



Carson Elementary School

"Building Future Leaders"

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FEBRUARY 2021

NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

The month of February is one that really showcases kindness. This month is filled with love and kindness events, including Valentine's Day, Pink Shirt Day, Real Acts of Caring, and Random Acts of Kindness Week. We will have so many opportunities to show our commitment to kindness.

One exciting project that we are embarking on is partnering with the founders of www.kindness.org. I reached out to them last month and they were excited to see all the fantastic work we are doing around kindness projects and activities at Carson Elementary. We will be working with them, as we continue to showcase kindness, powered by social-emotional learning. There is so much power in kindness.



Stay kind!

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

Feb. 9 PAC meeting via Google Meet 7:00 pm

Feb. 15 BC Family Day Statutory Holiday

Feb. 15 - 18 Acts of Caring Week

Feb. 24 PINK SHIRT DAY

March 1 Purdy's Orders Due

March 10 Purdy's Order Pick Up

March 14—26 SPRING BREAK

2021-2022 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for 2021-2022 will start on **February 1st** and continue to **March 5th**. Students must register at their local elementary school and show their Birth certificate; and Care Card or BC Services Card and **2 pieces of proof of residency**. *If you have any questions, please call your neighbourhood school or the District Administration Office at 992-8802.



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.

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) for all students in Grades 4 and 7

The Ministry of Education, through the BC's School Act, requires that all students in Grades 4 and 7 in B.C. take part in the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA), an annual assessment of reading comprehension, writing, and numeracy (math) skills.

FSA is B.C.'s earliest provincial indicator of student performance and provides strong evidence of future student achievement. The FSA is a required assessment for grade 4 and 7 students and is the first time a student writes a provincial assessment. This year the FSA has been postponed until February 15 – March 12, 2021

The purpose of the FSA is to:

- provide system level information on student performance;
- provide districts and schools with information on student performance;
- support decision-making (interventions, planning, and resource allocation).

The only exceptions are:

- students who have Individual Education Plans (IEPs) documenting a learning disability that significantly impacts their performance and who cannot participate in the assessment, even with adaptations (eg. extended time, a reader or a scribe);
- students with IEPs who would need such extensive adaptations as to create a hardship for the individual students;
- ESL students who have not yet reached a level of proficiency for them to provide meaningful responses.

Principals determine which students, if any, are excused as per the guidelines above. If it is recommended that your child be excused from one or more components of the FSA, you will be contacted prior to the beginning of the assessment. A parent's submission of a form letter to the Principal will not, of itself, constitute proof of extenuating circumstances.



PINK SHIRT DAY Wednesday, February 24th

Wednesday, February 24 is PINK SHIRT DAY across the province. We encourage all students to join the commitment to kindness by wearing pink on that 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 this winter!

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/>)

Real Acts of Caring - Great Kindness Challenge

Carson will be participating in the Great Kindness Challenge from Feb. 15 – 19. We will kick off the event at our February month-start assembly, and teachers will be implementing a variety of kindness lessons.

During the Great Kindness Challenge, we will also have different kindness theme days:



- Monday, Feb. 15 – Family Day – No School - Do something kind for Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa or the caregiver of your family. Have fun with your family!
- Tuesday, Feb. 16 - Round Up the Kindness – Wear western attire
- Wednesday, Feb 17 - Powered by Kindness Day – Dress as a superhero.
- Thursday, Feb. 18 - Crazy for Kindness Day – Wear crazy socks or clothes
- Friday, Feb. 19 - Kindness Rocks Day – Dress like a rock star!

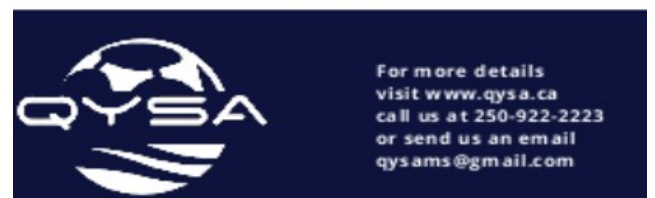
We have some fun whole school and individual class activities planned for this week that we will share on our Facebook page and website!

February's Successful Learner Trait: UNITY

Unity helps people work and live together peacefully. One way we can do that is to be kind to all.

