



Carson Elementary School

"Building Future Leaders"

NEWSLETTER

November 2020

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BUS SAFETY DAY

Student Arrival & Dismissal It is very important that students arrive to school on time, so that they can enter the school with their classmates and follow the handwashing procedures.

Our warning bell rings at 8:20 a.m. in the morning. To reduce congestion of people on our playground, we ask that parents/guardians drop off their children at the sidewalk, and that students arrive as close to 8:20 a.m. as possible. If students arrive prior to the warning bell, they are to report to their classroom meeting spot.

Our health and safety plan asked that parents/guardians stay off the school grounds when dropping off their children. This reduces physical contact and allows us to follow the health and safety guidelines. Parents of K/1 parents may wait by the yellow-lined drop-off area to support their children if needed.

At the end of the day students are to walk to parents/guardians who are picking up or immediately walk/bike ride home.

We appreciate your support of our new health and safety procedures.

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.

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

SCHOOL HOURS:

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

School Starts: 8:25 a.m.

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

Bright/Mrs. Cronkhite/Mrs. Favron

Recess 2: 10:30 to 10:45 -

Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. West, Mr. Cronkhite, Mr. Doucette

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

Dismissal: 2:33 p.m.

Upcoming Dates

Oct. 26 Scholastic Virtual Book Fair opens

Oct. 27 & 28 Early Closure Days

Oct 30 Halloween

Nov. 4 Photo Retake Day

Nov. 5 PAC Meeting @ 6:30

Nov. 6 Last day of Scholastic Virtual Book Fair

Nov. 11 Remembrance Day (No school)

Nov. 27 NI Day—No school for students



Remembrance Day - November 11

School will not be in session on Wednesday, November 11 in honour of Remembrance Day.



The Carson Elementary PAC (Parent Advisory Council) The next meeting of the Carson PAC will be on Thursday, November 5th at 6:30 pm.

Scholastic **Book Fair**

Virtual Book Fair

Our Carson Elementary Virtual Scholastic Book Fair has started! It is open from Monday, October 26 to Friday, November 6.

Go to <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5149378> to browse the collection.

Free shipping is being offered on Wednesday, October 28th & Wednesday, November 4th between 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. No coupon code is required.



Halloween at School: Friday, October 30, 2020

Students will be able to dress up in Halloween costumes this Friday. As in the past, they are reminded not to bring any accessories that resemble a weapon (axe, sword, knife, etc.)

Unfortunately, there will be no costume parade or sharing of treats this year due to safety regulations. Students/parents are not to bring any food in to share.

We hope everyone has a fun, happy, and safe Halloween!!!



2020 Terry Fox School Event Update

Carson Elementary has raised \$130.00 online and \$79.60 in cash donations for a total of \$209.60!

Thank you to all who generously donated. We have surpassed our goal of \$1 per student.

Carson Elementary is celebrating this year's 40th Anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope.

School fundraising link: <http://www.terryfox.ca/CarsonElementary>

#tryliketerry



Character Counts - Character Trait for November: Citizenship

Although a big focus at Carson Elementary is kindness, we also value all positive character traits. Last year we introduced a new character trait every month to showcase and encourage a variety of positive character traits. This year we will be using the pillars of character from the program, "Character Counts". During the month of November, our focus is on citizenship.

There is, perhaps, no more important time to be a good citizen than during a global pandemic. Each of us plays a critical role in contributing to the health and well-being of others. All of us have an important role to play in maintaining the health and safety of everyone, and contributing to a positive educational environment.

One of the tools we will be sharing and introducing to our students is *the Work Towards Being A Leader tool*. This tool serves two important purposes. First, it defines what each role – detractor, participant, and leader – looks like in action. Good citizens are able to change detractor behaviors to participant behaviors, and participant behaviors to leader behaviors. We may not be a leader all of the time, but we can always be working toward showing expectations of a leader. This tool is also an excellent reflection tool, as students can evaluate and ask themselves, "Were my actions that of a leader, detractor, or participant, and what do I need to do better or differently tomorrow to be a better citizen?"

Citizenship: Work Towards Being A Leader

Detractor

Not yet responsible for self or others

- Prevents others from meeting citizenship goals
- Distracts others from meeting expectations
- Not yet responsible for actions or words

Participant

Responsible for self

- Meets citizenship expectations
- Shows personal commitment
- Positive example
- Shows kindness
- Responsible for actions and words

Leader

Responsible for self and others

- Shows personal commitment
- Encourages others
- Responsible for words and actions
- Positive example
- Demonstrates responsibility and willingness to work toward shared goals

Daily Health Check



As we enter cold and flu season, it is important to remember to do the daily health check with your child to ensure they are not coming to school sick. This will prevent the spread of germs and will keep our school community healthy.

