

March 2024 Newsletter

Hello Voyageur Families!!!

Some important reminders as we approach a busy month.

- The lost and found is overflowing! If your student is missing items please have them come and check, or feel free to stop by before or after school to have a look.
- PLEASE do not park or pull through in the Bus Lane after school. The lane is designated for buses only.
- Breakfast Club Starts at 8:00 am, outside supervision is available starting at 8:10 am .
- K Registrations are open for the 2024/2025 School year
- Parents please wait outside the building or at office for student drop off and at pick up. Parents wandering pose a distraction for other students.
- Please check in at the office before dropping off items to students during class time
- **Grade 7 Hoodie forms due back no later than March 14, 2024**
- No re-booked dates for Troll ski days -Refunds will be issued



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.

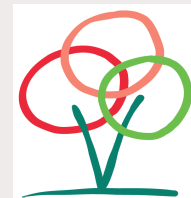
Thank you for your cooperation.

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

Voyageur Elementary School

Monthly Reminders



COLD/ WET 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. 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, as well as providing extra pairs of pants, and socks.**

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 March 4	Tuesday March 5	Wednesday March 6	Thursday March 7	Friday March 8
	Pizza Forms Due	<i>Celebration of Science 10:30-2:00</i> Wacky Hair Day 		

Monday March 11	Tuesday March 12	Wednesday March 13	Thursday March 14	Friday March 15
	Pizza Day 	<i>Report Cards coming home & Inform Re- ports posted</i>	Gr 7 Grad Hoodie Forms Due	

Monday March 18	Tuesday March 19	Wednesday March 20	Thursday March 21	Friday March 22
<p>-----SPRING BREAK-----</p>				

Monday March 25	Tuesday March 26	Wednesday March 27	Thursday March 28	Friday March 29
<p>-----SPRING BREAK-----</p>				Good Friday

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.

Grade 6/7 Gavin Lake Trip

Mr. Birch's class had a great time at Gavin Lake building memories!



Their trip included learning about snow science, snow shoeing, and animal tracking.

THANK YOU to our parent chaperones for helping.

Voyageur Girls Basketball Season!

Our Voyageur Vipers played hard and worked as a team to improve their skills during lunch times.

We had two games at Voyageur, against Ecole Red Bluff

Lhtako and Parkland. Even though We did not win either game, our students were great sports, did their best, and cheered each other on.

Congratulations to our team members for putting in an excellent effort!



PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) UPDATE

- 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.
- Meetings are monthly, in the Library @ 4:00pm



Indigenous News

Learning Begins With Family

“To respect women as givers of life, to teach self-respect, and **recognize children as gifts**. These are the teachings that need to be shared.”



Check out this link for more information
[Best Practices in Early Childhood Literacy \(uconn.edu\)](https://uconn.edu)



Researchers have consistently identified shared book reading as the single most impactful means to assist in the development of early literacy.

This can be achieved by supporting your child(s) development at home, thus setting them up for success starting at the preschool

Children’s literacy foundations are established as early as infancy and grow throughout early childhood.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2024-2025

Begins January 29, 2024 at your neighborhood school

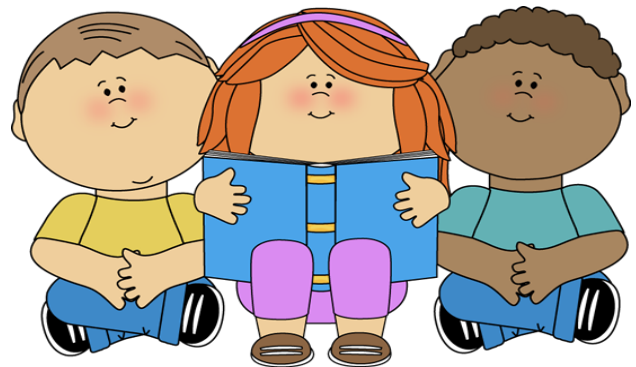
Eligibility: Children must turn five years of age between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024

Required Documents:

- Birth Certificate/Passport/Status Card
- BC Medical Card/BC Services Card
- 2 documents that show Proof of Address in Quesnel

Registration in French Immersion Program:
Please contact École Red Bluff Lhtako at 250-747-2634

If you have questions, please contact School
District 28 Administration office at
250-992-8802



Take part in literacy experiences at home. Taking part can develop your child’s reading ability, comprehension, and language skills. It could also improve your child’s interest in reading, attitude towards reading, and focus.

Quesnel Early Years Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
StrongStart –SD28 * Baker & Dragon 8:30-11:30 Bouchie & Barlow 8:15-11:15	StrongStart-SD28 * Baker & Dragon 8:30-11:30 Bouchie & Barlow 8:15-11:15	StrongStart-SD28 * Baker & Dragon 8:30-11:30 Bouchie & Barlow 8:15-11:15	StrongStart-SD28 * Baker & Dragon 8:30-11:30 Bouchie & Barlow 8:15-11:15	StrongStart-SD28 * Baker & Dragon 8:30-11:30 Bouchie 8:15-11:15	
Parent Child Mother Goose * Please contact CDC for the next session day and time.	Circle of Security 10:00–11:30 *	POP– CDC * 11:00-12:30 Indigenous Parent Wellness 1-3 pm	Parent Connection 10-11:30 * Breast Feeding Café (4th Thursday 10:00-11:00 am begins October 26th)		
Stop 'N Play Drop in– EYP 9-2:30 pm	Baby Signs 9– 11 am *	Littlest People Playgroup 9-12 pm	Bringing Tradition Home 11– 12 pm		
CCRR Closed Mondays	CCRR Playroom open daily 8:30 –3:00 pm Monday to Friday			Play Group 10:00– 12:00 Lunch 12:00-1:00pm	Playroom open the last Saturday of the month 8:30-12:30 pm
	Walk in Clinic for Mental Health Screening_CYMH-0-18 years 8:30-3:30		Walk in Clinic for Mental Health Screening_CYMH-0-18 years 8:30-3:30		

Community Contact Information

[School District #28 StrongStart \(SD28\) *](#)
 Baker 250-992-8383
 Barlow Creek 250– 992-5134
 Bouchie Lake 250-249-5913
 Dragon Lake 250-747-2142
[Library \(LIB\) 250-992-7912](#)
[Literacy Quesnel \(LQ\) 778-414-9119](#)
 West Park Mall

Quesnel & District Child

[Development Centre \(CDC\) *](#)
 250-992-2481 488 Mclean St.
 Pregnancy Outreach Program-POP
 Infant Development Program-IDP
[Echen Healing Society \(EHS\)](#)
 250-992-9160 324 Hoy St. N
[Child & Youth Mental Health_CYMH–](#)
 250-992-4267 163 Kinchant St.

Axis Family Services

250-992-2759 160 Barlow Ave.
[Quesnel Friendship Centre *](#)
 CAPC/Early Years Programs-EYP
 250-992-8858 319 N Fraser Dr.
[Child Care Resource and Referral \(CCRR\)](#)
 250-992-7606 469 Anderson Dr.
[Family Support Institute-FSI 1-604-540-8374](#)

For more information about the different programs please reach out to the individual community agencies .
*** Registration Required**

Big Brothers and Big Sisters– 250-992-7257



School Calendar 2023-2024

School District #28 Quesnel

401 North Star Rd. Quesnel, BC V2J 5K2 Phone: 250 992-8802 Fax: 250 992-7652
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