

PARENT HANDBOOK  
2019/2020

Nechako Mission Statement:

Together, the school community will provide a safe and caring environment for students to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes to become responsible, independent and productive lifelong learners.

Nechako Motto:

Together We Succeed



# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your family to another school year. We are anticipating a positive, rewarding, and enriching year. I encourage you to take an active role in your child's education. Your presence and assistance at Nechako Elementary is always welcome.

We are most happy to be able to send you the Handbook for Parents. Within these pages you will find the expectations of our school, an explanation of the services we offer and our expectations for the education of your child. You will also find specific directions for implementing any of the procedures necessary for your involvement in our school. We hope you will find this information useful.

We look forward to serving you and your children throughout the coming year. If we may be of service, please contact us.

*Mr. David Mills*  
*Principal*

## BELL SCHEDULE AND INSTRUCTIONAL TIMES

8:50 a.m. Bell rings- Students line up

10:25 a.m. Recess begins

10:45 a.m. Recess ends

12:00noon Lunch begins

12:50 p.m. Lunch ends

2:53 p.m. Dismissal Bell

3:10 p.m. Bus Pick Up

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## OFFICE HOURS

The school's general office is located down the hall from the main entrance. The office of the administration is located in the general office.

The office hours are 8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 12:50 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. when school is in session. Please make an effort to confine your telephone calls to this time frame if at all possible. If your call is not answered please leave a message. School phone 1-250-632-2912

If you call outside the regular office hours, your call will be forwarded to the answering machine.

# GENERAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

## **ATTENDANCE**

Regular attendance and being on time are two keys to success for your child. A note to your child's teacher, or to the office, explaining your child's absence is required.

## **SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM**

This is a valuable program in that parents need not wonder if their child arrived at school. If we have not been notified of a child's absence, and the youngster does not arrive at school, we will try to notify you so that you can take immediate steps to locate your child. This program adds to the measure of security for our children and, hopefully, increases peace of mind for parents. The success of this program is largely dependent on parents calling the school when they know their child is going to be absent.

## **BUSES DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP**

When students arrive at school on the bus they should go immediately to the playground at the back of the school. If the bus is late students will not be marked as tardy, but they should proceed to the front office. When students are waiting for the bus at the end of the day they must remain in the designated areas assigned for their safety. The bus drop-off and pick up is designated for buses and staff parking only.

Students riding the bus must be registered with the school district. Parents can complete a registration form at the school. Students cannot just get on the bus. Students who need to go to another care giver must first seek written permission from the office. Parents should call ahead to make these arrangements for the safety of all children. **Students that miss the bus to go home will remain at school until parents are contacted.**

**PLEASE NOTE – drop off and pick up of your children should not exceed 20 minutes before school and 20 after school bell (i.e. – 8:30 a.m. in the morning and 3:12 p.m.) There is no adult supervision before and after these times.**

### **WALKING TO NECHAKO**

Walking up Nightingale St. to the school is not only unsafe but can be very dangerous. Students walking to school are expected to stay on the walking paths. Students crossing at Kingfisher Dr. should use the underpass to avoid traffic. Students should not walk in between the buildings at Nechako Centre. We expect that parents and students will not walk through the bus parking lot as this is very dangerous because of the number of cars and small parking lot. Parents can use the side and walk to the Nechako Centre or 'What's In Store'.

### **STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP**

The student drop-off and pick area can be used for parking for parents. When dropping or picking up your child {ren} do not park in the drop-off and pick-up area. Parents should not walk or drive through the bus or teachers parking lot to pick up or drop off their children. Students are not allowed to walk through the drop-off zone to waiting vehicles in the parking lot. For the safety of all students parents are expected to get out of their vehicle, when parked, to pick up their child{ren}.

### **EMERGENCIES AND ACCIDENTS**

Emergencies and accidents do occur in spite of careful supervision of activities. School personnel handle routine cuts and scrapes; however there is no nurse at the school and schools are generally not equipped to look after ill or injured students beyond the band-aid or cold compress stage.

If an injury is more severe, will require parent supervision, or treatment beyond the school's capabilities, the parent or guardian will be contacted.

## **HEAD LICE POLICY**

Whilst parents have the primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice our school community will work in a cooperative and collaborative manner to assist all families to manage head lice effectively. Children's hair will be checked for lice if a staff member notices a child continuously scratching or noticeable eggs are present. We will make every effort to contact parents before we check the first time, although more often than not children return to class after their hair has been checked. A child sent home for lice will be rechecked when returning to school. We will only send children home with live lice or in our judgement eggs are about to hatch or the eggs are 6mm from the base of the scalp. We respect the wishes of parents/families that elect not to participate in a school head lice check, but we ask that they check at home and take the appropriate steps.

