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November 6, 2023 Newsletter

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.

Tuesday, November 7 – PAC Meeting 4:00 pm (Parents/Guardians invited)

Thursday, November 9 – Photo Retakes

Thursday, November 9 - Remembrance Day Observation

Friday, November 10 – Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday, No School

Saturday, November 11 – REMEMBRANCE DAY

Monday, November 27 – Non-Instructional Day – No School for Students

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please contact the school in the event your student will be absent or late. Student absences can be reported three ways: call the school 250-992-2613, e-mail the school at voy@sd28.bc.ca, or complete the online form at voyageur.sd28.bc.ca/

COLD WEATHER

As the weather gets cooler and wetter, please remember to dress your child(ren) for fall weather: coats, boots, hats and mittens, as we will be doing daily outdoor activities! It is helpful if names are on boots, coats, and other clothing items.

PARKING LOT

Reminder to please not stop or park in the bus lanes.

LUNCH PROGRAM

Please come to the office and fill out a form if you wish your child to be on the district lunch program.

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Voyageur Breakfast Club is available in the Gym between 8:00am and 8:20am. 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 only be using this group to direct parents/guardians to our new website where all Voyageur information is located.

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

ALLERGIES

Voyageur is nut aware.

SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT

Reminder that Voyageur Elementary is a Scent Free environment.

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.

DINOSAURS

DINO-vember Competition!!



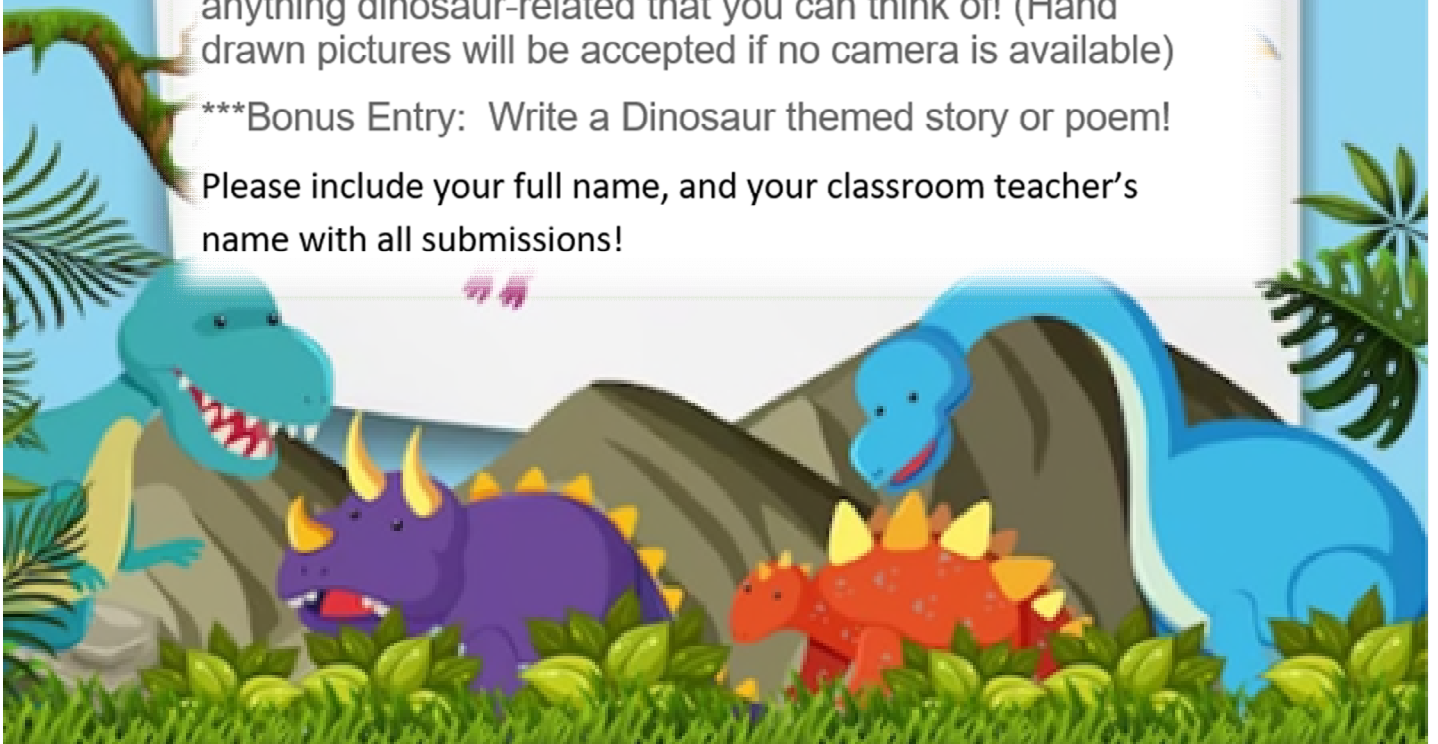
Recent sightings of dinosaurs have been reported all over the Voyageur community! Are your surveillance cameras on high alert for any dinosaurs captured on camera or video?

