



Carson Elementary School

"Building Future Leaders"

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NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2021

Principal's Message

The warm weather is a perfect time for us to be outdoors and focus on our Outdoor Classroom and School Garden. Outdoor learning improves children's health, engages them, and connects them to nature. It teaches life skills such as resilience, teamwork, and creativity, and is central to enjoying childhood! Remember all that fun you had outside as a kid?

Several classes are already enjoying the outdoors for outdoor learning and P.E. The spring is always a fun time at our school as we enjoy everything the warmer weather has to offer!

Mrs. A. Gauthier

Principal: Ms. Angelina Gauthier
Secretary: Ms. Lisa Audet

SCHOOL HOURS:

Start Time: 8:20 a.m. (warning bell)

School Starts: 8:25 a.m.

(Attendance is taken)

Recess 1: 10:00-10:15 - Mrs.

Bright/Mrs. Cronkhite/Mrs. Favron

Recess 2: 10:30 to 10:45 - Mrs.

Campbell, Mrs. Alton, Mr.

Cronkhite, Mr. Doucette

Lunch Hour: 12:00 - 1 p.m.

Dismissal: 2:33 p.m.

Upcoming Dates

April 2 Good Friday

April 5 Easter Monday

April 16 School Spirit Day—Polka Dot Day

April 20 Northern Flowers orders due

April 20 Grade 6 immunizations

April 23 Pro-D Day —

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

April 30 School Spirit Day—Moustache Day

May 6 Northern Flowers orders ready for pick-up



April's Successful Learner Trait:

Be the I in Kind

We have a banner leading up to our gym that reminds us to "Be the I in Kind". This month we thought we would remind students of the many traits that this message encourages in us: kindness, responsibility, caring, respect, citizenship.

When we focus on what we can do to help others, we encourage and grow a strong school culture.

IMPORTANT ALLERGY NOTICE:

CARSON IS A FISH/SHELLFISH FREE SCHOOL

Due to severe allergies that staff and students have in our school, we are a FISH/SHELLFISH (all fish, scallops, shrimp, tuna, salmon, crab, etc. FREE SCHOOL. These allergies are airborne and life-threatening. We appreciate your assistance in ensuring NONE of these foods are brought to the school.



Grade 6 & 7 Immunizations

Grade 6 immunizations will take place on Tuesday, April 20th. If your child is in grade 7, and didn't receive their second immunization last year, they will also be immunized on this day.

Daily Health Check

Please remember to do the Daily Health Check with your child prior to bringing them to school. We hope to keep everyone healthy and safe.

School Spirit Days

We have two school spirit days this month!



Friday, April 16th is Polka Dot Day.
Wear anything with polka dots on it!

Friday, April 30th is Moustache Day.
Make a moustache to wear.



Connect with Carson



Carson Elementary School has a Facebook page to help keep you updated with current happenings and events. Search **Carson Elementary School** and like our page to keep informed! Also, follow the **Carson PAC** Facebook page for information and updates on PAC activities.

Come visit our website! It provides another platform to keep everyone updated!
<https://carsonelementary.weebly.com/> (or access through <http://www.sd28.bc.ca/>)



Northern Flowers—PAC Fundraiser

Once again, the Carson PAC is holding a Mother's Day plant fundraiser through Northern Flowers. Order forms were sent home with students this week. Orders must be handed into the school by April 20 for pick up on May 6th.

Detailed information is on the order forms, and will be posted to our Facebook Page, along with photos.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



The Quesnel School District continues to take Kindergarten registrations for September. If you have a child who is five years old or turning five before December 31, 2021, and has not been registered at their neighborhood school, please contact your school principal.

Quesnel Joy What does Joy mean to you?

Johnston Meier Insurance wants to showcase what JOY means to our students.

They are showcasing Carson students' art in one of their office windows. Quesnel residents will vote for their favorite. Two schools will receive \$500 each of Down Town Bucks plus \$100 Down Town Bucks to one voter. Head down to Johnston Meier to see our work and vote for Carson!

Updates to School District #28 (Quesnel) Mask Policy

Effective Tuesday, April 6, 2021, all students in grades 4 to 12 are required to wear a mask indoors at all times in schools and on school buses. Students in grades K to 3 are encouraged to wear a mask indoors in schools and on school buses, but are not required to do so. Mask wearing remains a personal or family/caregiver choice for these students.

The guidance does have exceptions to a person who cannot tolerate a mask for health or behavioural reasons. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Gauthier at the school.

Please remember that daily health checks continue to be required. Please assess your child(ren) daily for illness before sending them to school.

A document titled "Updates to School District #28 (Quesnel) Mask Policy" has been emailed to parents/caregivers with more detailed information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these new regulations.

