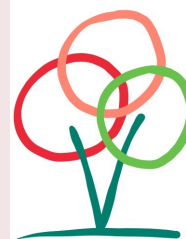


## Voyageur Elementary School

1337 Lark Avenue, Quesnel BC V2J 4K5

Phone: 250-992-2613 Email: VOY@sd28.bc.ca



**Voyageur**  
Elementary School

# Novemebr 2024 Newsletter

## Winter is here!!!

It seems the cold weather is here to stay, please ensure you student is dressed for the cold weather.

Warm jacket, gloves, toque, and gloves, snow pants. Please label your students belongings, this makes it much easier for the staff to be able to return lost items.

Students are expected to go outside for lunch and recess, unless the temperature drops below  $-15$  degrees Celsius.



## Parking and Student Drop off / Pick up

We ask that parents do not park in the staff parking as there is not enough space. Pick up and drop off are along the fence by the playground area. Please do not use the bus lane for pick up and drop off as it causes congestion and is dangerous for students who are not expecting vehicles to be driving in it.

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

## STUDENT ABSENCES

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

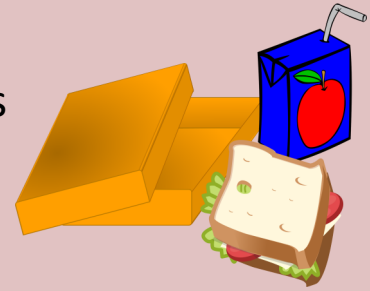
The school remains open on days when the school buses are cancelled, **but please let us know if your child will be staying home due to buses being cancelled.**

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 .

## **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.



**Oct 29 & 30th there will be no lunch program due to early dismissal for parent teacher interviews. Thanks**

## **Breakfast Club:**

**Ms. Joyce offers breakfast club to any students that need breakfast or a little more food to get the day going.**



**Breakfast club runs from 8:00am—8:25am**

**No Sign up is required.**

## **Picture Day Retakes**

**October 28th Right photography will be her to do student re takes photos Please keep an eye out for order forms that will be going home with your students**

## **Bus Safety and Rules**

- **Remain seated**—No standing or moving seats while bus is in motion
- Pick up your food garbage before exiting bus
- Foul Language is not allowed
- Keep your hands to your self



**Remember riding the bus is a privilege, not a right**

**Missing your buss pass, please call the Transportation Department: 250-992-8361**

**When the weather turns, SD28 works to ensure the safety of all our students and staff. Please review our policies and procedures:**

[Policy 535](#) - When buses will be cancelled

[Procedure 535](#) - What we will do when buses are cancelled

[Procedures 535A](#) - Cold weather Notice, information for parents

## Halloween

Thursday October 31st is Halloween. We are looking forward to seeing everyone's costumes. Reminder that costumes must be school appropriate.

No Masks

No Swords

No Weapons

\*Inflatable costumes: please bring at your own risk; no batteries will be provided\*

Any of the above will be confiscated and parents or guardians will be responsible for picking up from the School .



## Visitor Sign in.

Effective October 15, all Visitors are required to sign in and out of the office if you are coming into the building. Sign in sheet is in the office just to the left as you come in the door. It is important that we know who is in the building at all times.



### **Upcoming fundraiser,**

Grade 6/7's class will be doing  
Purdy's Chocolate  
Fundraiser.

Orders will be ready for pick up  
prior to the Winter Break,  
Please keep an eye out for order information coming soon !!!



### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

October 29th and 30th

Will be early dismissal at

11:23 am for Parent teacher Interviews.

Buses will run at 11:23 for pick up as normal, students will arrive at their stops 3 hours early



# 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.

**CELL PHONE POLICY:** As of September 2024 students are expected to store their personal devices

\* Cell phones, smart watches, tablets and portable game devices in their back pack or leave them at home . If you need to get a message or speak with your child, please call the office at 250-992-2613.