Send pictures by email (jenniferlahey@sd28.bc.ca), or bring a photo of your DINO's in action, to Mrs. Lahey in the Library between November 02 and November 30th for your chance to win a literacy based theme basket!

Pictures can depict children/adults dressed as dinosaurs, a dinosaur craft, dinosaur toys, pictures of you at a dinosaur museum, you reading a book about dinosaurs, or anything dinosaur-related that you can think of! (Hand drawn pictures will be accepted if no camera is available)

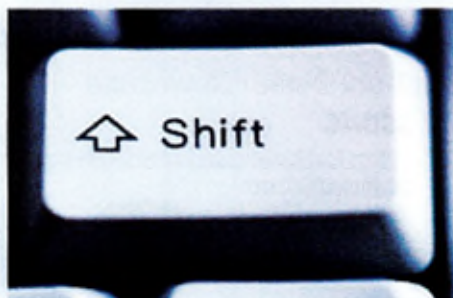
***Bonus Entry: Write a Dinosaur themed story or poem!

Please include your full name, and your classroom teacher's name with all submissions!



A Shift in Thinking

- ✓ Timely Feedback
- ✓ Accessible for Parents
- ✓ Celebrating Learning
- ✓ Home-School Connection
- ✓ Growth Based
- ✓ Increased Ownership
- ✓ Student Involvement
- ✓ Student Centred
- ✓ Increased Self-awareness



The Ministry of Education has new guidelines that support districts to make changes to how and when they report. Several classes in the Quesnel School District are participating in the digital reporting project for communicating student learning, following these new guidelines.



Feedback

Parents have had opportunities to provide feedback on digital reporting.



Resources

BC Ministry of Education:
BC's New Curriculum
Assessment & Reporting
Learning Update Order



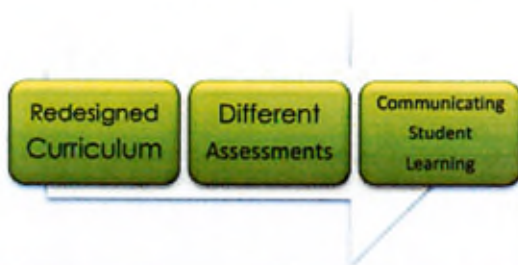
Communicating Student Learning

Digital Reports

Why Digital Reporting?

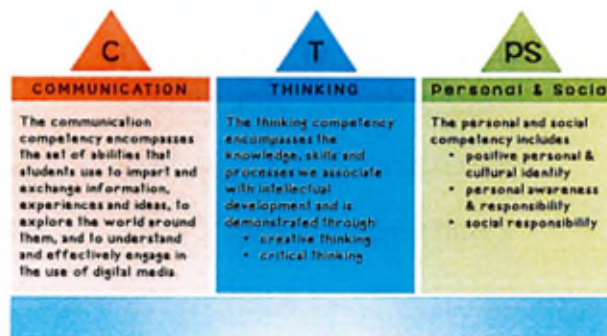
Schools are preparing students for a future we cannot predict (changing jobs, social media, technology). The curriculum has been redesigned with this in mind.

WHAT and HOW we teach has changed. Our assessment and reporting should align. There has been a shift away from "reporting TO parents" and towards "communicating WITH parents". Our focus is to share student learning.



What to Expect?

- Digital posts, with learning intentions from all subject areas
- Work samples, photos, videos, and audio recording of student learning
- Communicating student progress
- Setting goals for further learning
- Connections to core competencies
- Parent and student "friendly" language
- Opportunities for student input
- Opportunity for parent participation, input and support



When & How?



Digital portfolios can be accessed 2 ways:

- School District 28 website – SSDAS
<https://sd28.qwinfosys.com/das/shared/custom/SD28.asp>

- Ed Inform app