## **LIBRARY POLICY**

Our library has a limited budget and lost books and materials must be replaced. Students are responsible for the books they check out from Nechako Elementary School Library. If a book is lost, or damaged the student will be responsible for paying the full replacement cost of the book. While we do not charge fines for late books, we do charge if a book is irreparably damaged or lost. If the school does not receive the payment we reserve the right to withhold report cards. To make a payment, send cash in a sealed enveloped or make a cheque payable to: Nechako Elementary School.

Lost Books - If a "lost" book is found after the replacement cost has been paid, the student will be reimbursed the cost of the book after it has been returned to the library if it is in good condition and can be returned to circulation.

## **STUDENT DRESS GUIDELINES**

Students and their parents are expected to support a learning environment where attire is appropriate and not distracting or offensive to others. Articles of clothing which promote alcohol, drugs, inappropriate language and images, or discrimination of any form are not acceptable. Clothing that is too revealing is also unacceptable. (Some discretion with primary students). Students who wear clothing that is deemed inappropriate will be asked to change or sent home to change. The school administration will determine if students' dress is appropriate.

Some examples for dress expectations are as follows:

- Shirts cannot be seen through
- No thin{spaghetti straps} straps for tops
- Appropriate neckline must be worn
- Clothing must cover the midriff
- Waistbands of pants must be at waist level
- Undergarments are not to be seen
- Hats/caps are removed in the school

## **ELECTRONICS IN SCHOOL-CELL PHONES**

Students must not use cell phones and I pods or other electronic devices during school hours unless a teacher has granted permission. If a student is using any electronic device on school property the device will be taken from the student for the remainder of the day. If it happens to be at the end of the day the phone will be returned the next day. For repeat offenders consequences will be subject to progressive discipline at the vice/ principal's discretion.

## **BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS**

Students that ride bikes, scooters or skateboards must stop riding and walk once on school property. These items are not allowed to be used at recess.

## **EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE**

Severe weather or other emergent situations such as loss of hydropower, interrupted water supply or heating system breakdown may force school closure. A decision to close the school is made by the the Superintendent of Schools. If such a decision is made prior to 8:00 a.m., it will be broadcast over local radio stations CKTK, CJFW, and/or CBC as early as possible.

An emergency could arise during the school day and could require a school closure. Please discuss a location with your children where they might go if you are not home and school had to be closed. Please notify the school with this emergency phone number if you have not already done so. Students will not be allowed to go with a friend unless the school has heard from a parent or guardian.

## **FIRE, EMERGENCY LOCKDOWN AND EARTHQUAKE DRILLS**

Our school will be conducting regular fire, emergency lock down and earthquake drills during the school year to increase student's awareness of safe and orderly emergency procedures.

## **SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS**

Teachers assume playground and building supervision at 8:30 a.m. Students should time their arrival at school between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. each day unless special team practice times have been scheduled or a special request has been made by a teacher for early morning assistance or tutoring.

Teachers provide supervision at recess and in the early morning recess. During lunch hour our paid noon-hour supervisors and often the administration of the school supervise the students.

Supervision of the grounds is not provided after 2:53 pm. The last bus leaves at approximately 3:05 p.m. Parents are encouraged to have their children go directly home after school hours unless they are participating in a school sponsored activity. The school is not responsible for students who frequent the skateboard park after school. Students cannot use the phone to ask permission to attend a friend's home. This should be arranged in advance and a note should be provided.

## **LUNCH PERIOD**

For your child's protection, and so that both you and the school know where your child is at all times, youngsters not going home for lunch must remain on the school property during the entire lunch break. Students who wish to go to a friend's house must have a note from the parents indicating that permission has been granted to leave the school grounds. If a child has permission to leave school premises it is expected that they will go home for lunch and not go to the skateboard park or to Tony's corner store. **Children who frequent the skateboard park do so at their own risk.**

**If for some reason a child who does not normally go home for lunch must leave the school premises during the lunch period, a written note from the parent advising us of this need should be given to the classroom teacher. Permission may be given by the administration for a student to go home to retrieve books or other materials depending on the circumstances.**

Students are encouraged to go home for lunch. A hot lunch prepared with loving hands, a rest period away from school, and the exercise needed to go to and from home at lunch are all positive reasons for going home. Our lunchroom priority is for those students who take the bus to school and those students who have parents working outside the home. If students staying for lunch have difficulty following the lunch time procedures they could be asked to go home for lunch for short or long periods of time and parents will be asked to make other arrangements for lunch. **Its always important for students to have a spoon or a fork to eat their lunch if needed.**

## **LOST AND FOUND**

All clothing and other items found in the school are placed in a “Lost and Found” box located in the main hall. Students may retrieve the lost articles at recess, noon or after school. Items unclaimed after a reasonable period of time will be given to a charitable or clothing organization.

