

KERSLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

September absolutely flew by, and we are officially back into the swing of things at Kersley! It has been a busy and exciting start to the school year, with lots of learning, activities, and fun happening around the school.

There are lots of exciting things happening at Kersley, and it is wonderful to see our students jumping into the year with such enthusiasm. As we head into Thanksgiving weekend, we want to wish all of our Kersley families a very Happy Thanksgiving! We hope you have a restful weekend filled with family, friends, good food, and plenty of time to recharge.

Our Bell Schedule

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

Looking forward:

Oct 12th - No School Thanksgiving
Oct 23rd - Pro D Day No school
Oct 28/29 ½ days Parent teacher interviews
Nov 11: No School Remembrance Day
Nov 23: NI Day - No School
December 21st - Winter break starts

Daily Reminders

- Bike safety remind students that they need to use their bike safety helmets are to be worn at all time while on school grounds
- Attendance: please let the school know if you will be keeping your child home call, email or use online reporting tool

<https://kersley.sd28.bc.ca/absence-late/ker>

- Sent Free School* Kersley Elementary is a sent free school
- Allergies* We have no allergies at Kersley
- Healthy Practices: Please keep your student home if they are feeling unwell.
- Parking Lot: please do not block the drive through zone.

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WHATS UP KERSLEY

Division 1: Has been busy learning all about bugs and working on a science project to identify which bugs we have living right here in our area. You may have noticed their bug tent set up outside as they explore and investigate!

Division 2 has been studying what grew and is busy preparing the garden for winter.

Division 3: has been busy filling sandbags as a fundraiser for their year end field trip. they have been learning about communities and simple machine. We are looking forward to seeing all the creations.

Who's new at the school

We are excited to welcome Ms. Tori Beil, our music teacher this year! Fridays are our music days, and we are looking forward to lots of singing, creating, and making music together. We also want to give a big welcome to our secretary, Melissa Winofsky! We are so happy to have her back at Kersley!

CORN MAZE ADVENTURES

- Our whole-school trip to the corn maze was a blast and a great way to spend time together as a school community.

KERSLEY KODIAKS

Our Grade 5 - 7 co-ed volleyball team practices have also started, and we are excited to see our Kodiaks back on the court, building skills, teamwork, and school spirit.

We will also have a Kersley Kodiaks "online" swag order coming soon, so keep an eye out if you want to show off your Kodiak pride! Our Purdys Winter Chocolate Fundraiser will also be starting soon, with proceeds helping support student field trips, activities, and resources throughout the year.

Garden Club: Thank you so much to the families that helped maintain our school garden over the summer. It was very productive! I hope you got to harvest some yummy treats.

MESSAGE FROM THE PAC

The Kersley Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is one of the most effective ways to support your child's education and shape the school community. Here's a clear picture of what that involvement usually looks like and how to get started.

The PAC is a group of parents and guardians who work with the school to:

- Support student learning and well-being
- Organize events (fundraisers, family nights, hot lunch programs)
- Advocate for school needs with the district
- Build community among families, staff, and students

Ways to get involved - You don't have to commit a huge amount your time:

- Attending monthly PAC meetings
- Volunteering at events (bottle shed sorts, Hot Lunches, sports day)
- Helping with fundraising efforts
- Bringing new ideas and suggestions forward
- Taking on a role like secretary, treasurer, or chair if you want deeper involvement

Why it matters:

- You get a direct voice in school decisions that affect your child
- It helps build relationships with teachers and other parents
- Schools often rely on PAC funding for extras like field trips, classroom supplies, and other funding request from the school
- Kids benefit when families are visibly engaged in their school

What to expect:

Meetings usually include updates from the Principal, discussion of upcoming events, budgeting decisions, and open floor time for parent concerns. Most PACs try to keep things flexible so more parents can participate.

First PAC Meeting is OCTOBER 14 @ 4:00pm in the Library.

Please come and sit in, share ideas and be a part of making our school great!

Your Kersley Executive:

Hillary Shearing, Melissa Winofsky, Jeni James



SCHOOL GARDEN



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It was very productive! I hope you got to harvest some yummy treats. Division 2 has been studying what grew and is busy preparing the garden for winter.

Strawberry runner sale

We have lovely little strawberry plants for sale, \$2 a pot. We hope to raise a little money to keep our garden going next spring! See Ms Collingwood if you want to adopt some.

Halloween Extravaganza

When: Oct 24th

Time: 3pm-5pm little goblin friendly
5pm-8pm extra spook factor

Where: Riverview Elementary

Entry is \$5 per person which gives you 5 tickets to play games, cake walk or entrance to haunted house

Cash Concession

All children must be accompanied by Adult.



TRICKS Fundraiser
And Treats

PUT ON BY CORRELIEU GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER
TEAM

JOIN THE WAVERIDERS SWIM CLUB

Build Skills. Build Confidence. Build Endurance

From new swimmers to experienced athletes, Waveriders helps kids become stronger, more confident swimmers, while having fun and being part of a team!

Fundamentals: Tuesdays & Thursdays | 4:30-5:30
Newer swimmers that can swim ½ length unassisted

Junior Swimmers: Monday-Thursday | 4:30-5:30
More experienced swimmers who have learned the fundamentals

Senior Swimmers: Monday-Thursday | 5:30-6:30
Older or more advanced swimmers



For more information, contact us at
quesnelwaveriders@gmail.com

Registration is open year round!