Carson Art Fence

Since we can't have parents and community come into our school, we are bringing our work out to you! Classes have started to place art up on our chainlink fence so that parents and residents can see some of the fine art



Join the Team at Carson Elementary - Job posting for Noon Hour Supervisors

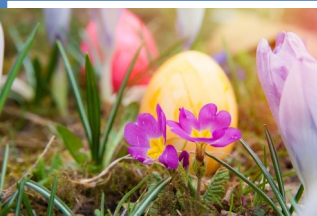
Carson is currently accepting applications for the position of casual noon hour supervisors. Noon hour supervisors are integral to the success of our students, modelling expected behaviour and assuring the safety of our students over the lunch hour. Please submit a cover letter and resume to the office to the attention of Mrs. Gauthier, Principal.

Carson Elementary PAC (Parent Advisory Council)

The next Carson PAC meeting will be held virtually by Google Meet. A meeting link will be posted on Facebook.

Dress for the Weather

It's starting to feel a lot like Spring! Please make sure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather.



Donations for Outdoor Classroom

We are looking for donations for our outdoor classroom. We would like to repurpose items for our next projects: the mud kitchen, sandbox, and storage centre. If you happen to have any of these items and no longer need them, please call to arrange a time to drop them off at the school. Thank you for your support!

- Tires
- Old sink
- Laundry baskets
- Sand toys
- Kitchen items (flipper, ladle, mixing spoons, muffin tins, cookie sheets, pots and pans, metal bowls)
- Pallets
- Low shelving units (1-2 shelves max)
- Milk crates
- Small wooden boxes

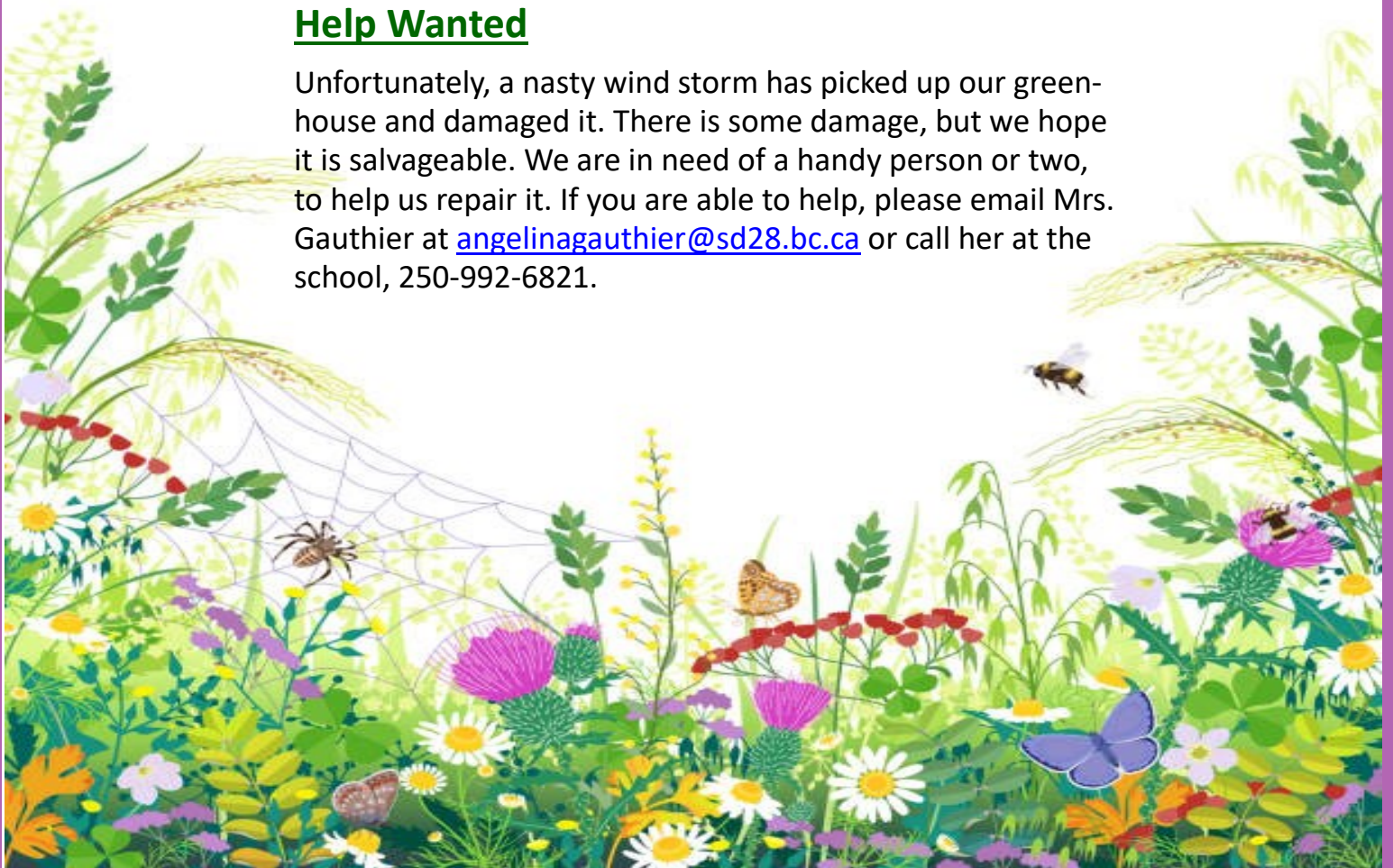


Plants for Outdoor Classroom and Garden

We are getting ready to tidy up and add more elements to our outdoor classroom. As you tidy up your gardens this spring, we could use some perennial flowers, lilac shoots, wild rose bushes, and perennial herbs. We are also looking for some tree stumps to use in our outdoor classroom as stools. If you are cutting down some trees and have some you can bring by, please contact Mrs. Gauthier.

