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# Voyageur Elementary School



## April 2024 Newsletter

### **Hello Voyageur Families!!!**

**Here are some monthly updates that we think you should know;**

- Reminder to the basketball team, to return their T-shirts & Jerseys **ASAP**
- 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.
- **Student Learning Survey (approx. 30 minutes)** available until May 3 , 2024 for parents of grade 4 & 7 students ([www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)) . Your responses are voluntary and anonymous. Your input can help long-term planning, goal-setting, and providing individual students personalized support.

### **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](mailto: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.

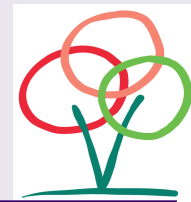
Thank you for your cooperation.

### **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



**WET WEATHER:** As the weather gets warmer and wetter, please remember to dress your child(ren) for the weather: rain boots, rain jackets, as we will be doing daily outdoor activities! It is helpful if names are on boots, coats, and other clothing items. **Please ensure your child (ren) are dressed appropriately for the change in spring weather, 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 or website for current announcements and upcoming events!  
[voyageur.sd28.bc.ca](https://voyageur.sd28.bc.ca)

# Upcoming Events Calendar

Monday April 1	Tuesday April 2	Wednesday April 3	Thursday April 4	Friday April 5
Easter Monday	<i>School Resumes</i>			Pizza Forms Due

Monday April 8	Tuesday April 9	Wednesday April 10	Thursday April 11	Friday April 12
	<b>Pizza Day</b> 	<i>Wild fire presentation for N. Freeman and B. Freeman</i>		

Monday April 15	Tuesday April 16	Wednesday April 17	Thursday April 18	Friday April 19
<i>Dress up Fancy Day</i> 				

Monday April 22	Tuesday April 23	Wednesday April 24	Thursday April 25	Friday April 26
<i>-----Clayton Gauthier is Here-----</i>				PRO D—No School

Monday April 29	Tuesday April 30	Wednesday May 1	Thursday May 2	Friday May 3
	<i>Class Photos</i>			

# 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 at 5:00 pm, 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.
- **New this month:** There will be childcare provided (free of charge to you) by a couple of our grade 6 and 7 students. Although they are not Babysitter's Course certified, they are responsible, experienced with younger children, and happy to play with your child while you attend the meeting.

## On the Playground

With the Weather now warming up for spring, we are expecting a very wet and muddy playground.

Parents/guardians can support their students in



enjoying the new spring weather by helping them dress appropriately by supplying a spare pair of socks, pants, and rain gear.

## PAC UPDATE CONTINUED....

**Hello parents and caregivers of Voyageur students!**

During our February meeting, I was voted in as the new PAC president for the rest of the school year. I thought I should finally introduce myself! My name is Melissa Kozlowski. I have two children, grades 4 and 6, and they have both been going to Voyageur since kindergarten.

I have to admit, for a long time I didn't know much about what a PAC was and why it was important to be a part of it. Maybe you are like I was! It is hard to step out into the "Unknown" - but like that squirrel many of us have read about in the beloved children's books, I found that stepping into PAC helped me to realize an ability I didn't know I had. An ability to become connected to the place where my children spent hours of their time and yet I had very little knowledge of!

I encourage you to look at [bcpac.bc.ca](http://bcpac.bc.ca) to gain a better understanding of what a Parent Advisory Council is, and consider joining ours.

I would love to have a chance to introduce myself in person at our next meeting! We meet on the first Tuesday of every month in the school library. Meetings start at 5:00 (this is a time change from previous months), and are no more than an hour long.

**Find us on "Voyageur PAC" Facebook page for any questions**

## 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 \(gov.bc.ca\)](http://CriminalRecordCheck.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.



# 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.”

### Helpful Tips to Boost your Child(s) Attendance

Set attendance goals with your student and track it together—**Create** a rewards system.

Creating a daily/nightly routine and being consistent .

Talk to your student about the reason why they don't want to go to school.

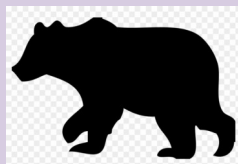
Check out this link for more information on supporting your child(s) attendance:

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/ages-stages/>

## BEAR AWARENESS

Spring has sprung and wildlife are waking up to look for food.

Please remember to be alert when walking home and try to go in pairs.



## 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

Thank you

# Quesnel Early Years Activities

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

## 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