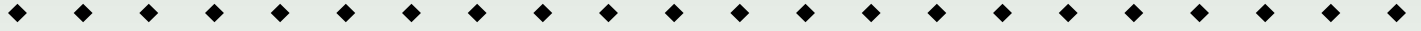


Kersley Elementary School

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January / February 2025

Principal's Message:

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! As we settle into 2025, I am thrilled to share some exciting opportunities and events planned for the next couple months. These activities are designed to keep our students engaged, active and connected with our community.

Wheelchair Sports Day:

Inclusivity and accessibility are at the heart of our school's values, and we are proud to once again host Wheelchair Sports Day in partnership with Northern Adapted Sports on Monday, January 27.



Skiing at Troll Mountain:

We are excited to offer Division 3 students the chance to hit the slopes at Troll Mountain Ski Resort! This is a wonderful opportunity for skill-building, teamwork, and fun in the great outdoors. Division 3 students will be spending one night this year in the new lodge! I am excited to be able to offer this unique experience to sleepover and wake up at a ski hill!



Skating at the Kersley Rink:

Weather and ice conditions permitting, we will be skating at the Kersley Rink most Fridays. This is a fantastic way to enjoy winter while staying active. It is amazing how much the students improve on their skating skills over a few sessions here at our local rink! We will notify families on the ice conditions each week once they are confirmed.



We are looking forward to seeing our students thrive as they embrace these exciting experiences. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please do not hesitate to reach out! We always need help lacing up ice skates!

Ms. Janene Sellers

Upcoming Events: January 20 - February 21, 2025

Week of:	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
January 20-24	20	21	22	23 PAC Meeting 4:30 Library	24 Skating at Kersley Rink 
January 27-31	27 Wheelchair Sports Day	28	29	30	31 Skating at Kersley Rink 
February 3-7	3	4	5	6	7 NI Day No School for Students
February 10 - 14	10	11	12	13 Div 3. Seniors Lunch	14 Valentines Day Skating at Kersley Rink  
February 17-21	17 Family Day No School	18	19	20 PAC Meeting 4:30 Library	21 Skating at Kersley Rink 

What's up Kersley Kodiaks!!!

Upcoming Dates of Note:

- * Fri. Feb. 7 - NI Day - No School
- * Mon. Feb. 17 - Family Day - No School
- * Wed. Feb. 26 - Pink Shirt Day, KODIAKS Assembly, Science Celebration of Learning
- * Thurs. Feb. 27 - Troll Ski Day #1 (Div. 3)
- * Fri. Feb. 28 - Troll Ski Day #2 (Div. 3)
- * Wed. Mar. 5 - Troll Ski Day #3 (Div. 3)
- * Mar. 10, 12, 14 - Hallis Cross Country
- * March 15 - 30 - SPRING BREAK

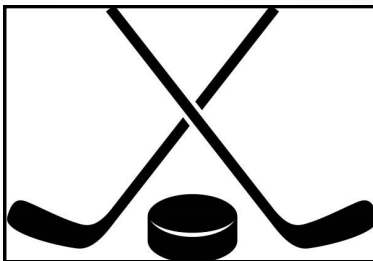
Bell Schedule 2024 - 2025

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

LUNCHTIME WINTER CLUBS!

- Mondays** - Hockey
- Tuesdays** - Drama
- Wednesdays** - Karaoke
- Thursdays** - Chess
- Crafts
- Fridays** - Hockey

Chess Club



We always encourage parent involvement in our school community. If you're interested in volunteering for upcoming events, PAC HOT LUNCH 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:**

Thursday, February 20 at 4:30pm



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

Monthly Reminders

KERSLEY continues 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 TO NOT SHARE THEIR FOOD.

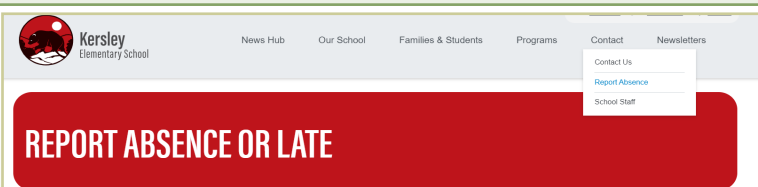


REMINDER of Healthy Practices

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.



Kersley Elementary School

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REPORT ABSENCE OR LATE

Safe Arrival

Please call the school **250-747-2624**

OR call/text Ms. Sellers at **250-255-4114** if your child is going to be absent.

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

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

SECRETARY HOURS

Mondays 8:00 - 10:00am Tuesdays 8:00 - 11:00am

Wednesdays 8:00 - 10:45am

Thursdays 8:00 - 11:00am Fridays 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.



