



When your child will not be in attendance at the school, we are asking you please let us know. Please either email your teacher and Mrs. Jans or call the school. If your child is away and we have not heard from you, we will be following up with an email or phone call. This is to ensure your child is safe at home. If your child is not riding the bus, please call the bus garage 250-782-2106.

Visitors to the School

Parents and visitors are expected to notify office staff or teachers of their presence and purpose. Alternatively, we have a sign-in book at the main school doors. Thank you for assisting us with maintaining this level of courtesy and security around our school.

Cell Phone Use

In January 2024, the province announced it was taking steps to **restrict cell phones in all B.C. schools**. It said it would work with school districts to ensure we have updated policies for the start of the new school year. Look for our updated McLeod Code of Conduct September 2024. In the meantime, we will continue our practice of silencing and storing cell phones at the morning bell until the final bell. I'm happy to report that we have very few incidents regarding cell phones. As well, should students need to call or message parents, they should indicate to staff the need and staff will assist.

**Ready, Set, Learn & Welcome to Kindergarten
Thursday, May 9th 9:30am-12:00pm**

This event is open to all 3 to 5 year old children and their parents. This event is designed to familiarize children with our school. We invite you to join us for the morning to participate in stations a numbers & letters, playdough, song and story, crafts and more. Parents are shown activities to do with their preschool child to have them more prepared for the school setting. Informational packages will be given to the parent and each child will go home with a bag of "goodies" to practice with over the summer.

School District 59 is creating 74 childcare spaces in Dawson Creek and Tumbler Ridge to provide support for families with young children. The District has secured capital funding through the ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund. Design is underway for 12 spaces in Dawson Creek and Tumbler Ridge for children under 36 months as well as 25 spaces in each of the two communities for children aged 36 months to school age.

Upcoming Important Dates:

- May 1st – Dress like your favorite character
- May 2nd - 30th – Tuesdays/Thursdays - Intermediate Swimming
- May 9th – Welcome to Kindergarten Ready, Set, Learn
- May 10th – K/1 Mother’s Day Tea
- May 13th – May 15th – Grade 4-7 Gwillim Trip
- May 17th – Moose Hide Campaign Walk – Wear Red
- May 20th – STAT No School
- May 24th – Sports Day – Wear your favourite jersey
- May 30th – 9:00am - 11:00am - Grade 7 tour to DCSS-Central
- TBA - Grade 7 Luncheon
- June 6th – Leadership Party
- June 7th – NID No School
- June 10th – Grade 4 -7 Mamma Mia presentation at DCSS
- June 14th – Beach Day
- June 17th – June 21st – Indigenous Learning Week
- June 17th – Wayne Lariviere
- June 19th – Métis Bev Presentation
- June 21st – Year End Assembly and family BBQ
- June 27th – Last day of classes, Water fight in the afternoon

Intermediate Swimming Lessons

Each year, swimming lessons are part of our intermediate student learning experience. The hope is not only that this gives students richer experiences because it can be fun, but also worth it because one day it might help save a life. The students receive safety training and life-saving skills.

Upcoming Dates for swimming in Chetwynd:

Starting May 2nd and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday with the exception on May 14th. (May 2, 7, 9, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30).

Grade 7 tour to DCSS-Central

The grade 7’s will travel to DCSS – Central Campus to participate in a Central campus tour. This will allow students to get familiar with the campus and the schools expectations for. We are hoping to get parent volunteers to drive our grade 7s. If you are able to drive and attend, please contact Mr. Leroux or Mrs. Dueck

PAC

Thank you to all the families that contributed to our Growing Smiles Fundraiser. The PAC sold \$ 7677.81 worth of plants and a profit of \$2182. 262 plants were sold, 68 of those were strawberry baskets.

Next PAC Meeting - Monday May 6th 2:45pm

Year-end BBQ:

On June 21st, please join us for the family year end awards and BBQ. The BBQ meats will be provided. If parents/students could bring a potluck item for the sharing table, that will be appreciated.

A HUGE thank you to Charlene Lineham with Chars Caring Cleaning Service for donating \$500 towards the Gwillim trip. Due to this generous donation students will no longer have to pay the \$35. If students have already paid, they will be reimbursed. Thank you Charlene!