



March 2025 NEWSLETTER

Hello Voyageur families...

It feels like Spring is here to stay. We hope everyone has a chance to enjoy the sunshine. Everyone will have a busy couple of weeks leading up to Spring Break. Please take the time to review this Newsletter and mark your calendars!

Please ensure your student is dressed for changing weather and temperatures. Since the ground is often wet in Spring, it is advised that students have a change of clothes in their backpack. Extra socks are especially important.

Layers work great for Springtime, however, please ensure that your student keeps track of their clothing items. **Please label your student's belongings, this makes it much easier to return lost items.** *Our lost and found items will be donated on Thursday, March 13, just prior to Spring Break.*



Parking and Student Drop off/Pick up



We ask that parents do not park in staff parking as there are not enough spots. Pick up and drop off are along the fence by the playground area. Please do not use the bus lane nor the handicapped spots for pick up and drop off as it causes congestion and is dangerous.



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

**SCIENCE
WORLD**

**ON THE
ROAD**

On Tuesday March 4, 2025, Science World will be doing presentations at Voyageur Elementary in the Gym.

Learn more about what to expect from our visit here: <https://www.scienceworld.ca/ontheroad/>

9:20-10:05am How2Science Show
10:45-11:30am Earth, Wind &
 Science Show

**No toys from
home please**



It is natural for children to want to bring toys from home to school and show their friends items they consider precious. Unfortunately, bringing toys from home to school can cause distractions in the classroom and create difficult situations to manage. We would like remind families that children should NOT bring toys from home into the school.



REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

Register until April 12th!

Birth years from 2007-2021

Online Registration Form and EMT!

Season Starts in May.

Click here to register, or check out our website:

<https://forms.gle/Fd24RKSTeSynK5AT6>

www.quesnelminorbaseball.ca

<https://www.facebook.com/quesnelminorbaseballassociation>

gmbball@gmail.com

Morning Supervision

Students are welcome to come into the Gym for breakfast club at 8:00 am.

Outdoor supervision does not begin until 8:10 am.

Students should not be on school property before 8:10 unless they are in breakfast club.

There is no cost to attend breakfast club.

The next PAC is meeting March 3. Child care available!

We are planning a pancake breakfast for the whole school in March. Volunteers needed.

Contact us at pacvoyageur@sd28.bc.ca to buy River Rush tickets for the playoff games on March 3 & 4. Cheaper than buying them at the door!

Having a party? Or having a pizza night with your family? Buy Domino's pizza and use our code for 25% off! If you use our code, our school will get 20% of your order's sales! See the flyer below for the code.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..	When a student misses 4 days a month..
They will miss 20 DAYS a year.	They will miss 40 DAYS a year.
They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.	They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.
They will miss 60 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.	They will miss 120 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.
They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.	They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.

DOUGH RAISER

March 1 2025 - June 30 2025

USE COUPON CODE "VES"

FOR 25% OFF ALL MENU ITEMS AND WE WILL DONATE

20% OF ALL SALES

USING THIS CODE TO

Voyageur Elementary School

VALID ONLINE AT WWW.DOMINOS.CA

STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING (It's for children's safety)

It is very 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. We want to make sure that everyone is where they are expected to be and not lost or injured getting to school.**

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 are picking up your student early PLEASE check them out at the office before leaving.

Events Calendar

Monday March 3	Tuesday March 4	Wednesday March 5	Thursday March 6	Friday March 7
PAC MEETING	Carrier Language Teacher here			
	Science World Presentation <i>Boy's Basketball Playoffs here 3:00</i>	<i>Boy's Basketball FINALS at QJS 3:30</i>		Old Time Social Dance with Capri Aspe in Gym

Monday March 10	Tuesday March 11	Wednesday March 12	Thursday March 13	Friday March 14
	<i>Soap Berry Ice Cream with Chelsey Burbee</i>			PAC Pancake Breakfast Old Time Social Dance with Capri Aspe in Gym Last Day before Spring Break

Monday March 17	Tuesday March 18	Wednesday March 19	Thursday March 20	Friday March 21
S P R I N G B R E A K				

Monday March 24	Tuesday March 25	Wednesday March 26	Thursday March 27	Friday March 28
S P R I N G B R E A K				

Monday March 31	Tuesday April 1	Wednesday April 2	Thursday April 3	Friday April 4
WELCOME BACK!				



