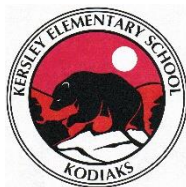


Kersley Elementary



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Dahooja and Happy New Year Kersley families!

It is wonderful be back at school and catching up with everything that has been going on in my absence. Thanks to Mrs. Desbiens for filling in for me and giving me time to recover.

We have been working on "I Can" for our December and January KODIAKS focus. We will be celebrating "I Can" students in each class on January 26 at our KODIAKS assembly. "I Can" students recognize what they can do, take chances to try new things, and are willing to work hard and persevere in their daily learning! Our next KODIAKS focus will be "Appreciate Others" for February and March.

We have a lot of out-of-school learning experiences in the days before Spring Break. We are excited for Division 3 to be helping Donna Koning with Seniors' lunches! Students had a wonderful time practicing wheelchair sports during our visit with Rob Stiles from the Northern Adaptive Sports.

Thanks to our PAC executive, parents and community for your ongoing support of our school and students.

Sunachailya,
Ms. Danuser
Principal

Student Jobs

Term 2 student jobs began this week and all the students in Grades 4 to 7 have signed up for a job or two. This is a great way for students to demonstrate responsibility and leadership and work on their job skills. Wednesday, January 25 we will be having a Pizza Lunch to celebrate all the hard work students did in our first term. Sunachailya and keep up the great work!

Attention: Grade 4 and 7 Parents and Guardians

It is time for the annual Ministry of Education and Child Care's Student Learning Survey. The Student Learning Survey is for students in grade 4, 7, 10 and 12, their parents/guardians, staff and administrators. Parents can access the survey at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm. Surveys are to be completed by parents with children in Grades 4, 7, 10, and 12. A parent may complete a survey for each child in the targeted grades. The parent survey is available in English, French and 16 other languages. Parents can complete surveys on their own time.

Upcoming Dates

January 25 – Division 2 and 3 Skating

January 26 – Read-a-Rama
- KODIAKS Spirit Pajama Day
- KODIAKS I Can Assembly
11:10am

January 27 – **Non-Instructional Day** No School for students

January 30 – PAC Meeting 5:30 pm in Library

January 30 – **Kindergarten registration starts**

February 1, 8, 15, 22 – Division 2 & 3 Skating

February 6, 9, 10 – Div. 3 Troll Ski Hill trips

February 17 – BC Family Day

February 22 – KODIAK Spirit Pink Shirt and Anti-bullying Day

February 16, 23 March 2 - Hallis Lake X-country Skiing

March 16 – Term 2 reports home

March 20 – 31 Spring Break

April 7 – Good Friday

April 10 - Easter Monday

KODIAKS Team Standings

Datsancho	595
Fast & Furry Yus	551
Spirit Sus	597

Skate Donations

We have a limited supply of extra skates for our students. If you have some old children's skates you no longer need please consider donating them to the school.

Dakelh Language and Culture

Arlene Horutko visited Kersley at the beginning of January to share her knowledge of Dakelh Language. We were fortunate to have her visit all three classes for three days. Sunachailya, Mrs. Horutko.

Practice some Dakelh language with your children.

Ndi'I datsancho int'oh – This is a raven.

Sacho Bunun – January – the time of the big moon

Lhuk'I - one

Nankoh - two

Tak'ih - three

Nut & Legume Free Snacks & Lunches

Due to severe allergies including peanuts, tree nuts and all legumes, we ask that you refrain from sending food that include these ingredients. Please remind your child(ren) to not share their food or snacks. Thank you!

Safe Arrival

Please call the school if your child is going to be late or absent. If you prefer to use our handy online form, please go to <https://kersleyelementary.weebly.com/is-your-child-away.html> and complete the form. Ms. Danuser or Ms. Winofsky will call home to confirm an absence if your child is away without prior notification.

Ms. Winofsky's hours: Monday 8-9:15 am, Tues-Thurs 8:00-11:00am, Friday 8:00-10:30am. Call Ms. Danuser's cell (250)255-0473 after these hours.

In addition, please advise the classroom teacher if your child will be leaving school early, walking to a different location at the end of the day, or will be picked up by a different person.

District Lunch and Family Affordability Fund

We realize that with the rising inflation many families may be struggling financially. Please contact the school if you need any support.

Scholastic Book Orders

Our whole school participates in the Scholastic Reading Club program. Paper flyers will come home about every second month, but you can also check out the digital flyers and order at any time of the year. Orders are all online, and books are shipped directly to your home. Every time you place an order our school earns valuable credits that we use to buy books and games for classrooms. Please go to scholastic.ca/reading-club and **enter the class code RC203640** to place your order.

THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI)

Grade 6 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time between:

January 10th and March 3rd, 2023.

For more information and to view the questionnaires:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/mdi-overview/>

Parent FAQs:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/parent-caregiver-info/>

2022 -2023 PAC Executive

Hillary Shearing - President 250-983-2926

Melissa Winofsky - V. President 250-316-0096

Desirae McNaughton – Treasurer
Jeni James / Michelle Syvertsen – Secretary

Winter Weather!

It feels like spring, BUT it's not ☹️ The cold weather and winter conditions are still here. Please ensure that your child comes to school prepared for winter weather with warm jackets, snow pants and winter boots. Please send extra clothing to school with your child as they will be playing outside. Extra mittens and socks are definitely a good idea. If the outside temperature is -15°C or if it is extremely wet, it will be an inside day at the school. Otherwise the students will be outside.

Please remember to write your child's name on their belongings, especially mittens, gloves and hats.

Bell Schedule 2022-2023

8:15	Morning Session
begins	
10:00-10:15	Recess
10:15-11:45	Late Morning Session
11:45-12:42	Lunch
12:42-2:23	Afternoon Session

Speed Limit Reminders

Please respect and follow the speed limit through the school

Healthy Practices

Throughout cold and flu season we have been experiencing increased student and staff absences. We wanted to remind everyone to stay home when sick as this stops the spread of illness.

Students, visitors and staff should stay home if they have symptoms of illness such as: fever or chills, difficulty breathing, diarrhea, runny nose, headache, sore throat, sneezing, body aches, loss of sense of smell or taste, loss of appetite, extreme fatigue or tiredness, vomiting, severe uncontrolled coughing or wheezing.

We continue to practice hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.

If you are sick or feel unwell, please stay home.

Message from the PAC

Next Pac meeting will be January 30 at 5:30pm in the School Library. PAC meetings are the last Monday of each month. We are always looking for new members to bring ideas and opinions to the PAC, and have discussions on how we can help make the rest of the year amazing for the students. Hope to see you there.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for 2023-2024 will start on **January 30, 2023 and continue to March 10, 2023.**

- Documents required:
 - Birth Certificate/Passport/Status Card
 - Care Card/BC Services Card
 - Proof of Residency (2 pieces).
- Please register at your local school.
- For registration in **French Immersion**, please contact École Red Bluff Lhtako at 250-747-2634.
- If you have any questions, please call your neighbourhood school or the Quesnel School District Administration Office at 992-8802.

We are a Nut and Legume Free & Scent Free School

Please remember we are a **Nut & Legume Free school. WOW butter contains soy**, so therefore we can't have students bringing it in their lunches.



SCENT FREE ZONE



All Quesnel School District sites are **SCENT FREE!** If you are sending any hand cream or hand sanitizer to school with your child, it **MUST BE SCENT FREE**. This includes essential oils and natural products

Recycling

Each classroom has recycling for drink containers, packaging and composting. Thank you to Division 2 and Ms. Collingwood for heading up our recycling program!