

NEWSLETTER



NECHAKO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Photo Day
Thursday, Oct. 6
Retakes Nov. 2

September 2022

~ From the Principal's Desk ~

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the staff at Nechako Elementary School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2022-23 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- 2) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 3) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 4) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- 5) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school

Please consider joining our school PAC as our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions to the school's program and its operations.

If you have any questions about our school Code of Conduct, feel free to contact the school. Our Code of Conduct states: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Kind. Please feel free to review the Nechako Parent Handbook which can be found on our website or it can be picked up at the office (www.nechako.cmsd.bc.ca). The handbook contains policies and procedures including our Code of Conduct. It is very important that you and your child are fully informed regarding standards related to appropriate behavior for a safe and productive school year.

We have several new staff members here at Nechako and we're excited to have them join our team. The wonderful Nechako staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family!

We are looking forward to what promises to be a wonderful school year! At this time of the year, there is great anticipation of what is to come. We appreciate your support as your child enters the classroom, learns, and grows through the year. Let's all commit to having a good school year, setting students, as well as teachers, up for success.

We want to make strong connections with students, and help them develop and grow into responsible and respectful human beings. Our Motto at Nechako is: **"Together We Succeed"**. Together, teachers, students, and parents/guardians make a strong Nechako School.

David Mills
Principal

~ Daily Attendance ~

Students at Nechako are expected to remain on school property throughout the school day, which is from 8:45 am - 2:51 pm.

Bus students must remain on school property from the time of arrival until the time of departure.

The Skateboard Park is off limits for Nechako students during school hours.

*** NECHAKO IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR STUDENTS WHO VISIT THE SKATEBOARD PARK AT ANY TIME ***

Keep the Office Informed
250-632-2912

Please call to let us know of any changes in your child's daily school routine:

- ~ New person picking them up ~
- ~ Any change in transportation ~
- ~ Arriving at school late or leaving early ~
- ~ Put info in child's agenda in the morning ~

~ Thank you ~

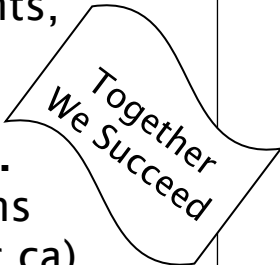
W I T S	Walk away Ignore Talk it out Seek help	<p>The WITS acronym provides our school with a common language that children can use to respond to peer-conflict and unfair treatment.</p> <p>"The WITS Program was created by educators, for educators, with an understanding that effective peer victimization prevention programs should enhance learning environments - not workloads. Program resources are designed to weave comfortably into the daily life of the learning environment."</p> <p>See more at: http://www.witsprogram.ca/schools/primary-program/#sthash.btJPw0GI.dpuf</p>
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~ The WITS Program continues at Nechako Elementary School ~
 Many of our students know the program very well and will continue to use it in all areas of the school.
 The program teaches students to make safe and positive choices when faced with peer conflict.

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Terry Fox Run
Thursday - September 22

First Day of School is 2 hours only

8:45am-10:45 am (Except Kindergarten)

BUSES WILL RUN

Open House

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022 from 6pm to 7pm

Please return all necessary forms to school (IT, Trip, and Media).

Nechako Staff 2022-23

Kindergarten- Mrs. Koppers	Mrs. Maclean – Library
Kindergarten –Ms. Butler	Mrs. Frater – Resource
Gr.1-Ms. Bannister	Mr. Smith – FN support
Gr.1/2-Mrs. Combden	Mrs. Silvestre – Culture and Language
Gr.2-Mrs Rigoni	Mrs. Van Loon – Youth Support Worker
Gr.2/3-Mr. Livingstone	Mrs. Lewis – Counselor
Gr.3-Mr. Wilkinson	Ms. Meghan – Library Assistant
Gr.4-Ms. Baker	Ms. Preyser-Music teacher Gr.5/6 & Gr.6
Gr.4/5-Mrs Barbosa/Ms Boguski PE	Mrs. Pacheco – EA
Gr.5/6-Mr. Gray	Mrs. Escobar – EA
Gr.6- Ms. Swaddling	Ms. Peng – EA
Mrs. Stannus – Resource	Mrs. Brady – EA
Mrs. Hiebert – EA	Mrs. Taylor – EA
Mrs. Thompson – EA	Mrs. Bancroft – Speech and Language
Mrs. Field – Lunch Supervisor	Mrs. Gardiner – Lunch Supervisor
Ms. Mitchell – Custodian	Mr. Gagnon – Custodian
Mr. Judas – Administrative Assistant	

Mrs. Larose Retires

Mrs. Larose has been at Nechako for many years. She was a student, bus driver and secretary at Nechako. So to Mrs. Larose - Kudos, Felicitations, and Cheers! However, you say it; we're proud of you and happy for you on reaching this amazing milestone. All the best in your retirement!

We will miss you!

