

# Kersley Elementary

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Dear families:

We have quite a large selection of clothing building up in our lost and found, including numerous pairs of shoes and snow pants. While we provide regular reminders to students to look for lost items, many pieces of clothing remain unclaimed. When you are at the school, please take a look to see if any of these items belong to your child.

Have a wonderful time with family on February 17<sup>th</sup>!

Thank you,

Joelle Withey, Principal

## Upcoming Dates

### February 3

Kindergarten Registration begins

### February 13

Seniors' Lunch

### February 14

Valentine's Day  
Division 3 – Troll Ski Day

### February 17

Family Day (no school)

### February 18

Activity/Event Meeting at 2:30  
Everyone is welcome!  
Please come share your ideas!

### February 24

Division 3 leaves for an overnight field trip to Gavin Lake!

### February 27

Monster Theatre performing arts at Lakeview Elementary

### March 6

Shamrock Tube Run

### March 9

Division 3 - Troll Ski Day  
Basketball Finals start

### March 12

Seniors' Lunch  
Communicating Student Learning goes home today

## Shamrock Tube Run

ALL STUDENTS

Friday, March 6, 2020

Watch for permission forms!

Please ensure children have clothing layers.

Helmets are mandatory in order for students to enjoy the tube run. There are a limited number available for students to borrow. Please have your child bring their own if they have one at home.

If you would like to join us please make sure the correct volunteer forms are filled out.

### Kersley PAC

**President:** Shannon Wilwand  
**Vice President:** Desiree Wiebe  
**Secretary** – Felicia Fritz  
**Treasurer** – Patricia Lafleur

**Next Meeting: Feb. 26 @ 6:00**

# Kersley Elementary PAC Newsletter

Welcome to our first newsletter! We are hoping that by having a newsletter to try and keep everyone informed about events and volunteer needs, we can see some new faces at PAC events and meetings.

## **What is the PAC?**

The Kersley Elementary PAC (Parent Advisory Council) is a council where parents work together to help bring opportunities to our school and kids. Teachers and staff want to hear parents input, this is where the 'advisory' comes in to play. Do you want to see any changes, or like to be involved more? Join the PAC.

## **What does the PAC do?**

A few things the PAC organizes and/or funds:

Dance Crews, Hot Lunches, Corn Maze Trips, Math Programs, Bussing For Skiing, Tube Run and so much more!

## **Who is part of the PAC?**

Any parent/guardian is welcome!

*Without the PAC, none of these "extras" would be possible.*

This council requires volunteers! There has been a group of ladies always stepping up and giving their time and effort for all our kids, but some are leaving soon and many have limited time.

## **Current items the PAC is working on:**

- 1) One of our main funding sources is the bottle shed. Unfortunately this is always done by the same volunteers. We are hoping to make sorts more frequent to lessen the work load and reduce need for storage. We are hoping to have more advanced notice on dates and times for sorts.
- 2) There have been many parents wanting to see more playground equipment opportunities for our kids, so we are hoping to get a dedicated group together to look at what we can do to make that happen! Many hands make light work.
- 3) With our school being painted this summer, the PAC has been asked what ideas we may have for the older school photos that are currently in the hallway. There is a survey on the PAC Facebook page where all parents are welcome to voice their opinions. Please come to the PAC meeting and help us decide the best choice in this matter.

**If you have ideas, want to get involved or are interested in what is happening at our school, please come to the next PAC meeting on February 25 at 6 pm in the library. (Free babysitting available)**

**If we do not have enough volunteers to make up the PAC, we will lose the council and grants that come with it, meaning loss of many opportunities.**



# 38th Annual

## Hallis Lake Ski Tournament

**Saturday February 22, 2020**

**9:00 a.m. Hallis Lake Lodge**

**FREE EVENT FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL  
& ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**Registration Deadline**

**Tues. Feb. 18**



**Contact:**

**Sunshine Borsato**

**250-983-9300**

**Sponsors:**

**Hello Promotions**

**McDonalds Restaurant**

**Quesnel Bakery**

**Rocky Peak Adventure Gear**

**Timber Trek Consulting Ltd**

SEE INFORMATION FLYER AND REGISTRATION FORMS AT:

[www.caribooski.ca](http://www.caribooski.ca)

# OUR TELLINGS 2

# MARCH 6, 2020

Chuck Mobley Theatre, Correlieu Secondary  
Proceeds to SD 28 Breakfast Programs  
Doors Open @ 6:30, Show Starts @ 7

