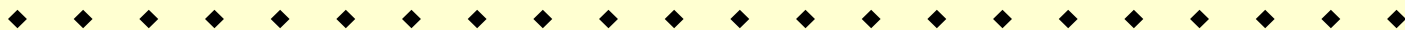


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October 2023 Newsletter

Principal's Message:

Dahooja Kersley Families!

I hope this message finds you well! As the leaves change and the air turns crisper, we find ourselves fully immersed in Fall! The school year is now well underway and we look forward to welcoming families into the school next week for our Parent/Teacher Conferences. This is an opportunity for you to connect with your child's teacher, discuss progress, and explore ways to support their educational journey. A notice went home this week indicating your meeting time. Please reach out to the classroom teacher or myself if you did not receive this information. As we move through October, I want to encourage all students to embrace a growth mindset. Just as the trees shed their leaves and prepare for a new season, please welcome all of the new opportunities and let go of past challenges! With perseverance, you can do remarkable things!

We will be having our first KODIAKS Assembly on Friday, October 27 to recognize students for their efforts!

Also, Hoodie orders will be in shortly! Thank you for your patience.

Thank you for your continued support, trust, and commitment to the education of our Kersley students! Have a great weekend!

Ms. Janene Sellers



- K**ersley Community
- O**utdoor Learning and Connections
- D**eep Learning
- I** can!
- A**ppreciate Ourselves and Others
- K**eep up the Challenge
- S**trength of Mind, Body, and Heart

Upcoming Events: October 23 - November 10

Week of:	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
October 23-27	23	24 Fostering Literacy 2:45pm	25 Early Dismissal 11:23am Parent/Teacher Conferences	26 Early Dismissal 11:23am Parent/Teacher Conferences	27
Oct/Nov 30-3	30 Grade 6 Immunizations	31 Halloween Costume Parade (AM)	1 PAC Meeting 4pm	2 Fostering Literacy 2:45pm	3
November 6-10	6	7 Fostering Literacy 2:45pm	8	9 Seniors Lunch (Div. 3) Fostering Literacy 2:45pm Remembrance Day Assembly	10 No School

Upcoming Dates:

November 27: NI Day - No School
 December 7: Seniors Lunch (Div. 3)
 December 15: Winter Concert (Time TBD)
 December 22: Last Day before Winter Break

Bell Schedule 2023 - 2024

8:15	Morning Session
10:00-10:15	Recess
10:15-11:45	Late Morning Session
11:45-12:44	Lunch
12:44-2:23	Afternoon Session

Halloween at Kersley

On Tuesday, October 31, students can wear their costumes to school. The costume parade will occur before recess. Costumes must allow freedom of movement, must NOT involve excessive gore nor weapons of ANY kind, and be age-appropriate. Masks will be required to be removed. Due to allergies and the general problem with too much sugar at school, please do not send candy or treats to share.



Monthly Reminders

UPDATE!!! CITRUS FRUIT IS NOW ALLOWED BACK AT KERSLEY

We continue to be a Nut, Legume, Soy & Scent Free School

Please remember we are a **Nut, Legume & Soy free school**

Due to severe antiphallic allergies including peanuts, tree nuts and all legumes, including soy, we ask that you refrain from sending food that include these ingredients

WOW butter contains soy, so therefore we cannot have students bringing it. **Hummus** is also a product we cannot have at school.

Please remind students not share their food.



REMINDER of Healthy Practices

Please keep your student home when they are sick as this stops the spread of illness.

Students, visitors and staff should stay home if they have symptoms of illness such as: fever or chills, difficulty breathing, diarrhea, runny nose, headache, sore throat, sneezing, body aches, loss of sense of smell or taste, loss of appetite, extreme fatigue or tiredness, vomiting, severe uncontrolled coughing or wheezing.



If you are sick or feel unwell please stay home.

Safe Arrival

Please call the School if your child is going to be absent. We check our messages regularly.

You can also use the online form found at <https://kersley.sd28.bc.ca/> OR Email: janenesellers@sd28.bc.ca

Ms. Sellers or Ms. Balatti (our secretary) will call home to confirm an absence if your child is away without prior notification.

Ms. Balatti's hours are:

Monday 8:00 - 9:45am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 -11:00am

Friday 8:00-10:00am

In addition please let us know if your child will be leaving school early, walking to a different location at the end of the day, or will be picked up by a different person.



What's up Kersley Kodiaks!!!

Safety Reminder!

The safety of our students is our top priority. As the days get shorter, please ensure that your child is well-equipped with reflective gear if they walk or bike to school.

Weather

Beautiful fall weather is here, chilly in the morning and warm in the afternoon!

Please have students dress in layers! appropriately.

New Website

Please check it out!

www.kersley.sd28.bc.ca



We always encourage parent involvement in our school community. If you're interested in volunteering for upcoming events or helping out in any capacity, please reach out to your classroom teacher, Ms. Sellers or our Kersley PAC!

Your contributions are invaluable!

The next **PAC meeting:**

Wednesday, November 1 at 4pm

Meet in the Library.





Terrific Twos

Friday November 17th
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
at the West Park Mall

Parents and caregivers sign up your 2 year old and come enjoy some fun activities, developmental information and receive a gift!

