



DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



playing in it, and we love seeing their joy. To keep everyone safe and happy, we remind all students that snow play is welcome, but snowballs need to stay on the ground—no throwing, please!

Our hallways are also filled with music as students rehearse for the upcoming Winter Concert. They've been working so hard, and we can't wait for families to enjoy their wonderful performances on Wednesday, December 17th at 11:00am and 1:00pm!

As we prepare for winter break, please take a moment to check our Lost and Found. It's overflowing with coats, lunch boxes, and other treasures that would love to go home before the break.

As we head into the holiday season, the staff of Voyageur want to wish each of our families a bright, joyful, and cozy celebration. Whether you're enjoying special traditions or simply relaxing together, may this time be filled with warmth and happiness. Happy Holidays to all!

Sonia Baidwan, Vice-Principal

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.

LIBRARY NEWS WINTER WRITING CONTEST FOR ALL AGES!!

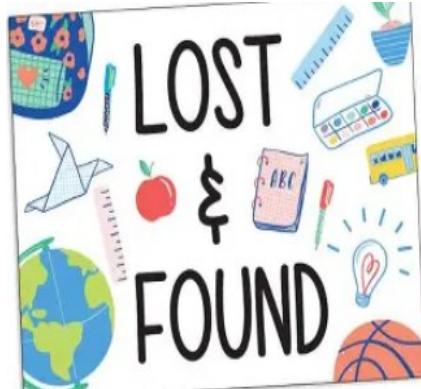
Write a story that is a minimum of one full page using the following prompt as a guide:

“Describe a magical winter night where unexpected events bring wonder and change.”

Submit all entries to the Library before December 15th. Entries require a title, your full name, and your teacher's name. All submissions will be displayed on the bulletin board outside of the Library.

Entries will be judged by a small team based upon the quality of writing and how well the story works with the theme. Prizes for k-1, 2-3, 4-5, and 6-7. Winners will receive a winter themed writing prize.

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



Unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity December 18th

The Leadership Team has planned some fun activities for December

Ugly Christmas Sweater Day:	December 10
Grinch Day:	December 15
Red/Green Day:	December 16
Dress to Impress:	December 17
Christmas Hat Day:	December 18
PJ Day:	December 19



Winter colouring contest: Submissions to the Library by December 15th. Students can also come to the Library to get a copy of the pictures to be coloured.

Winter writing contest: Submissions to the Library by December 15th. Open to all grades.

Holiday Scavenger hunt: Details to be announced.

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

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!



PAC meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month at 5:00pm in the school library.

Dressing for the weather

Getting Dressed For Winter!				
1	2	3	4	5
A pair of dark snow pants.	A pair of dark boots.	A blue hooded jacket.	A red and blue striped beanie and a red scarf.	A pair of black mittens.



Voyageur Elementary is pleased to announce that we have been selected as a PC Children's Charity grant recipient.

The **President's Choice Children's Charity** is dedicated to combating childhood hunger in Canada. Their mission is to **feed one million children annually by 2025** through their **Power Full Kids** program, which provides nutritious meals and cooking skills education to children. The charity operates the nation's largest charitable direct-to-school food program, reaching over **997,000 students** across Canada. They focus on feeding children at school, afterschool, and during the summer to ensure they have access to good food and learn essential skills related to nutrition and cooking. For more information, you can visit their official website at PC Children's Charity.

www.pcchildrenscharity.ca +4

Remembrance Day 2025



Voyageur Elementary School would like to thank Alfred Schotel and his mother, Teresa Bickert, for creating an amazing Remembrance Day display. Their collection included military memorabilia from wars Canadians were involved in, with some artifacts dating back to the 1860s.

Alfred and Teresa also visited classrooms to share historical information about these items. Students had the chance to learn more about Canada's military history and see real pieces of the past up close. This experience helped everyone better understand and appreciate the sacrifices made by those who served.

Thank you for helping us honor and remember our veterans in such a meaningful way.



December 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 PAC meeting	2	3	4	5 Pizza Day	6
7	8	9	10 Ugly Sweater Day Quesnel River	11	12	13
14	15 Grinch Day Colouring & Writing contest entries due	16 Concert Dress Rehearsal Red/Green Day	17 Winter Concert 11:am and 1:00 pm Dress to Impress	18 Christmas Hat Day	19 Pancake Break- fast & PJ Day	20
21	22	23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26	27
28	29	30	31	HAPPY NEW YEAR!		

UPCOMING DATES:

- Dec 10 Quesnel River Rush here
 Dec 16 Winter concert rehearsal (*students and staff*)
 Dec 17 Winter concert 11:00am & 1:00pm
 Dec. 19 PJs and Pancakes. Last day before Winter Break
 Jan. 5 First Day back to school



Order forms have been sent home with students and are due back by December 10th.

Order pick up will be at the Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 17th

CANDY FUNDRAISER



Voyageur PAC & Quesnel River Rush
ticket fundraiser

**Regular Season Home Games
2025/26**

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

Cash or e-transfer
pacvoyageur@sd28.bc.ca

Greetings



THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL IN JANUARY/MID-MARCH!

School District #28 Quesnel has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

Grade 6 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time between:
January 13th and March 13th, 2026.

For more information and to view the questionnaires:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system mdi mdi-overview/>

Parent FAQs:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system mdi/parent-caregiver-info/>

If you don't want your child to participate, please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter, or contact the MDI project staff at mdi@help.ubc.ca.

2025–2026 Calendar

School Calendar 2025-2026



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 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 2-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