

NECHAKO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
61 Nightingale Street, Kitimat, BC
Phone: 250-632-2912

March 2023

MARCH

Haisla Words
ǂà'islaḱ'ala

'anátzaḱ^w: thank you

'anátzaḱ^w núḡ^{wu}ḷa: I thank you

ḱáḡesḡ: Seaweed



Family Affordability Fund
2022 - 2023

School staff members, parents, or caregivers can make a request for financial support of a learner's fee or expense by completing a Student & Family Affordability Fund form. The form is available in every school office in Coast Mountains School District and is also available for download at: CMSD82 Student & Family Affordability Fund 2022 (fillable)

Completed forms must be submitted to the child's school, where they will be received by the Principal.

Any inquiries about the Student & Family Affordability Fund should be directed to the school Principal.



Student drop off/pick up is located only at the Skate Park parking lot.

The staff parking area and bus loop are for staff drivers only.

MARCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

14 Mar – Report Cards Home
15 & 16 Mar – Early Dismissal
1:51PM
20-31 Mar – Spring Break

A friendly reminder in preparation for the 2023-2024 school year, the Board of Education is seeking the cooperation of parents/caregivers in registering new students for the StrongStart Early Learning Program, Kindergarten and Grade 1 to 12 for the upcoming school year (2023-2024) in Coast Mountains School District.

It is important that parents/caregivers take note of the specific registration deadlines and procedures.

Please visit the following pages (click on the links below to view) for the specific registration details, deadlines and options on how to register your child for the StrongStart Program and Kindergarten to Grade 12. These pages can also be viewed on the main page of the School District's website at www.cmsd.bc.ca located under the Parent Resources tab.

[2023-2024 New Student Registration & Cross Boundary Application](#)

[2023-2024 Kindergarten Registration Procedures](#)

[2023-2024 StrongStart Early Learning Program Registration Procedure](#)

BUNDLE YOUR STUDENTS

Another reminder to please remember to bundle your students for the weather.



STUDENT ABSENCES



If you would like to report an absence, you can leave a message on the school answering machine at 250 632 2912.

The phone is not manned between 3:20PM and 8:45AM, and during the Lunch Hour.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Nechako Elementary is looking for Parent Volunteers
Interested parties can inquire at the school office.

APRIL SAFETY MONTH

This month we will be practicing fire drills, lockdown drills, and earthquake drills.

H AISLA DRUMMING SESSION with SHELLEY BOLTON

We'd like to say *another* BIG NECHAKO THANK YOU to Shelley & Cassidi Bolton. This month, Shelley & Cassidi performed several drumming sessions with the Primary and Intermediate classes.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

A general overview for the information of parents/caregivers:

- ↪ The StrongStart Program provides parent/caregiver participation play and a learning program for children 0 to 5 years of age.
- ↪ All School District 82 elementary schools offer full day Kindergarten for our youngest learners. To register, children must turn five years of age by December 31 in the same calendar year that they begin school. Registration for Kindergarten takes place from January 16 to February 24, 2023.
- ↪ The Cross Boundary procedure for Kindergarten to Grade 12 is detailed for parents/caregivers interested in an out-of-catchment area school for their child to attend.
- ↪ Students who opt for French Immersion usually enter the program in Kindergarten and continue their French studies through to grade twelve. In Grade 12, students receive a 'Double Dogwood' (a bilingual graduation certificate). Students may also begin the program in Grade 1. Please visit the Kindergarten Registration Procedures page for details.

For further assistance, parents/caregivers are asked to contact Carole Gagnon, Executive Assistant at the Coast Mountains Board of Education Office at (250) 638-4401 or via email at carole.gagnon@cmsd.bc.ca.

BIRTHDAY INVITATIONS

When birthday invitations are given out, our expectation is that they be passed along to the student's teacher for discreet distribution.

