



Carson Elementary School

"Building Future Leaders"

NEWS BULLETIN

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"Kids don't remember their best day of television." Unknown Author

Playing outdoors is fun for children and also offers many important benefits that directly affect their physical, social, mental and intellectual health. Playing outside encourages children to use all of their senses, teaches them to appreciate and enjoy nature and helps them to develop healthy habits that will benefit them throughout their lives.

Here are some great ideas for outdoor fun and exploration:

- Have a picnic in your backyard.
- Go for a hike.
- Go on a bug hunt.
- Make Animal Rocks.
- Fly kites.
- Ride bikes.
- Nature scavenger hunt.



Outdoor fun and creativity at Carson Elementary

Enjoy Nature!
Ms. J. King

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

PAC Meeting—TBA

May 6 Northern Flowers orders ready for pick-up

May 14 School Spirit Day—Hat Day

May 21 NI Day — NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

May 24 Victoria Day Statutory Holiday

Just a reminder...

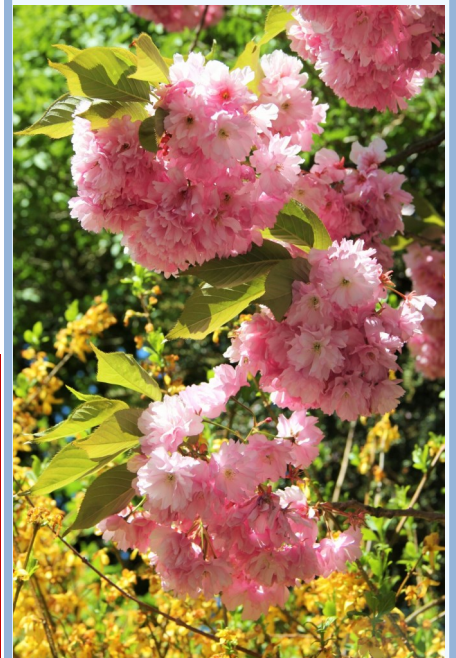
Please review the updated SD28 mask policy included in this newsletter.

A very important reminder - please check with your student(s) each morning to ensure they have a mask and a refillable water bottle before they are sent/brought to school. Thanks!

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.



BIKE & SCOOTER SAFETY

- Walk bikes up the sidewalk when coming to school or leaving from the school.
- No riding bikes, scooters, or skateboards on school grounds
- Wear a helmet if riding to school.



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.

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/>)



Looking for something for your kids to do for the summer? Join the Sealions swim club! Learn swimming techniques and just have fun! Open to children 4 and up. Over 7 must have the ability to swim 50 m unassisted. Pups ages 4-7 must have an adult attend with them at this time. Registration will open up in mid-April with limited spaces. Follow us on Facebook – Quesnel Sealions Swim Club for updated info or email quesnelaquaticclub@hotmail.com . See you in the pool!

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 Update

Johnston Meier Insurance enjoyed showcasing what JOY means to Quesnel students.

They are showcasing Carson students' art in one of their office windows. Congratulations to Ecole Red Bluff Lhtako and Correlieu for being voted as favourites. Both schools will receive \$500 each of Down Town Bucks. Thanks to Johnston Meier and all who participated!

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.

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.

School Dress Code Policy

As the weather improves we like to remind students about our dress code policy. Students are expected to come to school dressed appropriately for a work atmosphere. All students require two pairs of footwear: one for indoor and one for outside. This allows students to use the floors for projects and reading without concern about dirt. Our custodial time is limited and we all need work together to keep a clean pleasant environment.





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.



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April 28, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The school has received some enquiries around the land slippage and the impact of rain. The School District is monitoring the site twice a day and continuing to work with a geotechnical engineer. A geotechnical engineer will be on site this week to do further assessment.

At this time the play structures at Carson Elementary remain behind temporary security fencing and continue to be off limits for student and public use. In consultation with a geotechnical engineer the remaining school site and playing field was deemed to be safe.

Thank you to students, staff, parents and the community for understanding the importance of respecting the boundaries of the temporary security fencing. The School District will update the school community when new information is available.

Sincerely,

Jolene King

Carson Interim Principal