Exploring Nature

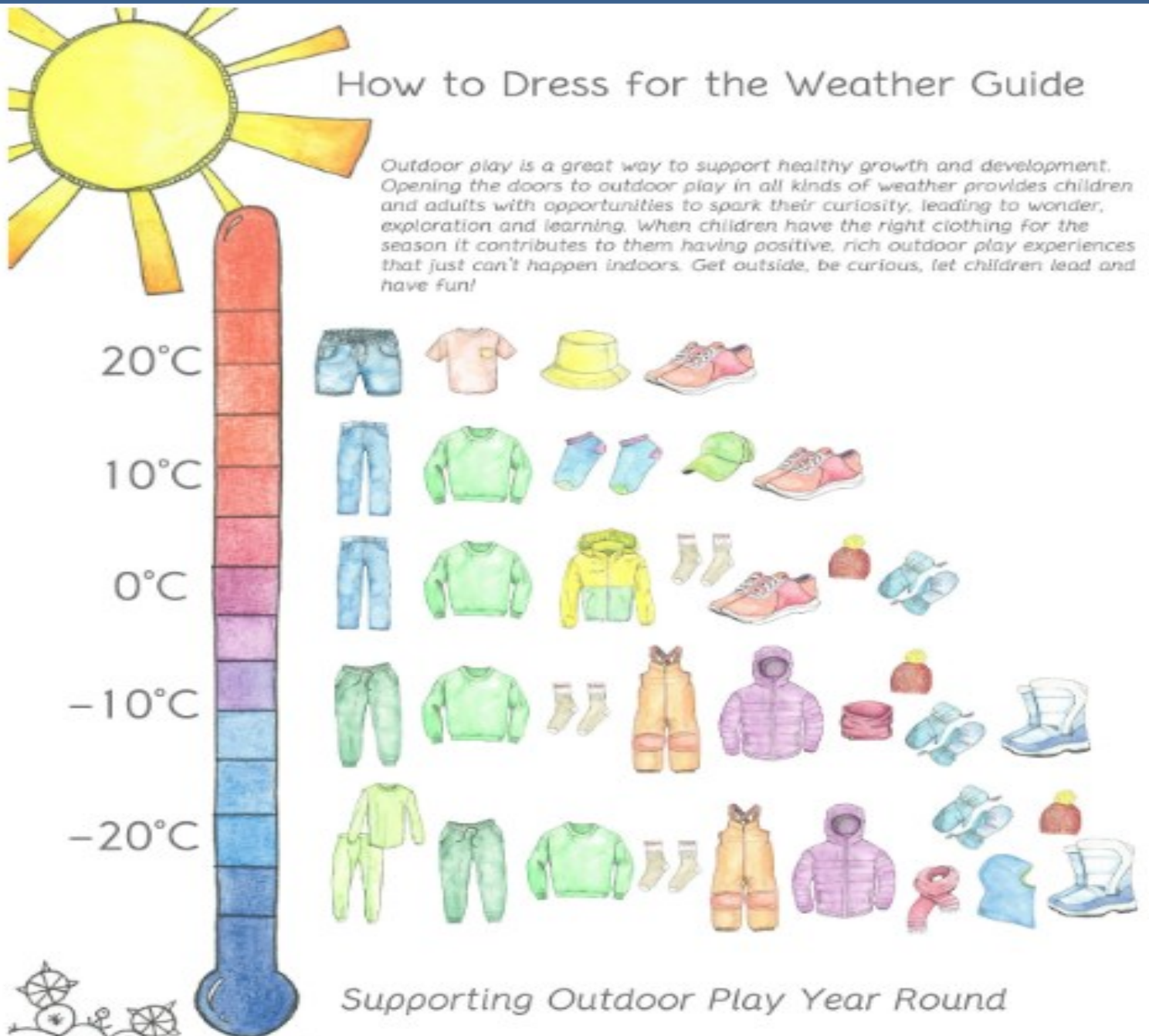


District Lunch Program

Our District Lunch program is for families in financial need. If this is a program you need to access for your child, please call the school at 250-992-6821. Students on the lunch program are still expected to bring a morning snack.

Dress for the Weather

As the weather starts to get colder, please remember to have your child dress for the weather. As part of our curriculum and all important outside play time, students are going outdoors every day to discover, explore, learn, and play. It is important that they have the proper clothing and footwear to be comfortable and warm. See this graphic which shows what clothing is needed at different temperatures.



Supporting Outdoor Play Year Round



www.getoutsideandplay.ca



www.befitforlife.ca

World Kindness Day - Friday, November 13



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS
FOUNDATION

#MakeKindnessTheNorm • www.randomactsofkindness.org

World Kindness Day is a global day that promotes the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, and to the world.

On this day, we hope to help everyone understand that compassion for others is what binds us all together. At Carson, we believe in the importance of kindness.

We will have a school spirit day on World Kindness Day, where students and staff are encouraged to wear pink, their kindness band, or a shirt with a kind quote on it, to show

Carson is now an Eco-School!

Carson Elementary has a long standing history of being a school that is eco-friendly. Although some of our environmental initiatives have had to change with our new normal of COVID-19, we still do many things to be responsible global citizens.

Recently, we have applied for certification with EcoSchools Canada. EcoSchools certification represents environmental excellence for kindergarten through grade 12 schools in Canada.

With this program, we will continue to do the environmental actions, campaigns, and projects we have been involved in, and record them in the online EcoSchools Certification Application (ECA). At the end of the year, school applications are awarded a final certification level.

We look forward to working with EcoSchools Canada to nurture environmental leaders, reduce the ecological impact of schools, and build sustainable school communities.



Thank you!

Thank you to the Quesnel Elks Club and Casa Dell Mell Orchards in Osoyoos for continuing their tradition of donating apples for our students!



The fresh apples were delicious and enjoyed by all!

OUTDOOR PLAY





Quesnel School District (No. 28)

Daily Health Check

Please complete this daily health check to determine if you should attend school each day.

Daily Health Check			
1. Key Symptoms of Illness*	Do you have any of the following new key symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

If you answered "YES" to one of the questions included under 'Key Symptoms of Illness' (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered "YES" to two or more of the questions included under 'Symptoms of Illness' or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

When a COVID-19 test is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is **positive**, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is **negative**, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- If a COVID-19 test is **recommended but is not done** because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, you can return to school when symptoms improve and you feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should seek testing for COVID-19.

A health-care provider note (i.e. a doctor's note) should not be required to confirm the health status of any individual.



School Calendar 2020-2021

School District #28 Quesnel

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Listing of Non-School Days:

- Sep 7: Labour Day
- Sep 8: NI Day (no school for students)
- Sep 9: 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 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

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