Parking Lot

Our parking lot and drive-through zone is a busy place at our school. Our aim is to keep this area as safe as possible. It is very important that we all travel through our drive-through zone in the correct direction and park in a way as to not block our staff parking lot area. Please do not park in the middle of the lot. We prefer you to back in against the concrete blocks. This will ensure student safety as you leave the area after dismissal.

Thank you!



SCHOOL SAFETY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 QUESNEL

School District No. 28 Quesnel has developed a School Safety Notification System in collaboration with Quesnel RCMP to keep students, staff and volunteers safe. While it is impossible to anticipate all eventualities, the notifications below are used as a guide to conduct these procedures effectively. **Communication is important and will come as able from the school or District Office as appropriate.**



ROOM CLEAR

Used to move people away from a hazard or concern contained in one room/area.

- Students directed to leave the room/area and report to designated area
- Principal/designate to call for assistance as needed (e.g. principal/vice-principal, custodian, 911, first aid attendant)



RETURN & REMAIN

Used as a short-term measure to provide privacy and dignity in the event of a medical event or an animal (bear etc.) on the school grounds.

- Staff and students enter the school and remain indoors (in the event of medical event or animal on the school grounds)
- Students Return to class and close classroom doors and Remain until directed by the teacher or principal.
- Principal will call District Administration Office (250 992 8802)



EVACUATE

Used to move people out of the school when a hazard exists inside. May include floods, potential fire, or a bomb threat.

- Students and staff directed to exit school using the safest route
- Principal will call District Office (250 992 8802)
- Students and staff to assemble outside at a designated assembly site. Assembly site may be off school grounds at an alternate location.



HOLD AND SECURE

Used when there is a security concern, such as a police incident, in the neighborhood of the school.

- Principal/designate to announce "hold and secure," repeating several times
- Principal/designate to call District Administration Office (250 992 8802) to inform of Hold and Secure
- Lock exterior doors and close exterior windows, blinds
- Students and staff may be asked to minimize activity in hallway
- Put sign on front door advising visitors that school is in a Hold and Secure
- Normal duties may continue within the school
- Hold and secure will be lifted by an announcement from the principal/designate under direction of RCMP and school District



LOCKDOWN

Used to prevent intruders from entering occupied areas of the school, or in times when it is necessary to isolate students and staff from a danger outside or within the building.

- Principal/designate will announce "This is the Principal of _____, lockdown now," repeating several times
- Principal/designate will call 911 and the District Administration Office (250 992 8802) - only when/if it is safe to do so
- Students and staff gather in the nearest secure room
- Close and secure doors
- Turn off lights, close windows and blinds, get down behind heavy furniture or out of sight, stay quiet
- All students must turn off cellphones
- Do not respond to anyone at the door, and ignore dismissal bells
- Remain in lockdown until the room is cleared by authorities

SCHOOL DRILLS

All schools in the Quesnel School District practice important safety techniques to keep students and staff safe during emergencies.



FIRE DRILLS
3 in spring, 3 in fall



EARTHQUAKE DRILLS
3 per year recommended



LOCKDOWN DRILLS
2 per year



EMERGENCY INFORMATION
In an emergency, call 911 and the District Administration Office at 250 992 8802

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Opens

January 27, 2025

at your catchment school

For registration in the French Immersion program,
please contact École Red Bluff Lhtako at 250-747-2634.

Parents/Guardians,

Please bring the following with you:

- Canadian Birth Certificate/Passport or Status Card
- Proof of Guardianship
- BC Services Card
- Proof of address in Quesnel (2 pieces)



For more information,
call 250-992-8802 or
visit our website at
www.sd28.bc.ca.



SCHOOL DISTRICT 28
QUESNEL



**Assessments and surveys can provide
valuable insight to help us plan.**



**YOUR
VOICE
MATTERS.**

Parents are invited to complete the

Student Learning Survey

2025 Student Learning Survey Information

The Student Learning Survey is for students in grade 4, 7, 10, 11, and 12, their parents, staff and administrators.

The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in B.C. public schools since 2001. Prior to 2016-17 it was known as the Student Satisfaction Survey. The SLS provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation.

The SLS is the only source of province-wide information about students' learning experiences through the perspectives of students, parents, guardians/caregivers, and school staff. Schools and districts use the SLS to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goal-setting, and in providing individual students personalized support.

In 2021, the student survey underwent a review to accommodate an updated conceptual framework that align questions with the core competencies of the curriculum and the British Columbia's Policy for Student Success.

Electronic surveying is available until May 2, 2025. You do not need a Logon code to access the survey. The website to access the electronic survey is:

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

Thank you for your participation! Your voice matters!