To reserve your spot call
Debbie at 250-992-8858



Hosted by the
Quesnel Community Early Years Table

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MIDDLE *R*AGED SKETCH COMEDY

STARRING
Geri Hall
22 Minutes,
Second City
and
Gary Pearson
MadTV,
Corner Gas



"The sketches became increasingly hilarious and it soon became apparent that Hall and Pearson are masters of what they do. Playing off each other with electric energy, they brought an undeniable charisma to every sketch they performed."
- Extra Mile

Exploring life between 30 and 65. Raising kids, financial stress, dealing with elderly parents, going to more funerals than weddings. A send up about the time of life when the bloom is off the rose, but the thorns are sharper than ever.

Saturday, October 21, 2023 - 7:30pm

Chuck Mobley Theatre
at Correlieu Senior Secondary School



TICKETS \$25 (Adults), \$20 (Seniors & Students).

AVAILABLE at: Save On Foods, Green Tree Wellness & online: qla.ticket.ca

For assistance with online purchasing contact:
COLLEEN 250-747-2207 OR DEANNA 250-991-0985.



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All about the Foundation Skills Assessment

What is the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)?

The FSA is a learning assessment for all grade 4 and 7 students. It focuses on the areas of **literacy** and **numeracy**.

FSA results are one way of measuring how the education system is doing in these key areas. It assesses how students think, communicate and reflect - not just the facts they know.

The FSA is not intended to be used to rank students, teachers, or schools. The FSA is a snapshot of student learning at a moment in time. For parents and caregivers, it tells you where your child is at in their literacy and numeracy development, as well as areas where they may need support. When all students participate, it also gives the Ministry of Education and Child Care a clear picture of how the education system is performing as a whole.

Why is the FSA important?

The Ministry of Education and Child Care sets the standards for what your child learns and, along with teachers, figures out ways to measure how well they are learning. The goal is for your child (and all students in BC) to get a great education that readies them for life after graduation and helps them become educated citizens.

One way the Ministry ensures the quality of student learning is through the FSA. The FSA helps us understand what learning looks like across the entire province. It lets us see how different groups of students are learning and find out where they might need extra help. It also helps us understand how well BC is doing over time.

The Ministry uses this information to make sure that your child's learning is "on track" and that they don't fall behind. This data also allows us to know how BC students are doing in relation to students in other provinces in Canada and the rest of the world. The FSA provides both the Ministry and parents and caregivers with the assurance that students possess the literacy and numeracy skills necessary for their future.

Literacy is your child's ability to understand language and communicate in a variety of ways.

Numeracy is your child's ability to apply important math skills, solve problems, and communicate solutions.

The FSA:

- Is **not** a high-stakes assessment
- Is **not** meant to be used for ranking students, teachers, or schools
- Does **not** impact student marks or report cards
- Provides valuable information about student learning
- Ensures all students are developing a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy
- Guides improvements to BC's education system

Information for Parents and Caregivers



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How will your child participate?

The FSA will be completed by your child as part of their regular classroom learning. Your child does not need to prepare for the assessment. The FSA has five parts that can be spread out over several days or weeks during the fall of your child's grade 4 and 7 school year. Each component of the assessment will never be longer than an hour, so it won't take too much time away from classroom learning. Here is what your child can expect:

Component	Description	Time
Paper-based literacy task	A collaboration activity and 3 written response questions	60 minutes
Online literacy task	30 questions	60 minutes
Paper-based numeracy task	3 written response questions and 1 self-reflection question	45 minutes
Online numeracy task	30 questions	60 minutes
Self-reflection	1 selected-response question and 1 written-response question	5 minutes

Some students may feel nervous about tests. Talking about the FSA at home can help your child understand the purpose of the assessment. It can also help your child feel more confident writing it.

You will receive your child's test booklet back after it has been marked. Marking is done by teachers using the provincial proficiency scale, the same scale used for report cards for kindergarten to Grade 9. For FSA, "Developing" and "Proficient" have been combined on the scale into a single category, so that you know if your child is "On Track" in their literacy and numeracy learning.

Emerging	On Track	Extending
means your child is beginning to understand the expected concepts	means your child mostly understands the expected concepts	means your child is able to apply their learning in new and different ways

Along with written comments from teachers and the proficiency scale on report cards, the FSA results can be another helpful source of information to see where your child is in their literacy and numeracy development and where they can go next in their learning.

How are the FSA results used?

The FSA results offer insights to parents, caregivers, teachers, schools, districts, and the Ministry. They provide valuable information to all levels of the education system that help improve student learning.

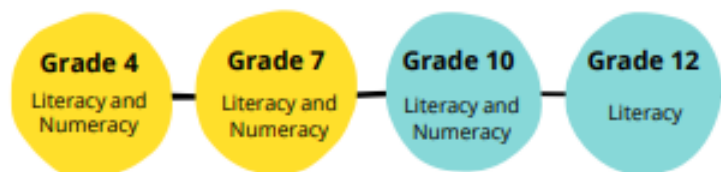
- For parents, caregivers, and teachers, these results can show how students are doing in literacy and numeracy.
- Teachers, schools, and districts can use the FSA results to help support classroom teaching. They can see where students are doing well and where they might need more help.
- Schools, districts, and the Ministry can use the FSA results to help make the education system better. The Ministry also relies on the FSA to uphold high learning standards to help all students develop their literacy and numeracy skills.

It's important to know that the FSA results aren't for ranking students, teachers, schools, or districts. Rankings don't help learning and don't make BC's education system better. The FSA is just one data point and doesn't reflect all the teaching and learning that happens in a school. That's why the Ministry doesn't make, share, or support any rankings.

When are literacy and numeracy assessed?

Foundation Skills Assessments

Graduation Assessments



Contact Us



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