



NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Cell Phone Usage We've noticed a concerning increase in student cell phone usage during instructional hours, particularly in the bathrooms. While we understand that cell phones can be useful tools for communication and learning, their use during the school day—especially in unsupervised areas—can lead to distractions, missed learning opportunities, and privacy concerns.

We kindly ask all parents and guardians to speak with their children about the importance of keeping cell phones in their backpacks during the school day. By doing so, we can help foster a more respectful, focused, and safe learning environment for everyone. Let's work together to ensure our students are making responsible choices and prioritizing their education while at school. Please refer to the SD28 cell phone policy if you have any questions regarding cell phone expectations. [2024-CellPhones.pdf](#)

Vandalism We also want to bring to your attention an ongoing concern regarding vandalism in the boys' bathroom. Recently, there have been several incidents involving damage to school property, including writing on walls, broken fixtures, and other forms of misuse. These behaviors not only create an unpleasant environment for students and staff but also require time and resources that could be better spent enhancing our learning spaces.

We ask for your support in discussing the importance of respecting school property with your child. Our goal is to maintain a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for everyone. Students are reminded that vandalism is a serious offense and will result in appropriate disciplinary action in line with our school's code of conduct.

Thank you for your continued partnership in helping us foster responsibility, respect, and pride in our school community.

Jan Bauer, Principal

Warm Winter Jackets

If any families are in need of new, unused winter coats, please contact the school.



Winter coats in various sizes and colours were generously donated to Voyageur Elementary.

EARLY CLOSURE DAYS: Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on **Wednesday, November 5** and **Thursday, November 6th**. Your student should have brought home information from their teacher. If not, please check with their teacher.

There will be an early dismissal for students at 11:23. Buses will run at 11:23 for pick up as usual from the schools. Students will arrive at their stops 3 hours earlier than on a regular school day.

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, 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.

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.

There is no cost for this program.

StrongStart



A **FREE** Parent & Child participation program for **0-5 yr olds**

Join the fun at a StrongStart centre!
You and your child will make new friends, play, create art, go to the gym, sing songs, engage with stories, and so much more!

Drop in available at:

Baker StrongStart	Mon-Fri	8:30-11:30am
Barlow Creek StrongStart	Mon-Thurs	8:15-11:15am
Bouchie Lake StrongStart	Mon-Fri	8:15-11:15am
Dragon Lake StrongStart	Mon-Fri	8:30-11:30am

Please contact Ms. Cari to learn which days have openings (250-747-2142)

LOST AND FOUND

Please remind your student(s) to check for any missing clothing including coats and hoodies. Parents are welcome to come in and take a look at the clothing rack by the front door.



It's DiNovember!

This month in the Library, students will be invited to celebrate all things DINOSAUR!

- Do you have dinosaur figures at home? Bring in a picture of you reading to them!
- Have you been saving up all of your dinosaur facts for just the right opportunity?
- Make a poster, or create a shoebox diorama of a dinosaur habitat!
- Write a story about you and your imaginary dinosaur adventure!
- Do you know jokes about dinosaurs? Bring them to the Library!
- Draw a scene with a dinosaur as the main feature!
- Participate in the dinosaur scavenger hunt!
- Take out one of our many, many dinosaur related books!

Every time you do something with dinosaurs this month, let Mrs. Lahey know, and you will have your name put into the draw for a prize basket!

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.

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 PAC
&
Quesnel River Rush
ticket fundraiser

Regular Season Home Games
2025/26

\$12	General regular ticket price \$16
\$10	Student (13-18 years old) regular ticket price \$12
\$8	Child (5-12 years old) regular ticket price \$10

Cash or e-transfer

pacvoyageur@sd28.bc.ca

meetings



PAC MEETING

WE NEED YOU!



First Monday of the
Month
5:00-6:00



School Library

- ✓ 2025/2026 Event Planning
- ✓ Let us know what's important to you so that we can add it to our next agenda!
- ✓ Childcare during our meetings is available – let us know if you need it!

ONE HOUR CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Visit our FB Page for more details:
Voyageur PAC

NEXT MEETING: Nov 3, 5:00pm

HELPING OUR KIDS:

Bussing
Hot Lunches
Pancake Breakfasts

Field trip and sports funding
Equipment and jerseys
Bursaries
and so much more!

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) NEWS

The Domino's school code: VES is reinstated! Please use this code when ordering online so that we can both benefit.

You get 25% off your order and we get 20% of the sales!



DOUGH RAISER

MAINTAIN 2025-2026 2025-2026

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

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends—Turn Clocks back one hour</i> 	3 PAC MEETING 5:00 ASSAI 2:30-4:15	4	5 Early dismissal parent/teacher meetings Busses will run 3 hours earlier on their usual routes No District Lunch Program	6 Early dismissal parent/teacher meetings	7	8
9	10 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 ASSAI 2:30-4:15	11 NO SCHOOL  REMEMBRANCE DAY <i>Let Us Forget</i>	12 ASSAI 2:30-4:15	13 9:00 Grade 6 immunizations 3:00 Volleyball game - Voyageur	14	15
16	17 Matheson—Curling 10:15 ASSAI 2:30-4:15	18	19 Matheson—Curling 10:15 ASSAI 2:30-4:15	20 3:00 Volleyball game - Voyageur	21 Matheson—Curling 10:15	22
23	24 PHOTO RETAKES ASSAI 2:30-4:15	25	26 ASSAI 2:30-4:15	27 Volleyball Playdowns	28 District NI Day (NO SCHOOL)	29
30	Dec 1 ASSAI 2:30-4:15 PAC MEETING 5:00	Dec 2	Dec 3 ASSAI 2:30-4:15	Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6

Nov 5 & 6 Early Dismissal Days—parent/teacher conferences in the afternoon (NO DISTRICT LUNCHES)

Nov 11 Remembrance Day -- NO SCHOOL

Nov 24 **Photo Retakes**

Nov 28 District Pro-D Day— NO SCHOOL

Dec 10 Quesnel River Rush here

Dec 16 Winter concert rehearsal

Dec 17 Winter concert

Dec. 19 PJs and Pancakes

LOCKDOWN DRILL As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety, Voyageur Elementary will be conducting a **lockdown drill on Wednesday, November 13**. These drills are an important part of our emergency preparedness plan and help ensure that students and staff know how to respond calmly and effectively in the unlikely event of a real emergency.

We encourage you to **debrief with your child** after the drill to help them process the experience and understand its importance. Practicing these procedures helps build confidence and reinforces that safety is a shared responsibility.

2025—2026 Calendar



School Calendar 2025-2026

School District #28 Quesnel

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Website: www.sd28.bc.ca

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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