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## SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

### **Welcome back families!**

We hope you have had a fun filled summer. We are looking forward to another fantastic year at Voyageur Elementary.

School begins on Wednesday with a dismissal 3 hours earlier at 11:23, and buses will also follow the 3-hour earlier schedule.

On Wednesday we will have a little area for parents to take a “welcome back to school” photo outside and then at 8:25 students in grades 1 – 7 will head into the gym. We will do a welcome back assembly and talk about what the next few days look like. We will be doing multi-grade groupings for Wednesday and Thursday as we determine what our final enrollment looks like. Students will move to various activities with various teachers on Wednesday and Thursday. The goal is to have all students in their classes by Friday. We will start everyday this week in the gym with an assembly at 8:30.

Students do not need to bring their supplies to school on Wednesday or Thursday. Lists that were sent out at the end of June were generic and teachers will ask for more specific items once students are in classes.

Back to school is an adjustment for everyone. It is important to establish morning routines and bedtimes quickly to help with the adjustment. There may be a bit more outside time as we are building back students’ stamina. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather which continues to look quite warm into the first week of school.

Students may want to pack a snack for Wednesday as they may get hungry before 11:23 dismissal time.

Breakfast club will begin on Thursday September 4th. This is open to everyone. Doors open at 8:00 for student to come in for breakfast.

The district lunch program will once again be offered to families who feel that they need this program. This is a pre-registered program and new forms are required yearly. Forms are available in the office and are due back as soon as possible. The district lunch program begins in mid-September.

*Jan Bauer*, Principal

## Morning Supervision

**Outdoor supervision does not begin until 8:10 am.**

Students are welcome to come into the Gym for breakfast club at 8:00 am beginning on Thursday, September 4th.

## STUDENT ABSENCES

For student safety, it is very important to contact the school in the event a student will be absent or late. 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 visit our website to 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.*

# WHAT IS YOUR CHILD MISSING OUT ON?

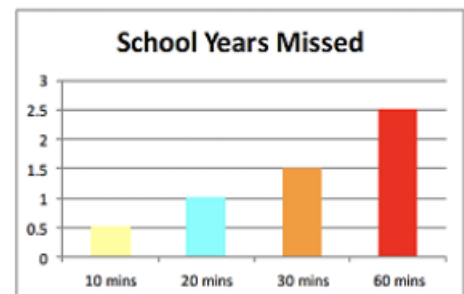
**JUST A LITTLE BIT LATE FOR SCHOOL DOESN'T SEEM MUCH BUT ....**

If your child is missing	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Almost 1.5 weeks of the school year	Almost half a school year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Almost 1 school year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per school week	4 weeks per school year	Almost 1.5 school years
1 hour per day	1 day per school week	8 weeks per school year	Over 2.5 school years

Did you know that your child's best learning time is at the start of the school day  
That's when every minute counts the most

