

Ms. Racher's Classroom News

We welcomed 10 creative and hard-working students into Grade ½ this year! In September we settled back into our classroom routines and learned / practiced our classroom rules and expectations together:

In Grade ½ we commit to taking **care of our Earth, our school, all people, creatures and ourselves** by following our Classroom Rules:

- Coyote reminds us to **"Follow Directions Quickly!"**
- Owl reminds us to **"Listen While Others are Speaking!"**
- Beaver reminds us to **"Work Hard, Be Safe and Have Fun!"**
- Moose and Eagle say: **"Don't Snort or Squeal Unless It's a BIG DEAL!"**
- If it's a **"BIG DEAL"**, Bear helps us **Problem Solve and Restore Peace!**

Students have daily small group lessons in both Math and Reading and are monitored very closely to identify when they need to be challenged and/or supported with extra practice to fully master each unit. Each afternoon, following a Read Aloud, we have a "Booster Block" rotation (4X20 minute rotations in groups of 3-4). Station themes include: Writing/Spelling Lesson, Exploration Station (Applied Skills and Design, Playtime), I-Pad Math/Literacy Games and Fine Arts/Science Activities. Students love Booster Block and I do too, as it gives another opportunity to work with students in small ratios to build relationships and maximize learning time.

I am extremely proud of how smoothly our students have transitioned back to school and I look forward to being able to support and challenge them in the year ahead! Kukwstep-kuc for sharing your amazing children with me and as always, my classroom door is open and please reach out anytime for any reason! -- Miss Racher

Mrs. Marta's Classroom News

It has been so nice to welcome all the students back to school. This month students have started reading groups and math. Students have done an all about me collage and write up. We have learned about the Seven Sacred Teachings, zones of regulation and how to calm ourselves down. Students learned the pointillism technique, and how to make paper baskets. John comes into our class three times a week to teach us language.

This year we have an exciting opportunity to split the students and do a culture and PE block twice a week. So, each week your students will get a PE block and Culture block one afternoon per week.

We had a busy week of TRC events, we read books, had discussions, created art, listened to a presentation from the Kulak family and created a banner with AL Fortune. I am so excited to be teaching the youth of Splatsin.

Mrs. Kopp's Classroom News

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School year for the Grade 5-7 classroom. We have started the year of with 17 students in our classroom. We have been focusing on getting to know each other, classroom routines and classroom/school rules.

Our Cultural story "How Bear and Coyote Made Day and Night" has been told by John in the classroom and also by John and Kenthen Thomas on our Rafting trip. We are studying Coyotes and learning about refraction and reflection of light.

We have some amazing curriculum planned for October which includes a Cultural Performance " How Raven Stole the Sun", River floating on the Shuswap, Jungle Mania, Gym of Rock, visiting the Kekuli and going to the Community Center for Gym with Mrs. Racher.

At Shihya School everyone Matters, Belongs and is Loved. Welcome to Mr. De Clerk who is teaching in our classroom on Tuesdays and Thursdays while I work with the Education Administration team- Darrell Jones and Nerissa Joseph at the Band Office on these days. I look forward to the amazing year that we have already started, and I know we will all continue to flourish and learn amazing things together.

Cultural News from John Jones

Shihiya Language Program

Waytkp, es skwast John tis Splatın ka.

Hello everyone, my name is John, and I am from Splatsın.

It is great to be back working at Shihiya. Our fluent speaker Donna Antoine has returned as well, and we are working towards revitalizing Splatsın dialect into our school and community.

This semester we are telling the story, 'Skwlaqs and Coyote Make day and Night'. We have come up with a vocabulary of 13 words and incorporating them into a shorten version of the story, all in Secwápmctsin. Both Secwápmc vocabulary and story will be made available on the app Book Creator.

Shihiya Language Program has been using the app, 'Book Creator', to create books in Secwápmctsin. These books have pictures and the written Secwápmctsin which is translated to English as well as an audio clip to hear the language. The audio clips can be replayed as many times as the listener wants. Book Creator has been loaded on to students iPad, they will be available to students soon. Students and families will be able access lessons at home.

We continue doing classroom lessons and small group sessions with all students. In addition, we are working with the cultural activities to bring the language into sessions.

