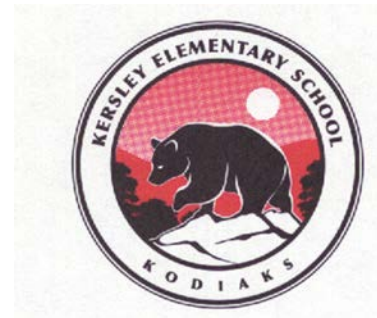


Kersley Elementary

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We hope everyone had a fun and restful Thanksgiving long weekend!

Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Currie to Kersley Elementary! Mrs. Currie is replacing Mrs. Kemp as our Early Literacy Teacher and will be supporting many of our students first thing each morning.

Thank you to PAC for putting on another successful BBQ! It provides such a great opportunity to reconnect after summer holidays and to welcome new families and staff to our amazing school!

Primary planners have arrived. Please check your child's planner every day for important messages from their teacher. Unfortunately, intermediate planners are still on delivery.

Reminder: Student Safety

- Please call the school if your child is going to be late or absent.
- In addition, please advise the classroom teacher or write a note in your child's planner 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.



Thank you Elks Club!

- The Elks Club kindly donated a huge box of delicious apples to our school so our students can enjoy an additional healthy snack. They are delicious!

We are a Scent Free School

- **All** Quesnel School District sites are **SCENT FREE!**
- This includes essential oils and natural products



Upcoming Dates

October 18

PAC Meeting at 3:00pm

October 19

ProD Day (no school)

October 31

Halloween

November 6

KODIAK Assembly

November 8

Remembrance Day Assembly

November 9

NID (no school)

November 12

Remembrance Day stat (no school)

November 15

PAC Meeting at 3:00pm

Important Announcements

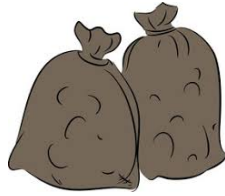
There are two **Early Dismissal Days** on October 25th and 26th to support our Student Led Conferences (Div. 1 & 2) and Digital Reporting Pilot (Div. 3)

Dismissal: 11:23pm

Busses: 3 hours earlier

More Important News

Division 3 - Sandbagging Success!



- Thank you to all of the family volunteers that helped Division 3 fill 1000 sandbags over the course of three afternoons!
- Thank you to United Concrete for donating the sand and to RONA for the savings on loop ties!
- Your generous support will help to make the year-end field trip one that Division 3 will always remember!

Halloween, Wednesday, October 31st



- Students are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to school on Halloween day. It is a Kersley tradition to do a costume parade through the hallway shortly after the morning bell, ending in the gym. Parents are invited to stay and take photos of the parade.
- There will also be a school wide dance from 10:45-11:30 in the gym.
- Please avoid sending sugary treats with your child, and if you are planning to send something for the class please work with your teacher to plan a healthy treat.

Check out our New School Website!

www.kersleyelementary.weebly.com

Our website looks a bit different, but all of the helpful information is still there. Please let us know if you have any questions or have any difficulties navigating the new platform.

IXL Math – Login from Home



Your child is able to login to this math resource from home. Please contact the classroom teacher if your child cannot remember their login information.

We use our WITS at Kersley!

Ask your child how they can use their WITS at school, at home, and in the community.



Kersley PAC

President: Shannon Wilwand
Vice President: Desiree Wiebe
Secretary – Shannon Braconnier
Treasurer – Patricia Townsend

Next Meeting:
October 18th at 3:00pm

PAC Bottle Sorts

We hope to have a second bottle sort before the snow falls!

Bottle sorts take place after dismissal and the date gets posted outside shortly before the event.

Help is always appreciated!

Hot Lunch Days!

Today was the first hot lunch day of the year!

The students enjoyed pizza and are looking forward to hot dogs and veggies on October 23rd!

Corn Maze Fun!

A big thank you to PAC for supporting our whole school field trip to the Corn Maze. The students had a wonderful time drinking hot chocolate, playing on the sand hills, going on a wagon ride, and exploring the maze on a beautiful, sunny autumn day!



EXPLORE IN-DEMAND CAREERS



The WorkBC Find Your Fit tour is coming to your community.

The WorkBC *Find Your Fit* tour is an interactive event where youth (Grade 5 and up) can try the skills they'll need for different careers in demand in your region and across the province.

This hands-on program will help youth apply real life experiences to their career planning.

Parents and family members are welcome. There is no cost for this event.

Where:

Quesnel Junior School
585 Callanan St.
Quesnel, BC

When: October 11, 2018Students & Teachers Only

8:29am – 2:48pm

Parents & Community Members

3:30pm - 7:00pm

Request an event for your community at WorkBC.ca/FindYourFit



Notice to our Students and Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

Quesnel School District Threat Assessment Protocol

The Quesnel School District and our community partners are committed to having safe, caring and inclusive schools. In the event that a student makes a threat of violence or harm to other students, staff or the school community, the school will initiate the Quesnel School District threat assessment protocol.

Violence, Threat and Risk Assessment Protocol

In the event of a serious threat to the wellbeing of students or staff, A Violence, Threat and Risk Assessment Protocol will be initiated.

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. They may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the internet or made by gesture. Threats must be taken seriously, investigated and responded to.

What is the purpose of a threat assessment?

- to ensure the safety of all students, staff, parents and others
- to ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat
- to understand factors contributing to the threat makers' behaviour
- to be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat maker
- to promote the emotional and physical safety of all

What behaviours initiate a VTRA?

A VTRA will be initiated when behaviours include, but are not limited to, serious violence with intent to harm or kill, verbal/written threats to harm/kill others, Internet website/social media threats to harm/kill others, possession of weapons (including replicas), bomb threats, and fire setting.

Duty to report

Staff, parents, students and community members have a duty to report all threat-related behaviours to keep our school community safe.

VTRA Team

Our school has a multi-disciplinary threat assessment team. The team includes principal, vice-principal, district staff, school counsellors and police.

What happens in a student threat assessment?

After a report, the principal will activate the protocol for initial response. The team is activated and interviews may be held with the student(s), the threat maker, parents and staff to determine the level of risk and develop an appropriate response to the incident. Intervention plans will be developed and shared with parents, staff and students as required.

Can someone refuse to participate in a threat assessment process?

It is important for all parties to participate. If someone is reluctant to participate for some reason, the threat assessment process will continue in order to keep our school safe.