

Voyageur Elementary School

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February 2024 Newsletter

Hello Voyageur Families!!!

What a great start we have had to the year,

Some important reminders as we approach a busy month.

- Grade 6/ 7 Troll Ski days: Jan 29th, 31st , and Feb 1st
- The lost and found is overflowing, if your student is missing items please have them come and check it, or feel free to stop by before or after school to have a look.
- Breakfast Club Starts at 8:00 am , outside supervision is available starting at 8:10 am
- Pizza Day forms have gone home with students, please have them returned by no later than Feb 8th.
- Wacky hat day January 30th
- Book Fair February 12th—16th

STUDENT ABSENCES

It is important to contact the school in the event your student will be absent or late.

The school remains open on days when the school buses are cancelled, **but please let us know if your child will be staying home due to buses being cancelled.**

Student absences can be reported three ways: call the school 250-992-2613, email the school at voy@sd28.bc.ca, or complete the online form at: <https://voyageur.sd28.bc.ca/absence-late/voy>

If you will be picking up your student early PLEASE check them out at the office before leaving .

Parking and Student Drop off / Pick up

Please do not stop or park in the bus lane, Student drop off is at the far end of the parking lot; closest to the playground.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Bell Schedule

8:25	First Bell Rings
8:30	Morning Classes Begin
10:15	Recess:15 mins (all students)
12:00	Primary outside; Intermediate eat
12:20	Primary eat; Intermediate outside
12:45	Afternoon classes begin
2:23	Dismissal

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Monthly Reminders



COLD WEATHER: As the weather gets cooler and wetter, please remember to dress your child(ren) for winter 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. There is not policy on cold weather and inside days but it is common practice that at -15 C students will be indoors. We will also always take into account days when the wind is extremely cold.

Please ensure your child (ren) are dressed appropriately for being outside in colder temperatures

ATTENTION PARENTS AND VISITORS: Our doors are open between 8:00am and 3:30pm but all parents and visitors are asked to report the office when they come to the school. It is important for safety reason that we know who is in the school at all times, Students must be checked out if they are leaving early.

DISTRICT LUNCH PROGRAM: The District Lunch Program is available for students in families experiencing financial hardship. 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 news about our school! You will find our Events Calendar, Announcements, News Stories, Transportation Information, School Supply lists and much more! <https://voyageur.sd28.bc.ca/> **Please be aware that we have transitioned away from using social media (FaceBook) for information updates.**

ALLERGIES: Voyageur is nut aware (all nuts). All School District #28 Schools are Scent and Fragrance free Environments.


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 have them stay home to rest and get better before returning to school.

Visit our website for current announcements and upcoming events!
voyageur.sd28.bc.ca

Upcoming Events Calendar

Monday January 29	Tuesday January 30	Wednesday January 31	Thursday February 1	Friday February 2
<i>Grade 6 & 7 Skiing at Troll</i>	After school sports Initiative: 2:30—4:30 (Grades 4/5) Wacky Hat day	<i>Grade 6 & 7 Skiing at Troll</i>	After school sports Initiative: 2:30—4:30 (Grades 4/5) <i>Grade 6 & 7 Skiing at Troll</i>	Non Instructional Day NO SCHOOL for students

Monday Feb 5	Tuesday Feb 6	Wednesday Feb 7	Thursday Feb 8	Friday Feb 9
	After school sports Initiative: 2:30—4:30 (Grades 4/5) PAC Meeting		After school sports Initiative: 2:30—4:30 (Grades 4/5) Pizza forms due back	

Monday Feb 12	Tuesday Feb 13	Wednesday Feb 14	Thursday Feb 15	Friday Feb 16
Book Fair	Book Fair After school sports Initiative: 2:30—4:30 (Grades 4/5)	PIZZA DAY 	After school sports Initiative: 2:30—4:30 (Grades 4/5) PAC Pizza Day	

Monday Feb 19	Tuesday Feb 20	Wednesday Feb 21	Thursday Feb 22	Friday Feb 23
BC Family Day No School	After school sports Initiative: 2:30—4:30 (Grades 4/5)		Winter Games NO School	Winter Games NO School

On the Playground

We all love the snow, but PLEASE remind your children that there is ZERO tolerance for throwing snowballs at school. Snow balls can be dangerous if the snow is hard and can contain chunks of ice, causing serious injury. Students are expected to follow this safety rule.

Parents/guardians can support their students in enjoying the winter weather by helping them dress warm, bring a spare pair of socks/gloves, and encouraging safe play.

Interested in Volunteering with the School?

All volunteers are required to complete a criminal record check through the District.

The application and criminal record check is completely free of charge, is valid for five years, and can be completed two ways;

ONLINE: [Criminal Record Check \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www.gov.bc.ca) Access code: HE2WQFBB7X please come by or call the school and we can provide instructions

In Person: Please stop by the school and pick up an application, Applications are processed at the SD28 district office on North Star Road.

Volunteers must be cleared prior to volunteering with the school. The process can take 7-14 days to process. To expediate the process, please contact the office with the online session ID and service number. applications processed online.

Persons wishing to become volunteer drivers should contact the school office as additional paperwork is required.

FEBRUARY 22-25, 2024

BC GAMES
LHTAKO QUESNEL
2024 WINTER

VOLUNTEERING ROCKS!
SIGN UP TODAY TO VOLUNTEER WITH THE GAMES

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TOGETHER www.bcwintergames.ca

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PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) UPDATE

- PAC will be having a Pizza Day on February 14th
- PAC is a great way to get involved and have a voice for the children in our school!
- PAC meets first Tuesday of every month. We always looking for more volunteers and ideas to make our school greater than it already is Come on out, we look forward to meeting you.
- Upcoming meeting: February 6th
- Meetings are monthly, in the Library @ 4:00pm





Attention: Parent/Guardians

DOES YOUR CHILD LIKE making new friends?

**going bowling, swimming,
scavenger hunts, knockerball,
and more fun activities?**

JOIN BBBS MONTHLY BIG BUNCH ACTIVITY PROGRAM

**For more information and to register for our
free program call Shawna 250-992-7257**

Ages 6-16



School Calendar 2023-2024

School District #28 Quesnel

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Website: www.sd28.bc.ca

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Sep 4: Labour Day
 Sep 5: School Planned Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
 Sep 6: Back to school (1/2 day for students)
 Sep 30: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
 Oct 2: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation observed (no school)
 Oct 9: Thanksgiving
 Oct 20: Provincial Pro-D (no school for students)
 Oct 25,26: Early Dismissal (to facilitate Parent Teacher Interviews)
 Nov 10: Remembrance Day observed (no school)
 Nov 11: Remembrance Day
 Nov 27: District Planned Non-Instructional Day - Indigenous Focus (no school for students)
 Dec 25-Jan 5: Winter Break

Jan 8: Students back from Winter Break
 Feb 2: District Planned Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
 Feb 19: BC Family Day
 Feb 22,23: Winter Games - Schools Closed
 Mar 18 - 28: Spring Break
 Mar 29: Good Friday
 Apr 1: Easter Monday
 Apr 26: Regional Pro-D (no school for students)
 May 20: Victoria Day
 Jun 3: School Planned Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
 Jun 27: Last Day for students
 Jun 28: Administrative Day (no school for students)

Professional, District, Ministry, Non Instructional Days - No School
 Statutory Holidays - No School

School Holidays - No School
 Early Dismissal