It is advisable to mark all articles with your child’s name. This procedure would assist us greatly in returning lost articles to the rightful owner.

## **TELEPHONE USE BY STUDENTS**

The school telephone is a business phone. Students will not be permitted use of the telephone for social calls or last minute arrangements. In order for a student to use the telephone for other reasons, he/she will require a telephone slip from his/her teacher.

Office staff will pass on messages to students in emergent situations, but parents are requested to deal with family matters and normal arrangements prior to the school day.

## **VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL**

School visits are encouraged and welcome. Parents are partners in the education system. When you do visit the school, however, we do ask that you arrange mutually acceptable times with the teacher.

**The School Act stipulates that any visitor to the school must check in at the office**

## **REPORTING**

The Ministry of Education guidelines require that anecdotal reports be completed for the primary classes and letter grade and comments be used in the intermediate grades.

Detailed reports are issued three times per year, generally in November, March and June. The Ministry also mandates two informal reports. Teachers will provide interim reports at their discretion. Informal reports provide an important link between home and school and can be accomplished in a variety of ways, such as:

- Telephone calls
- Interim reports (written or oral)
- Conferences

# COMMUNICATION

## **SCHOOL TO HOME**

Written communication to provide parents/guardians with relevant school information will be issued throughout the school year. We ask you to look for the following publications:

## **NEWSLETTER**

A monthly newsletter is sent home.

## **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Nechako has a new website with information about coming event, announcements, and programs at our school: <http://nechako.cmsd.bc.ca/> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1540432919503328/>

- **SPECIAL BULLETIN**

Occasionally, a special news bulletin will be issued whenever a special/emergent need arises. The messages may relate to matters such as a community health problem, or any other problem that requires immediate attention or direction.

### **HOME TO SCHOOL**

The Board of School Trustees encourages parents to discuss their interests regarding their children's education as early and as directly as possible. The following steps should be followed:

1. Discussion with the teacher.
2. Discussion with the Principal
3. Submission of the concern in writing to the Superintendent of Schools

Most concerns can be dealt with at the source and this is the best place to seek solutions.

# Nechako Code of Conduct

Within the policy on Student Code of Conduct, Being Safe, Responsible and Respectful and Kind, is the message we want our students to understand and adhere to. All students regardless of their sex, race, religion, culture, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, enjoy a safe, inclusive and welcoming learning environment.

Matrix of Behavioral Expectations at Nechako Elementary School

Note: expectations listed under specific settings are in addition to those expected in all settings. Behaviours cited in this Code of Conduct are examples only and are not an all-inclusive list

| All Settings   | Classroom   | Hallways/<br>Stairway  | Lunch   | Playground   | Bus   | Washroom  |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| <u><b>Be Safe</b></u><br><b>-Follow the safety procedures of the school</b><br><br><b>-move safely at all times</b>  | -walk/move safely<br><br>-use materials and supplies safely<br><br>-follow classroom expectations                                 | -walk safely<br><br>-be sensitive to other people's feelings   | -remain properly seated until dismissed by supervisor<br><br>-follow the bell schedule<br><br>-walk outside                   | -stay on school grounds – use problem solving skills<br><br>-play safely – walk your bike (scooters, etc.) on school grounds                     | -be on time<br><br>-allow others their space<br><br>-follow bus rules | -flush toilets<br><br>-clean up after yourself<br><br>-report problem to the office |
| <u><b>Be Responsible</b></u><br><b>-care for school and personal property</b><br><br><b>-be truthful and honest</b><br><br><b>-recognize and appreciate individual qualities</b> | -be ready & on time -be on task<br><br>-work for success<br><br>-listen to, and follow, instructions                              | -carry your equipment<br><br>-keep area clean<br><br>-remove outer foot wear in snowy weather                                  | -clean up after you eat<br><br>-follow the time schedule 12:20pm<br><br>-use appropriate voice & language                     | -follow instructions of the supervisors<br><br>-take care of your things<br><br>-follow the time schedule<br><br>- be responsible with equipment | -listen to and follow bus driver's Instructions                       | -respect people's privacy   |
| <u><b>Be Respectful and Kind</b></u><br><b>use appropriate voice / language</b><br><br><b>-follow adult directions</b><br><br><b>-Assist others in need of help</b>              | -respect other's property and space<br><br>-respect other's right to learn<br><br>-Remove hats<br><br>-use polite and quiet voice | - use quiet voice<br><br>-listen carefully to Instructions<br><br>-wait outside of school for friends<br><br>-walk single file | -use good manners<br><br>-be and act kind to all<br><br>-respect others space<br><br>-be sensitive to other people's feelings | -keep playground clean<br><br>-share equipment<br><br>-keep hands and feet to self<br><br>-show -good sportsmanship                              | -stay in assigned seat<br><br>-wait in designated area                | -Wash hands   |

