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June 2026 Newsletter

Summer Holidays on the Horizon

The final bell has almost rung and the concerns about "summer slide" are creeping into the minds of educators and families. However, Summer Holidays for elementary students don't have to be a choice between academics and two months of mindless screen time. The secret to a great summer? Balance. It's about finding that sweet spot between organized activities and the "productive boredom" that sparks true creativity. Here are some ideas that might help.

Embrace the "Sneaky" Learning

The best summer learning can feel like a game, not a chore. Cooking is just math and science in a tasty disguise. Have your child double a recipe to practice fractions or observe how yeast rises. The local libraries run summer reading programs with prizes. Grab a cheap notebook and head to a local park. Ask them to sketch one bug, one leaf, and one bird they see. It builds observation skills and patience.

The Power of "I'm Bored"

Boredom is actually the nursery of invention. When a child is "bored," they are forced to use their imagination. Whether it's building a fort out of couch pillows or creating a new sport in the backyard using a broom and a tennis ball, these moments develop problem-solving skills that a worksheet simply can't touch.

Community Connections

Summer is the perfect time to strengthen social ties outside of the school hallways. Meeting up with classmates at a local playground helps maintain social connections, making the transition back to school in September much smoother. Simple volunteer work can include helping pick up litter at a park or sorting cans for a food drive can foster a sense of civic duty.

Here's to a summer of growth, rest, and just the right amount of dirt under the fingernails!

Upcoming Events & Dates

- June 2 Support Staff Appreciation Day
- June 9 PAC AGM Meeting at 9:00 am in the staff room
- Jun 11 Gr 3s visiting Rayleigh Elementary
- June 17 Riverside Park Field Trip
- June 18 Speedy Creek Band visit
- June 19 National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 23 Year End Assembly in Silva's room
- June 23 PAC/School Fun Day 10:30-2:34
- June 25 Summative Learning Updates printed & published
- June 25 Last day of school - dismissal at 12:34 pm
- Sept 8 First Day of School 10:30 am -12:34 pm
- Sept 21 Pro-D Day - no school for students
- Sept 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - no school
- Oct 12 Thanksgiving Day - no school
- Oct 23 Pro-D Day - no school for students
- SD #73 School Calendar for 2026/2027
- SD #73 School Calendar for 2027/2028
- SD #73 School Calendar for 2028/2029

Learning Updates Overview

- **1st** Point of Contact: Classroom Connections - Oct 29th
- **2nd** Point of Contact: Written Learning Updates printed & published - Dec 12th
- **3rd** Point of Contact: Written Learning Updates printed & published - March 11th
- **4th** Point of Contact: Open House - April 29th 2:00-4:00 pm.
- **5th Point of Contact: Summative Written Learning Updates printed & published - June 25th**

Final Learning Updates

Summative Written Learning Updates (Final Report Cards) will be published to the MyEd BC Parent Portal in the morning of June 25th. I encourage you to login to the Parent Portal and ensure that your login and password are up to date. For more information and support on how to access the Parent Portal or to reset your password, visit our website. A paper copy of the Summative Written Learning Update will be sent home with your child on June 25th.

Last Day of School

Thursday, June 25th is the last day of school and will dismiss at 12:34 pm. The afternoon bus will run two hours earlier than the typical schedule.

Kindergarten Registration 2026

We continue to have Kindergarten registrations trickle in for next school year. If you know anyone with a student who is turning five by December 31, 2026, please encourage them to contact the office as soon as possible. The school office will remain open during the first week of July.

Open Parachute Learning Moment

This month's Open Parachute Learning Moment shares ideas around How to Build Strong Communication patterns with your child. We hope that this 5 minute learning opportunity will give some ideas that will work for your family.

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Beverly Bullock Outdoor Education Fund

Our school received a $325 cheque from the Beverly Bullock Outdoor Education Fund held at the BC Interior Community Foundation. Beverly Bullock was a huge advocate for outdoor learning and sports and her legacy continues to enrich the lives of students at Heffley Creek Elementary. Thanks to this financial support, we have updated our equipment supply so that students can be active and enjoy the outdoors. We are so grateful for this support and look forward to hearing the squeals of joy as students use this equipment for years to come.



Views from the New Kitchen

Renovations paid for through District Feeding Futures Funds



Criminal Record Checks

Thank you to everyone who has worked through the process of getting a Criminal Record Check done this year. Having a completed Criminal Record Check on file alleviates last minute stress and opens the door to participating in a number of school-based activities such as field trips, in-class helping, PAC activities and much more. All that you need to go through this process is on the Rayleigh website (we share a portal between the two schools).

On Call Lunch Hour Supervisors Needed

Every once in a while, we need parents to help with lunch supervision. This involves supervision from 12:00-1:00 pm, comes with a $12 honorarium and provides an opportunity to connect with our school community. Patience and a Criminal Record Check on file are needed. If you are interested in helping the school in this way for next school year, please contact Naomi Winter in the office.

PAC News

If you are looking to connect with the Heffley Creek PAC, feel free to email: pac.heffleycreek@gmail.com

The Heffley Creek PAC will have an AGM at the next meeting on Tuesday, June 9th at 9:00 am in the staff room. Everyone is welcome to attend. The April 28th meeting was postponed to May 19th and here is a link to the minutes from that meeting.