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Opens

January 27, 2025

at your catchment school

For registration in the French Immersion program,
please contact École Red Bluff Lhtako at 250-747-2634.

Parents/Guardians,

Please bring the following with you:

- Canadian Birth Certificate/Passport or Status Card
- Proof of Guardianship
- BC Services Card
- Proof of address in Quesnel (2 pieces)



For more information,
call 250-992-8802 or
visit our website at
www.sd28.bc.ca.



SCHOOL DISTRICT 28
QUESNEL



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) 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.

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 yourself



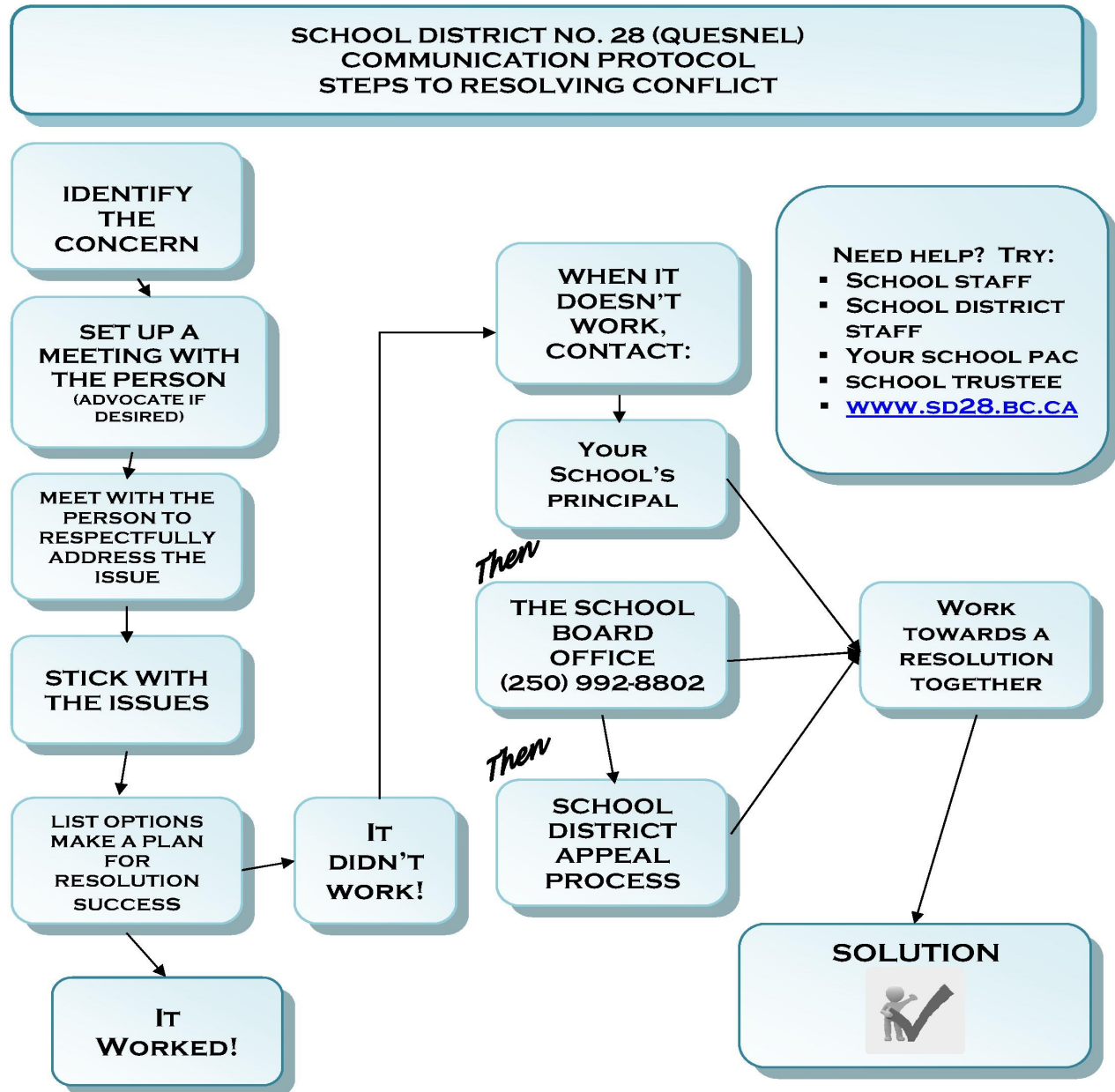
Remember riding the bus is a privilege, not a right.