The school's Code of Conduct has been communicated to students and parents in written form.

Discipline actions arising as a result of students not adhering to the Code of Conduct will be based on the notion of progressive discipline with the least possible erosion of instructional time depending on the severity of the infraction. When investigating behaviour issues we must adhere to the facts as they are presented to us. The Code of Conduct is reviewed annually.

# Progressive Discipline

## Progressive Step System

The Progressive Step System is a whole-school approach that utilizes interventions, supports, and consequences to address inappropriate student behaviour and to build upon strategies that promote positive behaviours described below. When inappropriate behaviour occurs, disciplinary measures should be applied within a framework that shifts the focus from one that is solely punitive to one that is both corrective and supportive. Nechako utilizes a range of interventions, supports, and consequences that include learning opportunities for reinforcing positive behaviour while helping students to make good choices.

A student can progress slowly one step at a time by accumulating minor infractions or quickly by engaging in more serious infractions.

## **Nechako Progressive Step System**

### Step 1

*After a minimum of 3 Minor Infractions student completes Behaviour Reflection Sheet. Teacher sends form home to be signed and returned.*

### Step 2

*If behaviour continues, teacher calls parent to discuss behaviour and ways to support student at home and school.*

### Step 3

*If behaviour continues, parent/teacher/student conference requested. Parent, teacher, and student develop a plan.*

### Step 4

*If behaviour continues, teacher, student, parent, and principal meet to discuss behaviour and review plan.*

### Step 5

*If behaviour continues, School Based Team and/or School Services become involved.*

*\*A student can progress quickly through the steps for more serious infractions such as fighting, defiance, bullying talking back etc...*

## ***Minor and Severe Infractions***

In some circumstances, short-term suspension may be a useful tool. In the case of a serious incident, long-term suspension or expulsion, which is further along the continuum of progressive discipline, may be the response that is required. If two students are disciplined for the same infraction but one of the students has had a previous Behaviour Reflection Sheet(s) the consequence(s) may look different for that student.

In considering the most appropriate response to address inappropriate behaviour, the following will be taken into consideration:

- the particular student and circumstances (e.g., mitigating or other factors) such as; students age, maturity and special needs(if any-such as intellectual, physical, sensory, emotional and behaviour disability)
- the nature, severity and frequency of actions of the behaviour {is the behaviour ongoing}
- the impact on the school climate (i.e., the relationships within the school community)

***The range of consequences increases with each visit:***

## ***Strategies for Addressing Inappropriate Behaviour***

When inappropriate behaviour occurs, the will utilize a range of interventions, supports, and consequences that are developmentally appropriate, and should include opportunities for students to focus on improving behaviour.

Consequences for inappropriate behaviour may include, but are not limited to, meeting with the parent(s), student, teacher, and principal; referral to a community agency ;focus on restorative justice and detentions or loss of privileges including school and class trips or special celebrations.

## **Student Safety and Security**

Within the policy on Student Code of Conduct, Being Safe, Responsible and Respectful and Kind, is the message we want our students to understand and adhere to. All students regardless of their sex, race, religion, culture, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, enjoy a safe, inclusive and welcoming learning environment. Incidents which affect the safety of students and negatively affect the school environment such as bullying must be recorded at the school level and reported to the main office to facilitate appropriate level and /or district interventions as necessary.

Suspending a student's rights to attend school or school programs is an appropriate consequence in the promotion of acceptable behaviour in certain circumstances.

