



Voyageur Elementary September 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back from Summer Break!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We are still taking Kindergarten registrations for September 2023. Please come in to the school and fill out a registration package. We require two pieces of ID for the student (Birth Certificate & Care Card) and proof of residence. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 250-992-2613 and we will be happy to help!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

School starts at 8:25am. Reminder that Wednesday, September 6, 2023 is an early dismissal day and students will be dismissed at 11:23am. Normal dismissal time is 2:23pm.

Supervision starts at 8:10am, otherwise there is no supervision on the playground prior to 8:10am.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A more specific school supply list will be provided by teachers, however if you need supplies, please let the school know. See attached for general supply list.

LUNCH PROGRAM

The lunch program will begin on Monday, September 18, 2023 this year. Please come to the office and fill out a form if you wish your child to be on the district lunch program. Also, see attached.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is available between 8:00am and 8:20. We encourage students to be here at 8:00am to get something to eat before it's all gone. No sign up required.

NEW WEBSITE

Please check out our new website for everything Voyageur! You will find our Events Calendar, Announcements, News Stories, Transportation Information, School Supply lists and much more!
<https://voyageur.sd28.bc.ca/>

FACEBOOK PAGE

You are welcome to join our Voyageur Group on Facebook. You will be asked to answer membership questions before approval. Please note, we will be using to this group mostly to direct parents/guardians to our new website where all Voyageur information is located.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/528247561276553>

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

If there any questions or concerns, please follow the Communication Protocol attached. You can also find it on our website.

ALLERGIES

Voyageur is nut aware.

SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT

Reminder that Voyageur Elementary is a Scent Free environment.

STUDENT REPORTING

Reporting for students has changed. More information will follow. Please check the website for updated information.

BEAR AWARE

With the increase in bear activity, we encourage parents/guardians to discuss bear awareness with their children when walking to and from school.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Reminder to parents/guardians to please do a health check of your student before sending them to school if they are feeling unwell. Please stay home to rest and get better before returning!

TRANSPORTATION

Please ensure students have their bus passes ready when they are getting on the bus. We are still waiting on replacement passes for some students but if you require one, please call 250-992-8361 or email transportation@sd28.bc.ca to have a replacement card printed.

Important Upcoming Dates:

We have a lot of upcoming dates so please take a look at the attached Events Calendar on our website as well.

Sept 4 – Statutory Holiday – Labour Day

Sept 5 – Non-Instructional Day – No School

Sept 6 – First Day Back to School! – Early Dismissal

Sept 20 – Regular Board Meeting at DAO

Sept 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



June 23, 2023

To the Parents of *Voyageur School*:

The following is a list of supplies with which your child should begin the school year. *Once your child has been placed in a class, the teacher will send home a list of required supplies; where necessary.* Recycled items from this year may also be an option! The following is a suggested list of basic supplies:

GRADES 1 - 3

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| 1 box <u>quality</u> pencils; ex., Mirado | 3 large glue sticks (Elmer or Ross) |
| 1 pair scissors | 1 pencil box |
| 1 package wax or pencil crayons | 1 large box of tissues (<i>Kleenex</i>) |
| 1 4-colour package dry erase markers | |

Grades 4 – 5

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| 1 box <u>quality</u> pencils; ex., Mirado | 1 pencil case (pouch or box) |
| 3 Pink Pearl or white gum erasers | 3 glue sticks |
| 1 pair scissors (good quality) | 200 sheets lined looseleaf paper |
| 2 pencil sharpeners | |

Grades 6 – 7

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| 1 pencil case | 2 erasers |
| 1 box sharpened pencils | 1 pencil sharpener |
| 1 pair scissors | 6 duotangs (<i>not</i> binders) |
| 1 package sharpened pencil crayons | calculator (basic operations) |
| 1 package fine-tipped colour markers | 2 large glue sticks |
| 2 fine-tip dry erase markers | indoor shoes/gym runners |
| 2 fine-tip black sharpies | 1 box Kleenex |
| 1 ruler | |

All students require one pair of indoor shoes; 'runners' are best (slip-on shoes or Velcro closures for Grades One/Two, please; unless they can independently tie laces).