Unity is:

- Being connected to everyone
- Valuing each other
- Working together for the common good
- Examining prejudices and letting them go
- Being willing to see the uniqueness in each person
- Solving conflict peacefully by listening and finding solutions
- Treating all people as members of one human family



WWF-Canada
supported
project



Go Wild School Grant - World Wildlife Fund Canada

We are excited to announce that we are one of 110 schools in Canada that have been selected to receive a Go Wild School Grant from World Wildlife Fund Canada. Each fall, students and educators are invited to apply for a grant to kick-start school projects that help nature thrive. Expanding on our successful outdoor classroom, Carson Elementary students will be building an Indigenous Garden, using plants of significance to the Dakelh Carrier First Nation. Plant ID tags will feature Dakelh plant names and a description of traditional Dakelh uses. Students will also learn how to propagate plants and how to care for them year-round.

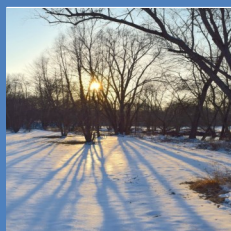
We would like to thank World Wildlife Fund Canada for selecting our project and providing us with the funds to continue the great work in our outdoor classroom/garden.

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.

Dress for the Weather

It's starting to feel a lot like Spring! The sun has been shining, but the ground is still icy. Please make sure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather.



Carson Elementary PAC (Parent Advisory Council)

The next Carson PAC meeting will be held virtually by Google Meet on Tuesday, Feb. 9th at 7 p.m. The meeting code is: meet.google.com/rad-ehwh-kfr



Quesnel School District
www.sd28.bc.ca

Kindergarten Registration

SEPTEMBER 2021- June 2022

IMPORTANT: During the pandemic, parents will pick-up and return registration packages to their neighbourhood school. Parents will not be able to access the inside of the school at this time, so please knock or call in advance. Thank-you for your patience.

What age are children that register for Kindergarten?

- Children must turn five (5) years of age between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

When can I register my child for Kindergarten?

- **Monday, February 1, 2021 to Friday, March 5, 2021**

Where do I register?

- Please contact **your current neighbourhood school** to arrange for a registration package, unless you are planning to place your child in French Immersion.
- **French Immersion:** please contact École Red Bluff Lhtako Elementary School.

What if I want my child to attend a school other than our neighbourhood school?

- Please contact your current neighbourhood school to arrange for a registration package and a "School of Choice" form. Your child's placement will be determined based on the criteria laid out in SD 28 Policy 310.4 – Student Registration, Enrolment and Placement.

What if I choose to educate my child at home?

- Please contact the District Administration Office at (250 992-8802).

What do I need to bring?

- **Your child's Birth Certificate**
- **BC Care Card or BC Services Card**
- **Two documents that prove residential address** (i.e. hydro/telephone bill, lease, etc) are required at the time of registration. If your child was born outside of Canada, there will be further documentation required for registration. Please contact the District Administration Office for help.



If you have questions, please contact the School District Administration Office at 250-992-8802

Do something awesome (for yourself and us, too!)

Support our fundraising campaign by
purchasing Purdys chocolates (crafted in
Vancouver from 100% sustainable cocoa!)

Lots of selection and great for gifting too!



Ask **TAMARA PELLETIER** for more info.

Order deadline is **March 1, 2021**

 CANADA'S CHOCOLATIER SINCE 1907

Carson Elementary PAC is fundraising with Purdys Chocolatier,
just in time for Easter!

If you'd like to support us through purchasing some very sweet
Easter gifts for friends, family and yourself, please click the link
below:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1311991-82965>

After you've signed in you can buy our amazing chocolates or in-
vite others to join and support our Fundraising Campaign.

Thank you so much!

Amended School District Calendar



School Calendar 2020–2021

School District #28 Quesnel

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Listing of Non-School Days:

Sep 7: Labour Day
 Sep 8 & 9: Ministry Staff Orientation Days (no school for students)
 Sep 10: Back to school (1/2 day for students)
 Oct 12: Thanksgiving
 Oct 23: Provincial Pro-D Day (no school for students)
 Oct 27 & 28: Early closures (to facilitate Parent Teacher Interviews)
 Nov 11: Stat Holiday - No School
 Nov 27: NI Day- Aboriginal (no school for students)
 Dec 21 - Jan 1: Winter Break
 Jan 4: Students back from Winter Break

Jan 29: District/NI Day (no school for students)
 Feb 15: BC Family Day
 Mar 15 - 26: Spring Break
 Apr 2: Good Friday
 Apr 5: Easter Monday
 Apr 23: Regional Pro-D Day (no school for students)
 May 21: NI Day (no school for students)
 May 24: Victoria Day
 Jun 7: NI Day (no school for students)
 Jun 29: Last Day for students
 Jun 30: Administrative Day (no school for students)

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

- School Holidays - No School
- Early Closure Day 1/2 day attendance for students