Incidents or threats involving violence, defiance, bullying, drugs or alcohol use, aggression, and weapons will neither be ignored nor treated lightly. Such behaviours will be responded to in a manner that recognizes the severity of the offence, the nature of the incident and takes into consideration the student's age, maturity and special needs, discipline record and other pertinent factors (see above). For serious breaches of our code of conduct parents will be notified if a third party is involved (RCMP). When discussing discipline matters with parents confidentiality of other students must be maintained at all times.

### **Bullying**

Bullying can be physical, verbal, or emotional.

Bullying happens everywhere, in all different forms. There are six primary types of bullying:

- Physical bullying
- Verbal Bullying
- Sexual Bullying
- Relational Bullying
- Reactive Bullying
- Cyberbullying

**Physical bullying** is using strength and size to overtake a victim. **Verbal bullying** is

using harmful words, cursing or name calling to intimidate the victim. This diminishes the victim's self-esteem and reputation, and to humiliate the victim. **Relational bullying** is working to destroy someone's reputation, and make their friends turn against them. **Reactive bullying** is when a bully brines and convinces others to take part in the bullying. This kind of bullying completely overpowers and outnumbers the victim. Bullying happens in so many different places and in so many different ways.

At Nechako bullying will be treated in a serious manner and students who bully others will be dealt with accordingly.

**Discrimination: discrimination on the basis of an individual's or a group's race, colour, ancestry ,place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation,gender identity or expression or age is prohibited under the BC Human Rights Code.**

In considering the most appropriate response to address bullying, the following will be taken into consideration:

- the particular student and circumstances (e.g., **mitigating or other factors**)
- the nature and severity of the bullying incident {how long has it gone on}
- the impact on the school climate (i.e., the relationships within the school community)
- **The school will take all reasonable steps to prevent reatiation against a student who has made a complaint about behaviour that is a breach of the code of conduct**

## **WHAT BULLYING IS NOT?**

The incidents on this list are NOT considered bullying:

Not liking someone - It is very natural that people do not like everyone around them and, as unpleasant as it may be to know someone does not like you, verbal and non-verbal messages of "I don't like you" are not acts of bullying.

Accidentally bumping into someone - When people bump into others, the reaction depends mostly on the bumped person's mood. If they have had a bad day, they think it was an act of aggressive behavior, but if they are in the good mood, they smile back and attract an apology. This is also relevant for playing sport, like when kids throwing the ball at each other hit someone on the head. It is very important to understand that some accidents happen without any bad intention and it is important not to create a big conflict, because it was NOT an act of bullying.

Making other kids play things a certain way - Again, this is very natural behavior. Wanting things to be done our way is normal and is not an act of bullying.

Arguments - Arguments are just heated disagreements between two (or more) people (or groups). It is natural that people have different interests and disagree on many things.

All the behaviors above are unpleasant and need to be addressed, but they are not to be treated as bullying. Sometimes friends become 'frenemies' and will fight, name call or argue, but will talk the next day after they've made their apologies or have moved on from the incident. Many of our behaviours are often related to frenemy situations.

Many times, labeling a single act of aggression can turn it into bullying just by perceiving it that way.

## **CYBERBULLYING and INTERNET SAFETY**

Internet safety used to be all about keeping children away from inappropriate content and illegal Web sites. Many real-world hazards have migrated to Cyberspace, such as bullying, threats, and predators and parents need to be proactively involved in their children's Internet world more than ever before.

All incidents in Nechako involving inappropriate student behavior while online occur outside of school because of the tight supervision and filtering systems adopted by our district. However, these problems often spill over into the school in the form of bad feelings, arguments, and disruption. What we see the most includes: inappropriate personal information being posted on a profile, Cyber bullying or Cyber threats via Instant Messaging or in Chat Rooms, the posting of hurtful or threatening messages, the sharing of hurtful text messages, embarrassing comments, and inappropriate photos and videos being uploaded to social networking sites such as Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Snapchat, and so many more.

Most of these incidents occur without the knowledge or consent of parents, who aren't aware of what their children are doing when they go online either in their own home or at a friend's house. Some parents work long hours and aren't available to supervise their children's computer use after school.

Children are growing up with technology. It is part of their everyday lives mostly for the better but sometimes for the worse. Children don't realize that there are real-life consequences for poor online choices. It doesn't occur to them that what they post online can be copied, saved, and forwarded to others and remain long after the original has been deleted.

**At Nechako Cyber bullying will be treated in a serious manner and students who partake in hurtful images or messages will be dealt with accordingly.**

Below are some ways in which you can support and learn about what your child is doing online.