District Lunch Program School District 28 (Quesnel)

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SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM – SEPTEMBER 2023

The Quesnel School District offers daily free lunches to students in need. Families are asked to fill-out the form below and return it to the school, or to contact their school principal to request their child(ren) be referred to the lunch program.

All lunches are prepared following WorkSafe BC protocols at McNaughton Centre. The lunch program is required to follow Canada's Food Guide and is designed to avoid common food allergies. If your child has a serious allergy we need to be made aware of, the school will need a medical note from the family doctor stating the child's name and specific allergy.

Please complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to the school office by **September 19, 2023**. If you have any questions regarding the lunch program, please contact your school.

All information will be kept strictly confidential.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM CONSENT FORM

Please fill out the following information if you wish your child to be considered for the Lunch Program.

I give permission for my child(ren) _____ to participate in the district lunch program.
Child/Children's Names

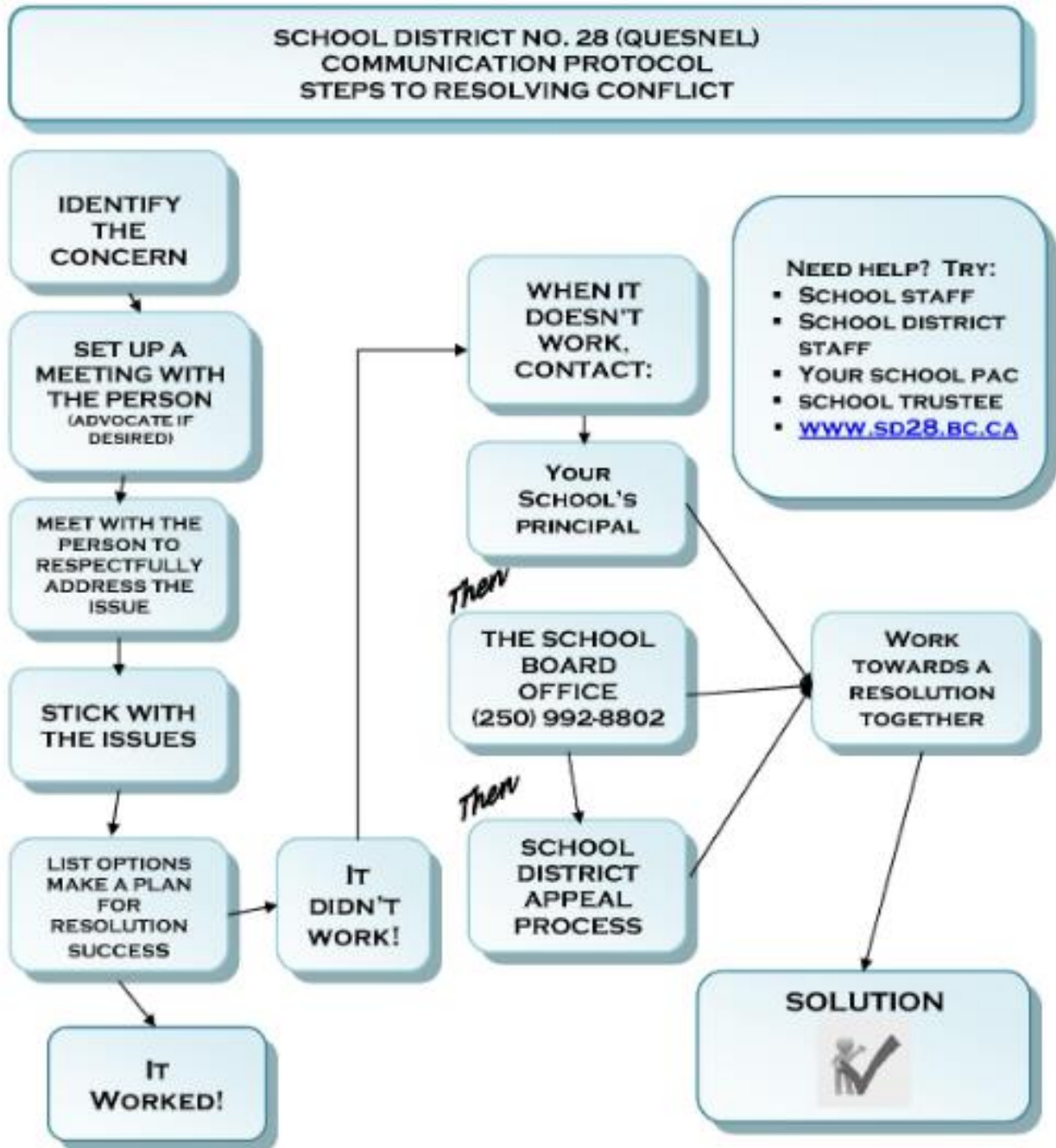
I understand that my child is not to waste, or throw any food away. If this occurs, he/she will be removed from the lunch program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

