



JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year to all of our Voyageur families! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday season and that 2026 is off to a great start.

As we move into the heart of winter, we would like to remind families to ensure students are dressed appropriately for the weather. Students will continue to go outside for recess, lunch, and class activities in temperatures as cold as -15°C, so warm jackets, boots, hats, gloves, and snow pants are essential for keeping everyone safe and comfortable.

We would like to remind families of the recent memo shared by Superintendent Lowndes regarding student behaviour on school buses. Safe and respectful behaviour helps ensure that every student arrives to and from school safely. Students are expected to remain seated during the ride, keep hands to themselves, refrain from throwing objects from windows, and enjoy the ride responsibly. We appreciate your continued support in reviewing these expectations with your child and helping us maintain a safe and positive transportation environment for all.

As most of you are aware, there will be catchment and registration changes for the 2026–2027 school year. Voyageur is one of the schools in the district that has been affected by catchment area changes. We ask that families take the time to carefully review the new catchment boundaries. If your household address is outside of Voyageur's new catchment, you will be required to register at your new catchment school. If you would like your child to remain at Voyageur, you will need to complete an Out of Catchment Request Form at your designated catchment school between **February 2nd and March 31st**.

Additional information can be found at the on the school district website and/or from the links below:

- [Plan Ahead: Catchment Areas, Important Dates, and How to Register | School District 28 Quesnel](#)
- [SD28 Catchment Boundaries - Google My Maps](#)

There will also be a Public Information Session at the District Office on **January 14th from 6:00-7:30** for families who wish to attend and learn more.

We will continue to keep everyone updated as additional information becomes available. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sonia Pannu-Baidwan,
Principal, Voyageur Elementary School

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.

January 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 WELCOME BACK! PAC meeting 5:00	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Grades 5/6/7 Skiing	13	14	15 Grades 5/6/7 Skiing	16 Grades 5/6/7 Skiing	17
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25	26	27	28	29 PYJAMA DAY	30 NI DAY—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	31

Upcoming Dates:

February 2 PAC Meeting 5:00 in Library
 February 13 PAC Subway Day
 February 16 Provincial Family Day (NO SCHOOL)
 February 23—26 Carrier Language Teacher here



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!				
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Snow Pants	Boots	Jacket	Hat & Scarf	Mittens/Gloves

The **Voyageur PAC** Facebook group is being updated regularly with important Voyageur Elementary School reminders and information. Parents should go on there and request to be part of the group. [\(18\) Voyageur PAC | Facebook](#)

The PAC is still selling River Rush tickets.

If parents are not able to make it to meetings but would like to help with food preparations during the day, please email pacvoyageur@sd28.bc.ca

LIBRARY CONTEST "**JAG**uary" is dedicated to Big Cats and Cool Cars...

The January reading/writing challenge for students and adults in the building is to make an advertising/research poster to highlight your favourite "big cat" or "cool car."

- Templates are available from the Library
- All pictures must be coloured, and posters should be neatly organized with headings, and a good description of your topic
- Be sure to include your name and your teacher's name
- All entries must be returned to the Library by **Thursday, January 29** to be entered into the prize draw



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