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

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 on the office counter just to the left as you come in the door. It is important that we know who is in the building at all times.

If you have any concerns, please follow the School District Communications Protocol as shared below.



VANDALISM ALERT! If you suspect/observe vandalism occurring on school grounds or in a school, please call the school.
After hours – phone the local RCMP detachment @ 250 992-9211 [Quesnel] or 250 994-3314 [Wells].

401 North Star Rd
Quesnel, BC V2J 5K2
Phone: 250 992-8802
Fax: 250 992-7652
Website: www.sd28.bc.ca



SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 28 (QUESNEL)

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

Steps to Resolving Conflict:

The following guidelines have been developed to support respectful communication when concerns arise. It is expected that every attempt will be made to resolve concerns at the school level; or level closest to the concern.

If at any time, you need advice you can seek assistance/support in this process from:

- School Staff
- School District Office Staff (992-8802)
- School Parent Advisory Council Chairperson
- Trustees (992-8802)
- Web site - www.sd28.bc.ca

Finding a Resolution:

Identify the Concern

Try to resolve the concern:

- Begin at the school level between the concerned parties.

To help you do this:

- Focus on the student's needs.
- Define the real issue: What is needed and wanted?
- Make an appointment to see the person with whom you have a concern. Set a mutually satisfactory date and time.

- Prepare for the meeting – make notes, plan.
- Bring a support person if you desire, (inform the person with whom you meet).
- Respectfully, address your concern.
- Together, explore possible options and select the best solution.

Make a plan for resolution and success:

- Set up an action plan with times, dates and follow-up.

Seek Assistance

- ⇒ If the issue is not resolved, or an action plan is not successful, seek assistance from the Principal after informing the other party of your intent to do so.
- ⇒ If the issue concerns the Principal and you have not had success through the initial portion of this process, contact a Director of Instruction or the Superintendent of Schools at 992-8802 for assistance or support in resolving the issue.

If the issue remains unresolved after accessing assistance or support from a Director of Instruction or the Superintendent of Schools, contact the School Board using the Appeal Process (Bylaw No. 1). Call the School District Secretary-Treasurer at 992-8802 for information on the appeal process.

General Information

All concerns should be addressed. If you feel that you cannot approach the individual involved, please contact your school principal for assistance.

If you require more information please contact the School District Administration Office at 992-8802. The Quesnel School District believes that this Communications Protocol, developed by the School Board in partnership with the QDPAC, QDTA, QPVPA, CUPE Local 4990, and District Administration, will aid in a respectful and mutually satisfying resolution to problems and concerns.

The Communications Protocol Committee, under the direction of the Board of School Trustees, is committed to improving communications in the District. This is an on-going process and from time to time the established protocol procedures are reviewed. Your comments are welcomed.





Amended 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

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Sep 2: Labour Day
 Sep 3: School Planned Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
 Sep 4: Back to school (1/2 day for students)
 Sep 30: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
 Oct 14: Thanksgiving
 Oct 25: Provincial Pro-D (no school for students)
 Oct 29,30: Early Dismissal (to facilitate Parent Teacher Interviews)
 Nov 11: Remembrance Day
 Nov 25: District Planned Non-Instructional Day - Indigenous Focus (no school for students)
 Dec 23-Jan 2: 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 17-28: Spring Break
 Apr 11: Regional Pro-D (no school for students)
 Apr 18: Good Friday
 Apr 21: Easter Monday
 May 19: Victoria Day
 Jun 6: School Planned Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
 Jun 25: 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

Amendment: April PRO-D