- Talk to your child about what s/he likes online.
- View your child's instant messaging { Facebook, Yahoo, Messenger, Instagram, Vine, AskFM }
- Check your child's files in "My Pictures" to see what images are being sent.
- Learn how to adjust/increase privacy setting

For more information go to [www.cyberbullying.ca](http://www.cyberbullying.ca)

[www.safecanada.ca](http://www.safecanada.ca)

[www.stopcyberbullying.org](http://www.stopcyberbullying.org)

## **WITS Bullying Programs**

Nechako has introduced the WITS Bullying Program. The WITS Primary Program teaches children in Kindergarten to Grade 3 to make safe and positive choices when faced with peer conflict. The WITS acronym - Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, and Seek help - provides a common language that children and the adults in their environments can use to talk about and respond to peer victimization.

## **MINDS UP**

Minds Up is a research-based training program for educators and children. Students learn to self-regulate behavior and mindfully engage in focused concentration required for academic success. Mind Up lessons support improved academic performance while enhancing perspective taking, empathy and kindness as well as fostering complex problem solving skills.

## Kindergarten Students and Hands on Behaviour

Kindergarten students often hit as a result of not being heard or their feelings being hurt. They may try “using their words” but when that fails to work, bam! They’ll resort to something they think will. Like hitting.

This is not spiteful, mean or manipulative. The children are doing what they know works.

We recommend trying problem solving with your child if they are hitting other children. Also reinforce our WITS program by Talking It Out and help guide your child through a number of solutions. Those solutions could be asking for help from a grownup, or to try using words again to resolve the situation. It could be taking several deep breaths to calm down or walking away to play with something else. These are all part of the WITS Program-WALK AWAY, IGNORE, TALK IT OUT, SEEK HELP

Role playing is also very helpful. Younger kids may be more open and this is also a great way to learn. It's helpful because children can come up with the words they would use in a real-life situations.

## SCHOOL SERVICES

In addition to the regular classroom programmes, there are the following services:

### Library

The library houses an extensive collection of non-fiction, fiction and reference materials that are arranged in primary and intermediate sections. Students are encouraged to use the library and to borrow books to read at home. Please encourage your child to take good care of books and return books promptly. Students are charged for lost or damaged books.

### Resource Teachers

A resource teacher is in the school to provide additional intensive instruction to those students identified by the Ministry of Education Special Education guidelines. Language Arts is the main area of remediation; study skills are also emphasized.

### Counsellor

This service is available to all students through self-referral, or through teacher or parent referral.

### LINK Worker

The community LINK worker is responsible for working in partnership with the school system, families and community agencies to provide integrated, evidence based support services for students identified as vulnerable. The Community Link Worker provides individual and group support to students as determined by assessing student and school needs.

## English Language Learners

The school provides E.L.L. instruction

## First Nations Support Workers

The FNSW's is a valuable member of our staff and works primarily with First Nation students. Our First Nation Workers work ***closely with parents, teachers, administrators and support staff***. They work with small groups and individuals based on ongoing assessments.

## School Programs

Each of the above support services offers a range of programs for our students. In addition Nechako provides leadership opportunities, sporting events, after school activities and Bullying Programs to mention a few to support our students.

# **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE SCHOOL**

## **VOLUNTEERS IN THE SCHOOL**

Your active participation in the school is encouraged. Many parents volunteer their time at the school to assist the staff in a variety of ways on a regular basis. Please contact the school if you are interested. Criminal record checks must be completed prior to volunteering. The necessary paperwork is available from the main office.

## **PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (P.A.C.)**

This group has a constitution, holds meetings generally once a month and issues a regular newsletter. The group is interested in involving parents in the education of their children, current educational issues, fundraising and District Council.

## **VANDALISM**

The Board of School Trustees is appreciative of the pride shown by parents, students and teachers in keeping our schools and grounds clean and well maintained. Your continued assistance will further reduce the vandalizing acts of a few that destroy public property.

If you see anyone engaged in acts of vandalism or acting in a suspicious or questionable manner, please telephone your local police agency. School facilities belong to all of us.

# Children Learn What They Live

If a child lives with criticism,  
He learns to condemn

If a child lives with hostility  
He learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule,  
He learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame,  
He learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance,  
He learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement,  
He learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise,  
He learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness,  
He learns justice.

If a child lives with security,  
He learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval,  
He learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,  
He learns to find love in the world.

*Dorothy Law Nolte*