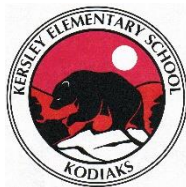


Kersley Elementary



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Dahooja Kersley families,

Happy Autumn/Dak'et! I would like to thank all of you for your generosity towards our recent fundraisers, we raised \$59.80 for Cops for Cancer and \$139.00 for the Terry Fox Run. Sunachailya!

This month we are focusing on Outdoor Learning and Connections for our KODIAKS. Students are learning about ways to take care of our world and gain an understanding of how interconnected our world is with all living and non-living things.

Welcome to Melissa Winofsky as our new secretary!

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow afternoon at 2pm for our PAC Pizza Party and Bottle Sort. We are grateful for how much the bottle shed supports our school activities. Parent teacher conferences are on October 26 and 27. Notices will be going home early next week about this important event to discuss your child's learning and ways to support them.

Sunachailya,
Ms. Danuser
Principal

Dakelh Language and Culture

Dahooja – what's going on?

Te'onte – good-bye

Sunachailya – Thank you for your kindness

Lhooz Hadulh Bunun – October – the time when the whitefish return

This week we had visits from our Dakelh Language Teacher, Arlene Horutko! Students participated in language lessons as well as learning about how Indigenous people were involved in government and changes that have been made over time. We look forward to seeing Mrs. Horutko in January 2023!

Upcoming Dates

October 14

PAC Pizza Party and Bottle Sort 2 – 3:30 pm

October 21 - No School

Provincial Pro – D Day

October 26 & 27

Early Closure 11:23

Parent/Teacher conferences

October 28

KODIAKS Assembly 11:20am

October 31

KODIAK Spirit Costume Day

November 1

PAC Meeting

5:30 pm Library

November 6

Daylight Savings begins

November 7 and 14

Curling with Quesnel Curling Club (Intermediate students)

November 8

Grade 6 Immunizations

November 10

Remembrance Day
Assembly

November 11 – No School

Remembrance Day

November 24

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

November 25 - No School

District Aboriginal NI-Day

KODIAKS Teams

September Points

Datsancho 190

Fast & Furry Yus 150

Spirit Sus 175

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: 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.

Bike Safety Reminders

If your child is biking to school, please remember bike helmets and locks if you have them. Students should park their bikes in the bike racks or the fence by the front entrance.

School Information

Check for your Kersley Elementary School Handbook in your child's backpack. Please keep this for reference as it contains information for students and families about our school.

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.

Fall Weather!

Please ensure that your child comes to school prepared for any weather with warm jackets and warm foot wear on any given day. Please send extra clothing to school with your child as they will be playing outside. Extra mittens are definitely a good idea!

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.



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.

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) for all students in Grades 4 and 7

The Ministry of Education, through the BC's *School Act*, requires that all students in Grades 4 and 7 in B.C. take part in the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA), an annual assessment of reading comprehension, writing, and numeracy (math) skills.

FSA is B.C.'s earliest provincial indicator of student performance and provides strong evidence of future student achievement. The FSA is a required assessment for grade 4 and 7 students and is the first time a student writes a provincial assessment. This year the FSA is scheduled to run from October 3 – November 11, 2022.

The purpose of the FSA is to:

- provide system level information on student performance;
- provide districts and schools with information on student performance;
- support decision-making (interventions, planning, and resource allocation).

The only exceptions are:

- students who have Individual Education Plans (IEPs) documenting a learning disability that significantly impacts their performance and who cannot participate in the assessment, even with adaptations (eg. extended time, a reader or a scribe);
- students with IEPs who would need such extensive adaptations as to create a hardship for the individual students;
- ESL students who have not yet reached a level of proficiency for them to provide meaningful responses.

Principals determine which students, if any, are excused as per the guidelines above. If it is recommended that your child be excused from one or more components of the FSA, you will be contacted prior to the beginning of the assessment. *A parent's submission of a form letter to the Principal will not, of itself, constitute proof of extenuating circumstances.*



Material Donations

We are ready to start some crafts and need your help. If you have fabric, material, yarn, and crochet needles you could donate to our school that would be wonderful.

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!

COME TRY
Ringette

RINGETTE PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO...

- ✓ DISCOVER NEW SKILLS
- ✓ BE PART OF A TEAM
- ✓ MAKE FRIENDS
- ✓ GET ACTIVE
- ✓ HAVE FUN

Drop in Sunday,
October 16th
Between 4-6 pm at
The Westfraser Center

Register online at
COMETRYRINGETTE.COM

Come Try for Free
Only skates and a helmet
required to try.



The Quesnel & District Arts Council
presents

3 Crows Productions

How Raven Stole the Sun

An Interactive Storytelling Performance

October 15, 2022 - 2:00 pm
Chuck Mobley Theatre
(at Correlieu Senior Secondary)



A unique group of Indigenous educational storytellers dedicated to promoting anti-racism, creating awareness of the intergenerational impact of Indian Residential Schools and helping youth strengthen their mental health. Each member is dedicated to the purpose of educating the future generations of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth through presentations, oral storytelling, live theatre performances and short film productions.

Tickets By Donation



www.quesnelarts.ca



Message from the PAC.

We are excited that hot Lunch will be starting mid-November, we are 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: We appreciate all the help that we have had over the years with the bottle shed sorts, we are always looking for extra hands to make light work!!!

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 Konning - Secretary