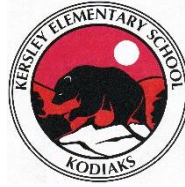


Kersley Elementary



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Dahooja Kersley families,

The winter weather has arrived! It is wonderful to see all the snow sculptures our students are creating.

I will be on medical leave beginning December 5, 2022. Ashleigh Desbiens will be our Principal while I am away. She is currently the Vice Principal at Ecole Red Bluff Lhtako and is excited to work with our amazing students, families, and staff at Kersley.

As we gear up to the winter break we will be doing some draws for vouchers and gift cards for families as a way to distribute some of the funds we have received from the Ministry of Education and Child Care to help alleviate the rising costs of living. Winning families will be contacted by the principal and your prize will be sent home with your children.

This month, our KODIAKS focus is on Deep Learning. Being a deep learner means you think about what you observe happening around you. We do this by asking questions, making connections, making predictions and inferring.

Thank you to our wonderful Kersley Elementary PAC for their continued support. The intermediate students had fun at curling this month and did a fabulous job persevering while learning a new sport.

Sunachailya,
Ms. Danuser
Principal

Dakelh Language and Culture

Dak'et– Autumn

A'i jut– It is foggy.

Benghaz nats'ukih – November – half the time we travel by boat.

K'an dzen un'az whunezkuz – It's very cold outside today.

Ndi'l sus int'oh – This is a bear.

Upcoming Dates

November 18th – Hot Lunch

Pizza Day

November 24

KODIAKS Spirit Crazy Hair Day &
KODIAKS Deep Learning Assembly
11:20am

November 25 - No School

District Aboriginal NI-Day

Friday, December 2nd

Hot lunch Subway

December 13th

Winter concert 1 pm Kersley Hall –
all welcome to watch

Thursday, December 15th

Report Cards Home

Friday, December 16th

- Last day of school
- Deck the halls – fun activities.
- Kersley Kodiak Spirit Red & Green Day, wear red and/or green
- Hot lunch - McDonald's.

December 19- January 2nd

Winter Break

January 3rd - First day back

January 10 -12 – Dakelh

Language Classes

January 16 – Wheelchair

Basketball

January 26 – Read-a-Rama

- KODIAKS Spirit Pajama Day
- KODIAKS I Can Assembly
11:10am

January 27 – No School

KODIAKS Team Standings

Datsancho	360
Fast & Furry Yus	335
Spirit Sus	360

Raising Digitally Responsible Youth – A Parent’s Guide

Parenting is hard, and the rapid rise of technology and social media use in the lives of their kids makes it harder. To help, Safer Schools Together is sharing access to their parent’s guide for raising digitally responsible youth. The guide was designed to help introduce Parents and Caregivers to leading social media platforms, video games, and relevant trends that are either being used already or have the potential to be used by their children.

This guide is full of tips, how-to’s and definitions for the most widely used apps – including TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram and more. Click on the link below to get your free copy.

<https://resources.saferschoolstogether.com/link/352883/>

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. This year we have the District Lunch program available for school lunches for children should you need it. We also have some funds available for school supplies, clothing, and other fees you may need some assistance with. Please contact the school if you need any support.

Speed Limit Reminders

Please respect and follow the speed limit through the school zone and in the school parking lot.

Winter Weather!

The cold weather has arrived. 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

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.



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.

Message from the PAC.

Hot Lunch is starting Friday November 18th with a pizza day, we are still looking for extra parent volunteers to help prepare and serve Lunch for the students. We are required to have one member have a current food safe certificate. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering or obtaining your food safe.

As required by the district all parent volunteers must have a current criminal record check completed with the School District. Please give the school a call and we can send home the appropriate for forms to complete.

Bottle Shed Sorts: Thank you to all that participated in the Bottle Shed Sort, we raised \$2,890.30.

Please join our Kersley Elementary PAC Facebook page, www.facebook.com/groups/181878242215945.

Current reminders, events, and fundraiser are posted regularly, this is a great place to share suggestions and ideas.

2022 -2023 PAC Executive Team

Hillary Shearing - President 250-983-2926

Melissa Winofsky - V. President 250-316-0096

Desirae McNaughton – Treasurer

Jeni James / Michelle Syvertsen – Secretary

Environmental Exchange Box Program

Div.1 and Div.2 are excited to be participating the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF) Education's Environmental Exchange Box Program. This is a place-based learning program. Classes are paired up from around the province to explore, learn and share about the biodiversity of their local places and then share their learning with each other through a class to class exchange. Each class will create place-based resources and exchange 1 or 2 boxes with their partner class in another part of the province this school year.

Winter Concert

The students have been working hard on their performances for the winter concert and are excited to show off all their hard work.

This year's winter concert will be held at the Kersley Community Hall, December 13, 2022, 1:00pm – 2:15pm

Parents, guardians and families are welcome to attend. The PAC will be serving snack and drinks.



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!

THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY!

School District No. 28 has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Year Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

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/>

If you don't want your child to participate, please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter, or contact the MDI project staff at mdi@help.ubc.ca.

A rectangular sign with a light blue background and a white border. At the top left is a silhouette of a person cross-country skiing with mountains in the background. To the right of the silhouette is the text "CARIBOO" in large, bold, blue capital letters, with "SKI-TOURING CLUB" in smaller, blue capital letters below it. The main body of the sign contains the following text in blue: "Sign up for cross country ski lessons!", "Go to www.caribooski.ca to register!", "Registration closes Dec 31, 22 and spots are filling up fast.", "Ages 3 to 18 are welcome to join!", "contact sdpcordinator@gmail.com", and "or call Laurie at 250-255-7513 for more information."/>

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November 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Government of British Columbia is pleased to inform you that your child may be able to receive a \$1,200 training and education savings grant.

Children are eligible if:

- The parent or guardian, and the child, are BC residents.
- The child's birth year is listed below, and the deadline has not passed:

BIRTH	APPLY BEFORE
2013	Apply before 9th birthday in 2022
2014	Apply before 9th birthday in 2023
2015	Apply before 9th birthday in 2024
2016	Start applying on 6th birthday in 2022

Once you open an account, known as a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP), the Government of British Columbia will deposit a \$1,200 BC Training and Education Savings Grant into the RESP for your child. Students can use the money to pay for their education expenses (e.g., books, tools, rent or transportation) in an apprenticeship program, a trade school, CEGEP, college, or university.

Plan today: you don't have to put any money into the RESP for your child to receive the \$1,200.

Step 1: Get Social Insurance Numbers (SINs) for you and your child. Go to <http://www.canada.ca/social-insurance-number> or call **1-800-622-6232** to find out how.

Step 2: Make an appointment with a financial organization that offers RESPs. Bring the SINs for you and your child and say:

"I want to open an RESP and get the BC Training Education Savings grant for my child."

Learn more: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG> Contact: BCTESG@gov.bc.ca Your child may also be eligible for other, federal incentives, see: canada.ca/education-savings.

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