**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:30 AM at Voyageur Elementary**

# EVERY MINUTE COUNTS



## 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.

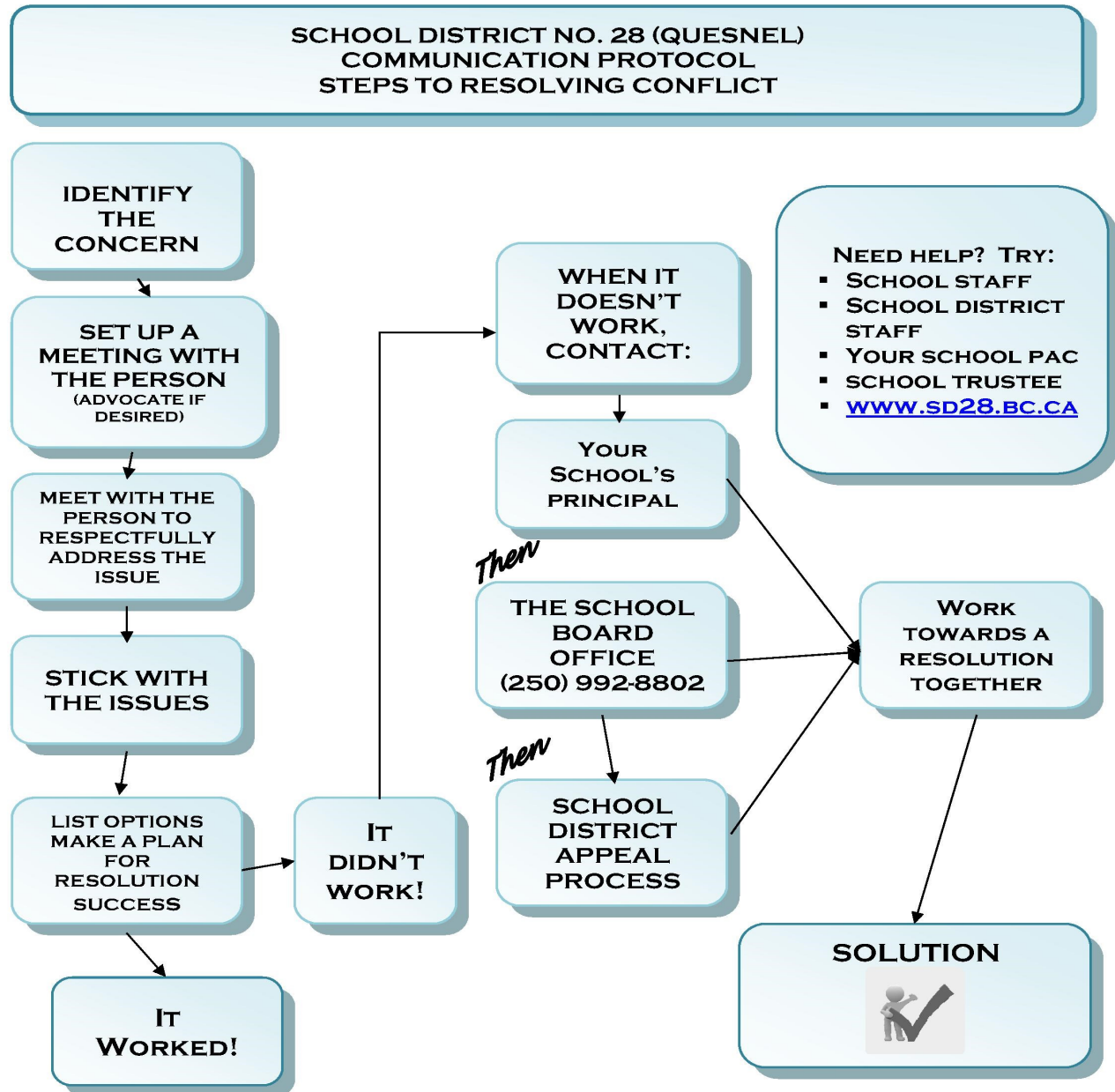
Please do not use the bus lane or the handicapped spots for pick up and drop off as it causes congestion and is dangerous.



## 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

## 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].

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## 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](http://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.





# 2025—2026 Calendar



## School Calendar 2025-2026

School District #28 Quesnel

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Sep 1: Labour Day  
 Sep 2: School Planned Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)  
 Sep 3: Back to school (1/2 day for students)  
 Sep 30: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation  
 Oct 13: Thanksgiving  
 Oct 24: Provincial Pro-D (no school for students)  
 Nov 5,6: Early Dismissal (to facilitate Parent Teacher Interviews)  
 Nov 11: Remembrance Day  
 Nov 28: District Planned Non-Instructional Day - Indigenous Focus (no school for students)  
 Dec 22-Jan 2: Winter Break

Jan 5: Students back from Winter Break  
 Jan 30: District Planned Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)  
 Feb 16: BC Family Day  
 Mar 16-27: Spring Break  
 Apr 3: Good Friday  
 Apr 6: Easter Monday  
 Apr 24: Regional Pro-D (no school for students)  
 May 18: Victoria Day  
 Jun 1: School Planned Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)  
 Jun 24: Last Day for students  
 Jun 25: Administrative Day (no school for students)  
 Jun 26 - Summer Break begins

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

School Holidays - No School  
 Early Dismissal