Help Wanted

Unfortunately, a nasty wind storm has picked up our greenhouse and damaged it. There is some damage, but we hope it is salvageable. We are in need of a handy person or two, to help us repair it. If you are able to help, please email Mrs. Gauthier at angelinagauthier@sd28.bc.ca or call her at the school, 250-992-6821.





UPDATES TO SCHOOL DISTRICT #28 (QUESNEL) MASK POLICY PER PROVINCIAL COVID-19 HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR K-12 SETTINGS (MARCH 30, 2021)

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY APRIL 6, 2021

K-12 STUDENTS:

All students in Grades 4 to 12 are required to wear a mask or a face shield (in which case a non-medical mask should be worn in addition to the face shield) indoors in schools and on school buses - both within and outside of their learning group.

Students in Grades K to 3 are encouraged to wear a mask indoors in schools and on school buses, but are not required to do so - mask wearing remains a personal or family/caregiver choice for these students, and their choices must be respected.

K-12 STAFF:

All K-12 staff are required to wear a mask or a face shield (in which case a mask should be worn in addition to the face shield) indoors in schools and on school buses - both within and outside of their learning group.

EXCEPTIONS FOR STAFF, STUDENTS AND VISITORS:

The guidance outlined above regarding mask requirements does not apply to staff, students and visitors in the following circumstances:

- to a person who cannot tolerate wearing a mask for health or behavioural reasons;
- to a person who is unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person;
- if the mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it;
- if the mask is removed temporarily to engage in an educational activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask (e.g. playing a wind instrument, engaging in high-intensity physical activity, etc.);
- if a person is eating or drinking;
- if a person is behind a barrier; or
- while providing a service to a person with a disability or diverse ability (including but not limited to a hearing impairment) where visual cues, facial expressions and/or lip reading/movements is important.

Schools must not require a health-care provider note (i.e. a doctor's note) to confirm if staff, students or visitors cannot wear a mask. No student should be prevented from attending or fully participating at school if they do not wear a mask.

Illness & Self-Assessment Policies and Protocols

Daily health checks for staff and students continue to be required; parents and caregivers should assess their children daily for illness before sending them to school.



If a student, staff or other adult is sick, they must not enter the school, please stay home.

For Students the changes are:

- Grade K-3 are encouraged to wear masks indoors in schools and on buses at all times per the guidelines above
- Grade 4-7 must wear masks indoors in schools and on buses at all times (which includes sitting at your work station) per the guidelines above
- Grade 8-12 must continue to wear a mask indoors in schools and on buses at all times (which now includes sitting at your work space) per the guidelines above
- For Music classes indoors, masks can be removed to play a wind instrument but must be worn at all other times including singing
- For Theatre classes indoors, masks must be worn at all times except if a barrier is present or during high-intensity physical activities where students are physically distanced
- For PE Classes indoors, masks must be worn at all times including low-intensity activities (e.g. yoga, walking) the only exceptions are if a barrier is present or during high-intensity physical activities where students are physically distanced.

For Staff the changes are:

- Staff and other adults should seek to reduce the number of close, face-to-face interactions with each other at all times, **even while wearing a non-medical mask**. This includes during break times and in meetings.
- Staff must wear masks indoors in schools and on buses at all times including at your work station
 - Bus drivers are required to wear a non-medical mask, a face covering or a face shield (in which case a non-medical mask should be worn in addition to the face shield) on school buses **except while driving**.
- Supporting students with disabilities/diverse abilities may require staff providing support services to be in close physical proximity or in physical contact with a student.
 - When staff are working with a student indoors, and the service cannot be provided from behind a barrier, staff are required to wear a non-medical mask.
 - When working with students where seeing facial expressions and/or lip movement is important, and the service cannot be provided from behind a barrier, options include having the staff member wear a mask with a transparent section to enable visualization of the mouth. (No “mingle” masks are permitted)
- Staff meetings, in-service and professional development activities, and other staff-only gatherings should be held virtually wherever possible.
 - Staff should practice physical distancing (2m) for face-to-face interactions, whenever possible.
 - If barriers between participants are not present, participants are required to wear masks.
 - The number of participants gathered, and the length of the gathering should be minimized as much as possible.