Concert Fees

Kindly note that after careful consideration, taking into account the rising costs of living due to global inflation impacting many families on daily costs including school supplies and other school expenses, it was determined that a School Concert Fee will be waived for the 2022-2023 school year. School Fees for Gr.1-6 will be \$40.00 instead of \$50.00. Kindergarten fee is still \$50.00

Parent Advisory Council

Sept. 13

7:00 pm

School Library Room

We hope to see you there!!

PAC meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

We also have a Facebook page, 'Nechako School PAC.'

Please request to join for the latest PAC news and updates.



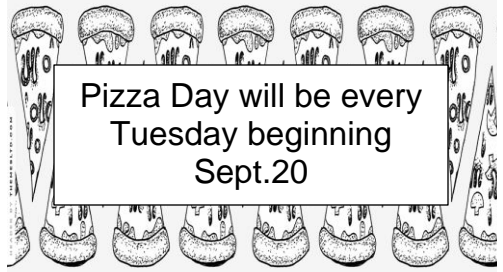
Nechako Security Cameras

Security Cameras have been installed at Nechako. The cameras monitor the outside playgrounds and main hallway.

Safety of Our Children

Your children should always know where to go when they leave the school at any time, especially after school. Please call the school if there are any specific instructions you want the office to pass on to your child/ren during the school day. If your child is going to be absent, please call the school to inform us.

Thank you



Pizza

This year pizza will continue to be 'pay-as-we-go'. Each Tuesday, students wanting pizza must bring \$2.00 per slice (maximum 2 slices). There will be 2 choices - cheese or pepperoni.

Thursday, September 29th

~ National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Assembly ~

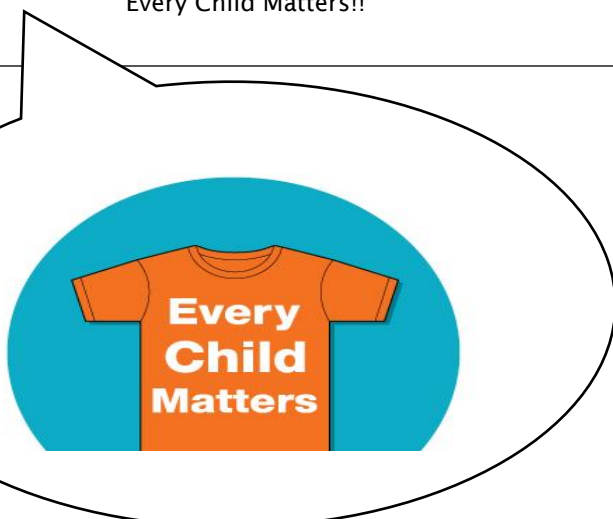
The purpose of this day is to acknowledge the 150,000 school-aged First Nations, Inuit and Metis children who were forcibly removed from their families and land in order for them to attend residential schools from 1830 to 1995.

These schools were established by the Canadian government and designed to control and transform Aboriginal people. In these schools, Aboriginal children were forbidden to practice their culture or speak their language. Instead, they had to learn the European culture and language. For some who attended these schools their experience was a positive one. Unfortunately, for most the experience was tragic. These children were isolated from their families for years, and made to feel inferior for being Aboriginal. The effects are still felt within First Nations communities today.

Phyllis Jack, who sparked the Orange Shirt campaign, is from the Dog Creek band near Williams Lake. Phyllis wore an orange shirt to her first day at Residential School. It was taken away from her and she never saw it again. The color orange has always reminded Phyllis of how her feelings did not matter, how no one cared, and how she was made to feel like she was worth nothing.

September 30th has been declared National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It recognizes the harm residential school system had on children's sense of self-esteem and well-being and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters. By sharing her story, Phyllis Jack hopes to help others heal and feel safe in coming forward with their stories. It is one-step in the long journey of healing between Aboriginal people and non-Aboriginal people.

We'll be having a special assembly on Thursday Sept.29
Every Child Matters!!



~ Student Drop-off Areas ~

Skate park Parking Lot

Please help us to keep the flow of traffic moving. When dropping off your children in the student drop off area please have your children open the passenger door towards the curb for safety reasons. When dropping them off it is much safer when parents stay in the vehicle. Children should not hang out at the skateboard park after school. They should go right home!

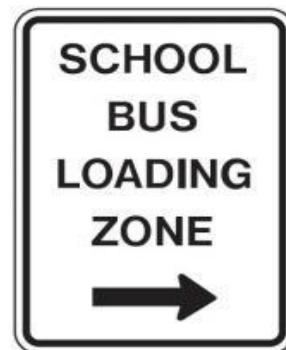
*Please use the
Skate park Parking Lot.*

Bus Loading Area

*** Bus students ONLY ***

For the SAFETY of all our children, please do NOT pick up or drop off students in this area.

☺ THANK YOU ☺



*Do Not Park Here
Thank You !!!*