John Jones

Language Resource Co-Ordinator

School Happenings with Brenna Parent Engagement Coordinator

Back to School Events

The Education Department teamed up with Social Development and Stsmamlt Services to host various Back-To-School opportunities for students and parents. We were able to provide backpacks with different school supplies, hygiene packs (body wash, deodorant, toothbrush/paste & info on proper hygiene etc.). We excitingly were able to provide shoes from SportChek up to \$100 for Splatsin students or parents who showed up on the 2 designated days to complete orders. We were also able to plan a haircut day along with a clothing swap/drive to prep students for their picture days! The Education Department is always looking for new ways to further support students and families, we send an extended 'Thank You' to Stsmamlt Services and Social Development for helping us make this happen!

Back-to-School Contests to Celebrate Back-to-School

The Parental Engagement coordinator was able to provide 5 opportunities over the month of September for parents to enter a back-to-school draw with different questions each week to be answered. An example of one of the questions is: Why is it important for students to have consistent attendance? Prizes throughout the month were IPE family pass with 2 ride brancelts, \$50 IGA giftcard, a parent's wake up basket, a snack-pack basket and TBA for the last contest prize.

Truth and reconciliation Day

Shihiya School, A.L Fortune and M.V Beattie came together for the first time ever on Sept. 28th to recognize Orange Shirt day early. The schools were able to watch an amazing presentation by Bella Kulak and her parent's (Creators of National Ribbon Skirt day). Shihiya and ALF students participated in a march through the City of Enderby to the Splatsin Community Centre for the presentation and to also to bring awareness to Orange Shirt Day.

New Staff

Derek De Clerk (Teacher) – I grew up in Ontario and quickly realized how many more outdoor experiences B.C. had to offer. My wife and I now live here with our 2 children. Camping, hiking, fishing, snowboarding and woodworking are enjoyable activities for my mind and body.

Chris Lau (CEA) – I am from the east coast originally. I have 4 children that attend the school, and I wouldn't want them in any other school. I look forward to being as involved as possible with the community.

Hello everyone! My name is Christy Lucas, and it has been a privilege getting to know the families at Shihya this Fall. Everyone has been very kind and welcoming. My kids and I moved from the coast to Salmon Arm a couple of years ago. It has been nice to return to a small community again, as I grew up in Williams Lake. We have been enjoying exploring the Shuswap and meeting new friends. I have worked previously as an EA and a receptionist in various settings. I'm looking forward to serving as secretary at Shihya this year.

Constance's Kitchen

Sample Menu

Breakfast:	Breakfast:	Breakfast:	Breakfast:
Oatmeal	Smoothie	Hashbrown breakfast	Cereal and Berries
Morning Snack:	Morning Snack:	Morning Snack:	Morning Snack:
Popcorn	Veggie Platter	Popcorn	Baked Good
Afternoon Snack:	Afternoon Snack:	Afternoon Snack:	Afternoon Snack:
Muffins	Plums	Fruit	Plums
			Muffins

Tips from Constance's Kitchen

If sending a package of Mr. Noodles to school for lunch, place it (still in the package) in a Ziplock sandwich box. The sandwich box acts as a ready-made bowl, the lid as a cover to seal for it while the kids are out for lunch recess, hot water added just before they go out, lid on and the noodles are ready when they come in for Lunch.

Pitch on your hands?

A little peanut butter rubbed in, then add dish soap, wash in warm water, and ta da! The pitch is gone!

Shihiya Staff List

Administration: Darrell Jones – Education Director
Nerissa Joseph – Education Assistant
Brenna Joseph- Parent Engagement Coordinator

Teaching Staff

- Reidun Kopp – Head Teacher & Grade 5-7
- Ashley Marta – Grade 3-4
- Amanda Racher Grade 1-2
- Amanda Miller Grade K4-K5
- Derek De Clerk
- John Jones – Language Resource Coordinator
- Donna Antoine – Secwepemc Language Mentor

Support Staff

- Danielle Arter – CEA
- Sydney Maarhuis – CEA
- Chris Lau – CEA
- Al Bateman – Bus Driver
- Lorilyn Alford – Bus Driver
- Constance Christian – Cook
- Colleen Nicholas – Custodian
- Christy Lucas - Secretary