True Stories from the Heart



## FEATURING

Ian Grant - Judy Campbell - Rob Borsato  
Brenda Beatty - Micah McGowan - Doreen Patrick - Shawn Smith  
Dennis Hawkins-Bogle - Mary-Jo Hilyer - Maggie Forbes Therrien

Admission by Donation





Date: February 7, 2020

Address:

Dear: Parents/Guardians

We are writing to give you updated information on the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), a new virus causing respiratory illness. Families may be concerned about the risk to their families. The highest number of infections continue to be reported from Hubei Province, China. There have been a small number of cases of 2019-nCoV in B.C. which are being very closely managed. The risk to British Columbians remains low.

Our knowledge of this virus continues to grow, and we are using new information to adjust our public health recommendations. We are now aware of early evidence that this virus can cause a range of mild to severe symptoms, and it is possible that people will not recognize symptoms that are mild. During this time, they can reduce the chance of spread by limiting contact with others.

Therefore, we now recommend that:

- Students or staff returning from **Hubei Province, China** consider staying home for 14 days after they left Hubei. They should monitor themselves daily for symptoms like fever or cough. Parents should assist children as needed. Those who develop symptoms, should stay home and call their health-care provider or 8-1-1 to discuss any need for testing and follow up.
- Students or staff, who have been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with 2019-nCoV should consider staying home for 14 days after their last encounter. Individuals should monitor themselves daily for symptoms like fever and cough. Parents should assist children as needed. Those who develop symptoms should stay home and call their health-care provider or 8-1-1 to discuss any need for testing and follow up.
- Students or staff who have been in other parts of China (outside Hubei Province) should monitor themselves daily for symptoms like fever or cough for 14 days. Parents should assist children as needed. Those who develop symptoms should stay home and call their health-care provider or 8-1-1 to discuss any need for testing and follow up.

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The Ministry of Education continues to be in close contact with public health officials at all levels of government and ask the public not to make assumptions about the risk of students or staff based on their ethnicity or travel history.

### **Advice for Students and Families Considering Travel:**

Students and families considering travel to and from China are encouraged to consult the [Novel Coronavirus in China Travel Health Notice](#) on the Government of Canada Travel and Tourism site regularly. Recommendations change as new information becomes available.

### **Advice on School Events, Outings and Field Trips**

It is not necessary to cancel school events, outings or field trips to public locations in B.C. and Canada and to most places in the world. The Government of Canada has advised however, the public should [avoid non-essential travel to China](#).

### **Advice on masks from Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry:**

When sick, wearing a mask helps to prevent us from passing on illnesses to other people. But if you are not sick, we do not know if wearing a mask will prevent infection, especially for children who may not be able to wear a mask properly. People wearing a mask may also touch their faces more often, potentially increasing the risk of having the eyes, nose or mouth come into contact with the virus.

Some parents wonder if a child who is returning from an affected area of China should wear a mask to school. Since the main way the virus is spread is through coughing and sneezing, this isn't necessary for healthy children. Wearing masks in public, with a goal of preventing spread of illness, can be a way some communities show respect for others. While we do not recommend wearing masks for healthy children, it is important that any children who do wear masks are treated with respect and not fear.

### **Reducing the risk of coronavirus, colds and flu**

- Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds using soap and water.
- If a sink is not available, alcohol-based hand rubs (ABHR) can be used to clean hands if they are not visibly soiled. If they are visibly soiled using a wipe and then ABHR is effective.
- Do not touch your face/eyes/mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough with a disposable tissue or the crease of your elbow.

- Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces. Regular household cleaning products are effective against most viruses.
- Stay home if you are sick and away from others so you don't pass it on.

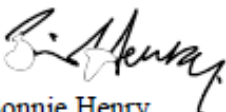
A new toll-free phone number (1 833 784-4397) has been established to answer questions from Canadians about the 2019 novel coronavirus. Service is available from 7 a.m. to midnight EST.

Anyone who is concerned they may have been exposed to, or are experiencing symptoms of, the coronavirus should contact their primary care provider, local public health office, or call 8-1-1.

Further information about novel coronavirus is available on the BC Centre for Disease Control [website](#).

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Sincerely,



Bonnie Henry  
MD, MPH, FRCPC  
Provincial Health Officer