OCTOBER - School Events Calander

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12 Thanksgiving No School for Students	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> PAC Meeting 4:00pm In the Library	<u>15</u>	16 Division 3 Sandbagging 2:45pm - 4:00pm
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<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> Parent Teacher Interviews ½ Day 11:23am dissmisal	<u>29</u> Parent Teacher Interviews ½ Day 11:23am dissmisal	<u>30</u> Halloween Costume Event
<u>November 2</u>	<u>November 3</u>	<u>November 4</u>	<u>November 5</u>	<u>November 6</u>
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School Calendar 2026-2027

School District #28 Quesnel
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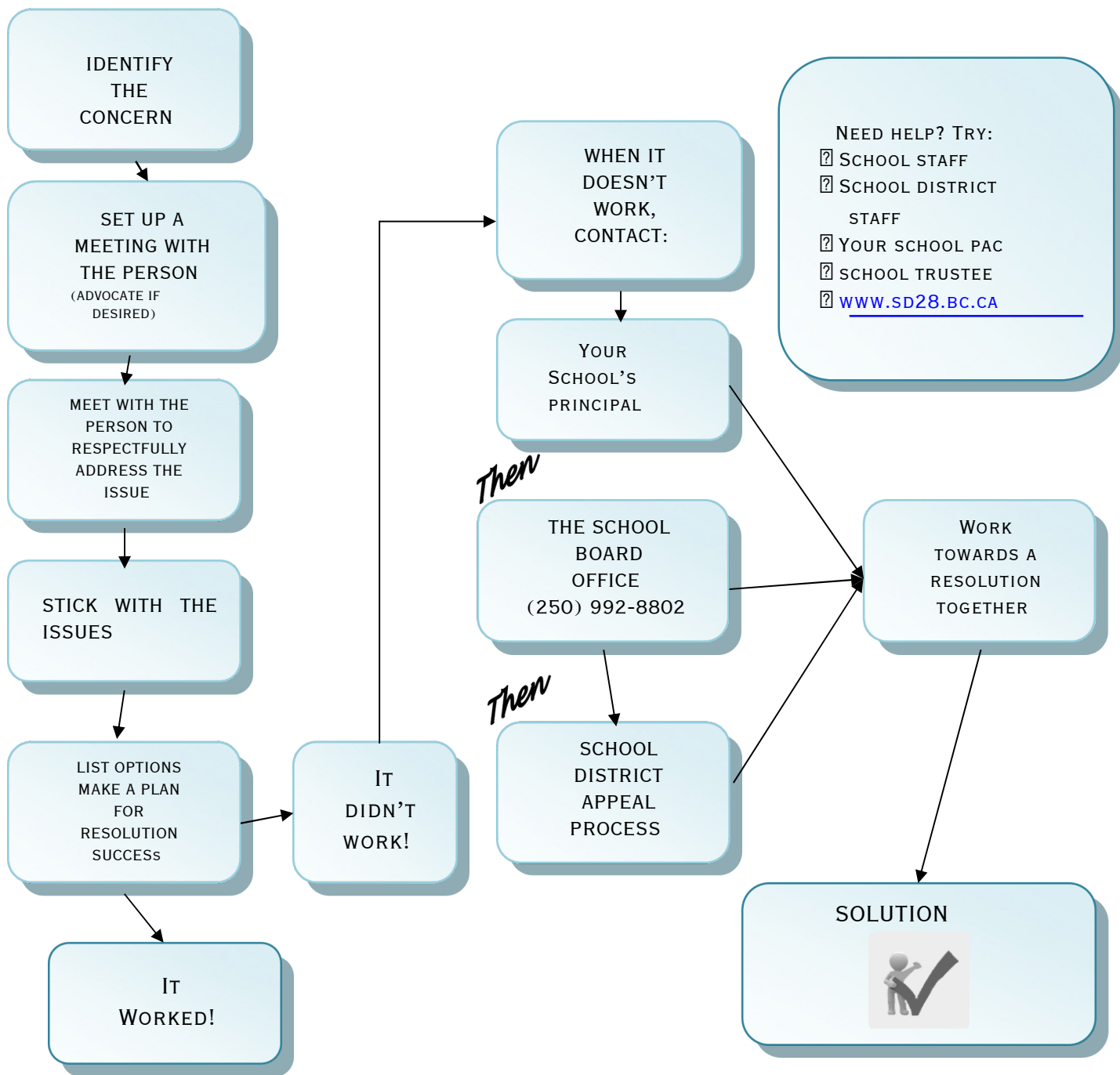
Aug 1: Summer Break
Sep 7: Labour Day
Sep 8: School Planned Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
Sep 9: Back to school (1/2 day for students)
Sep 30: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
Oct 12: Thanksgiving
Oct 23: Provincial Pro-D (no school for students)
Oct 28, 29: Early Dismissal (to facilitate Parent Teacher Interviews)
Nov 11: Remembrance Day
Nov 23: District Planned Non-Instructional Day - Indigenous Focus (no school for students)
Dec 21-Jan 1: Winter Break

Jan 4: Students back from Winter Break
Feb 1: District Planned Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
Feb 15: BC Family Day
Mar 15-29: Spring Break
Mar 26: Good Friday
Mar 29: Easter Monday
Apr 16: Regional Pro-D (no school for students)
May 24: Victoria Day
Jun 4: School Planned Non-instructional Day (no school for students)
Jun 29: Last Day for students
Jun 30: Administrative Day (no school for students)
Jul 1: Summer Break begins

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

 School Holidays - No School
 Early Dismissal

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (QUESNEL)
COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL
STEPS TO RESOLVING CONFLICT



VANDALISM ALERT! If you suspect/observe vandalism occurring on school grounds or in a school, please call the school.
After hours – phone the local RCMP detachment @ 250 992-9211 [Quesnel] or 250 994-3314 [Wells].

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