**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.

**VOYAGEUR PAC:** 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.

# Upcoming Events Calendar

Monday Oct 28	Tuesday October 29	Wednesday October 30	Thursday October 31	Friday November 1
Photo Retakes	<i>Early dismissal 11:23 am Parent teacher interview</i>	<i>Early dismissal 11:23 am Parent teacher interview</i>	Halloween Costume Parade 9:00 am	PJ Day

Monday November 4	Tuesday November 5	Wednesday November 6	Thursday November 7	Friday November 8
				<i>Remembrance day Assembly 10:30 am</i>

Monday November 11	Tuesday November 12	Wednesday November 13	Thursday November 14	Friday November 15
Remembrance Day No School		<i>Quesnel River Rush Hockey Team Visiting 11:00 –12:00</i>		-
Monday November 18	Tuesday November 19	Wednesday November 20	Thursday November 21	Friday November 22
	<i>Grade 6 Immunizations</i>			

Monday November 25	Tuesday November 26	Wednesday November 27	Thursday November 28	Friday November 29
<i>Non –Instructional Day No School for students</i>				



## A Free 10 Week Program to Inspire Healthier BC Families in Northern BC



### For families with at least one child ages 8-12

(an online self-directed option is available for families outside of the age range)

**One parent/caregiver must attend each week**

**Learn together about:** Healthy Eating, Physical Activity, Screen Time & Sleep Routines.

**Program includes:** Q&A's with health professionals and a family cooking class.

**Post-Program:** Families receive a **recreation credit** based on attendance.

Virtual Via Zoom YMCA BC - Northern BC  
Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm  
October 15 - December 17, 2024



Scan QR Code or  
[Click Here to Register and Learn More](#)



generationhealth.ca/community



## Quesnel Figure Skating Club

INTRODUCES



# CanSkate

TUESDAYS AND OR THURSDAYS  
5:15-6:00PM

TO PARTICIPATE, SKATERS NEED A  
CSA APPROVED HOCKEY HELMET,  
SKATES & WINTER GEAR

1 DAY/WEEK = \$143

2 DAY/WEEK = \$286

+ INSURANCE \$58.65

**REGISTRATION IS  
EXTREMELY LIMITED,  
REGISTER TODAY!**

[QUESNELFIGURESKATINGCLUB.UPLIFTERINC.COM](http://QUESNELFIGURESKATINGCLUB.UPLIFTERINC.COM)

**Success By 6**  
Helping all children succeed for life.



### What is CanSkate?

CanSkate is a dynamic learn-to-skate program that focuses on fun, participation and basic skill development. Based on Sport Canada's long term athlete development (LTAD) principles, CanSkate centers on physical literacy and the fundamental skills needed to take part in any ice sport or to skate as a recreational activity.

### Who's it for?

For beginners ages 4+, anyone wishing to improve their basic skills whether their focus be for figure skating, hockey, speed skating, ringette or just skating for fun.

### Who teaches it?

NCCP-trained professional coaches, assisted by trained program assistants.

### What will you learn?

A complete series of balance, control and agility skills taught in six stages of learning that pertain to hockey, ringette, speed skating and figure skating as well as general recreational skating. CanSkate uses nationally tested and proven curriculum and delivery methods that guarantee skater success in developing stronger basic skills and developing them faster.

### What can you expect?

Action, movement and fun! Lessons are given in a group format with a coach-to-student ratio of a maximum 1:10. Skaters progress at their own rate and coaches make sessions active using teaching aids, upbeat music and a wide variety of activities that create a motivational environment and promote learning. Badges, ribbons and other

incentives are used to benchmark skaters' progress and reward effort and participation. See full badge collection on the bottom of this pamphlet.

### WHEN?!

**Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5:15-6:00pm.**  
Skaters have the choice to participate in a one-day or two-day program.