I am available to discuss this request at the following daytime telephone number _____

School _____ Teacher _____ Division _____

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL



VANDALISM ALERT! If you suspect/observe vandalism occurring on school grounds or in a school, please call the school.
After hours – phone the local RCMP detachment @ 250 992-9211 [Quesnel] or 250 994-3314 [Wells].

401 North Star Rd
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Phone: 250 992-8802
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Website: www.sd28.bc.ca



SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 28 (QUESNEL)

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

Steps to Resolving Conflict:

The following guidelines have been developed to support respectful communication when concerns arise. It is expected that every attempt will be made to resolve concerns at the school level; or level closest to the concern.

If at any time, you need advice you can seek assistance/support in this process from:

- School Staff
- School District Office Staff (992-8802)
- School Parent Advisory Council Chairperson
- Trustees (992-8802)
- Web site - www.sd28.bc.ca

Finding a Resolution:

Identify the Concern

Try to resolve the concern:

- Begin at the school level between the concerned parties.

To help you do this:

- Focus on the student's needs.
- Define the real issue: What is needed and wanted?
- Make an appointment to see the person with whom you have a concern. Set a mutually satisfactory date and time.

- Prepare for the meeting – make notes, plan.
- Bring a support person if you desire, (inform the person with whom you meet).
- Respectfully, address your concern.
- Together, explore possible options and select the best solution.

Make a plan for resolution and success:

- Set up an action plan with times, dates and follow-up.

Seek Assistance

- ⇒ If the issue is not resolved, or an action plan is not successful, seek assistance from the Principal after informing the other party of your intent to do so.
- ⇒ If the issue concerns the Principal and you have not had success through the initial portion of this process, contact a Director of Instruction or the Superintendent of Schools at 992-8802 for assistance or support in resolving the issue.

If the issue remains unresolved after accessing assistance or support from a Director of Instruction or the Superintendent of Schools, contact the School Board using the Appeal Process (Bylaw No. 1). Call the School District Secretary-Treasurer at 992-8802 for information on the appeal process.

General Information

All concerns should be addressed. If you feel that you cannot approach the individual involved, please contact your school principal for assistance.

If you require more information please contact the School District Administration Office at 992-8802. The Quesnel School District believes that this Communications Protocol, developed by the School Board in partnership with the QDPAC, QDTA, QPVPA, CUPE Local 4990, and District Administration, will aid in a respectful and mutually satisfying resolution to problems and concerns.

The Communications Protocol Committee, under the direction of the Board of School Trustees, is committed to improving communications in the District. This is an on-going process and from time to time the established protocol procedures are reviewed. Your comments are welcomed.