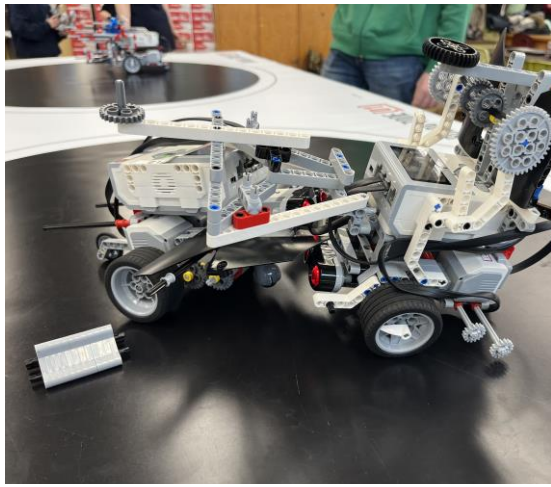


YOUR CHILD IS THIRSTY



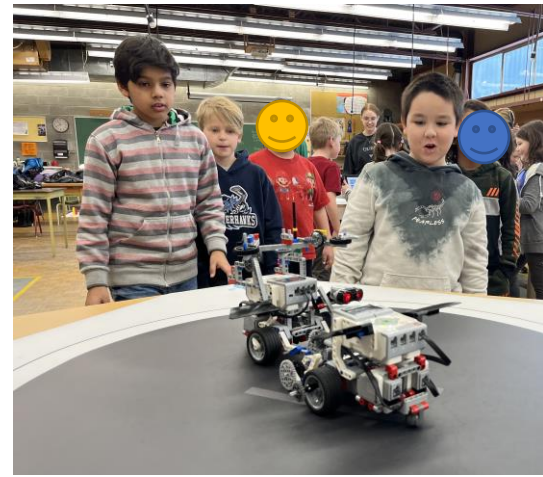
SEND A LABELED WATER BOTTLE





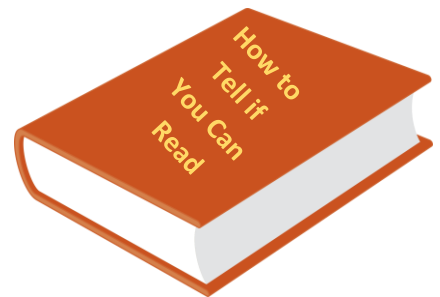
Robotics Olympiad

Mr. Wilkinson's grade 3 students braved the snow and visited the MEMSS's Robotics class. Students battled with grade 10 students in Robotic Sumo games. Students also learned about different coding and building strategies. This was in preparation for the May Robotic Olympiad.



Every Child, Every Day: Elements of Effective Reading Instruction

- Every child, everyday reads something her or she has chosen.
- Every child reads accurately. Research shows that reading at 98% or higher accuracy is essential for reading acceleration.
- Every child talks with his or her peers about reading and writing. Research has demonstrated that conversation with peers improves comprehension and engagement with text.



Have a fun and safe Spring Break



But not too much fun...

Common Language at Nechako

As the year progresses, we continue, and will continue, to work on our School Growth Plan that focuses on our Code of Conduct (*Be Safe Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Kind*) and strategies to deal with **stress**, **anxiety**, and **anger**. We use Common Language that all children can use.

Ask your children about: Power of the Pause, 60 Sec Fix, and Walk It Off.

We work everyday on our WITS Program, which stands for-

WALK AWAY,
IGNORE IT,
TALK IT OUT, and
SEEK HELP!

Children are reminded to use their words when having a conflict, such as: "Stop, I don't like that," and "how can we meet half way?"

Students are ultimately responsible for their own behaviour. That is why we reinforce with them the common idea:

"I cannot control anyone else, but I can control-

MYSELF;
My thoughts;
My words;
My Choices;
My Actions; and
My Reactions."

Is your child starting Kindergarten this year?



If so, it is time for the

Pre-Kindergarten Immunization Clinic

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

9:00am to 3:30pm

Please Call Community Health to Book an Appointment

Phone 250-632-3181 (option 1) to make an appointment!