### Need Skates?

We have skates and helmets to loan out to skaters in our programs for a small maintenance fee. Currently we offer both hockey skates and figure skates in sizes 8-3. Fitting dates are September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-6pm and September 25<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm

### Cost

1 Day/week \$143 + Skate Canada Insurance of \$58.65 for a total of \$201.65

2 Days/week \$286 + Skate Canada Insurance of \$58.65 for a total of \$344.65

### How do I register?

Go to <http://www.quesnelfigureskatingclub.com/> and select the register button. You will be redirected to our Uplifter registration site. You will need to create an account using your name and follow the prompts. If you need assistance, please email [quesnelssc@hotmail.com](mailto:quesnelssc@hotmail.com)



## 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://gov.bc.ca) please come by or call the school and we can provide instructions

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.

## PAC News - Next Meeting Nov 4th

Thanks to everyone that sent in orders for the Epicure fundraiser

We are always welcoming new members, even if you are not fully able to commit please check out or FB page [\(2\) Voyageur PAC | Facebook](#) to stay up to date on activities for the school. If you have any questions please let us know!

The PAC is needing to fill the Treasurer position for the PAC, if you are able to spare a few hours a month to help keep the Voyageur PAC strong please reach out

President: Melissa Kozlowski

Vice President: Tamara Nelson

Secretary: Shannon Hall –Simpson

Treasurer: It could be you!

## Lost and Found

**The Lost and found is over flowing!!!!**

If you are missing items please come have a look or send your student to go through the lost and found. There are lots of Jackets, sweatshirts, water bottle shoes, that need to find their way home.





# Upcoming Family Fun Events

## QUESNEL LIVE ARTS

www.qla.ca

**Tue, Nov 19, 2024**  
7:30pm



## PIANO HEIST

Nico Rhodes & Patrick Courtin

TICKETS ON  
SALE NOW!

CHUCK MOBLEY THEATRE  
CORRELIEU SCHOOL



**TICKETS** \$30 (Adults), \$25 (Seniors & Students).

AVAILABLE at: Save On Foods, Homesteader Health

Or Purchase Tickets Online at [qla.tickit.ca](http://qla.tickit.ca)

Online ticket purchasing help: COLLEEN 250-747-2207



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The Quesnel & District Arts Council presents

## The Great Balanzo

TICKETS: \$10.00

Available at Bo Peep,  
Circle S Western Wear,  
Arts & Rec Centre  
and at the door.

**Nov 16/24**

Doors open 1:30 pm  
Show starts 2:00 pm



West Fraser Timber Room (Arts & Recreation Centre)  
500 North Star Road, Quesnel.

The Great Balanzo is a one-man circus show  
that is also a story about the imaginative ways  
to overcome everyday challenges we all face.  
A wonderful show for the whole family.



[www.quesnelarts.com](http://www.quesnelarts.com)





## School Calendar 2024-2025

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](http://www.sd28.bc.ca)

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### Aug 2: Labour Day

Aug 3: School Planned Non Instructional Day (no school for students)

Aug 4: Back to school (1/2 day for students)

Aug 10: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Oct 14: Thanksgiving

Oct 20: Provincial Pse D (no school for students)

Oct 29, 30: Early Dismissal (to facilitate Parent Teacher Interviews)

Nov 11: Remembrance Day

Nov 20: District Planned Non Instructional Day - Indigenous Focus

(no school for students)

Dec 23 Jan 5: Winter Break

### Jan 6: Students back from Winter Break

Feb 7: District Planned Non Instructional Day (no school for students)

Feb 17: BC Family Day

Mar 17-18: Spring Break

Apr 10: Good Friday

Apr 21: Easter Monday

Apr 26: Regional Pse D (no school for students)

May 18: Victoria Day

Jun 5: School Planned Non Instructional Day (no school for students)

Jun 26: Last Day for students

Jun 26: Administrative Day (no school for students)

Jun 27: Summer Break Begins

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

Statutory Holidays - No School

School Holidays - No School

Early Dismissal