# NEWSLETTER

NECHAKO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 61 Nightingale Street, Kitimat, BC Phone: 250-632-2912 April 2023

# APRIL

Haisla Words <u>xā'islak'ala</u>

si 'ix gʷailásus ha: Are you well (yes or no); or ses waila: Are you well?

'nna íx ḡwailásgenc: Yes, I'm well. (Starts with "yes" because it's a response to a yes/no question)



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

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

7 April - Good Friday

10 April - Easter Monday

18 April - Concert Series

21 April – Non-Instructional Day

#### 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.

## JOIN THE NECHAKO PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

If parents and guardians haven't already done so, please join the <u>Nechako PAC page on Facebook</u>. The PAC is currently holding a poll to gather information on interest in possible future fundraisers.

It's also an opportunity for parents and guardians that would like to learn or share information between one another.

## 2023-2024 BUS REGISTRATIONS

Letters will be going home this month for next year's bus registration.

Please review and submit by 31 May 2023

A form must be submitted to ride the bus.

#### 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.



#### **BIRTHDAY INVITATIONS**

For any birthday invitations, our expectation is for invitations to be entrusted to the student's teacher for discreet distribution.



#### STUDENT ABSENCES

If you would like to report an absence, you can *leave* <u>a message</u> 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.* 

#### INTERMEDIATE BAKE SALE

Thank you to the students, parents, and guardians for supporting Ms. McKay and Mr. Wilkinson's bake sale. Proceeds will be used to help with the cost of a spring field trip. The treats were delicious.



#### POPCORN

A reminder to parents/guardians that popcorn is not a suitable snack and we ask that sending alternatives be considered.



YOUR CHILD IS THIRSTY



SEND A LABELED WATER BOTTLE







MR. WILKINSON'S CLASS BLOWS THE LID OFF SCIENCE

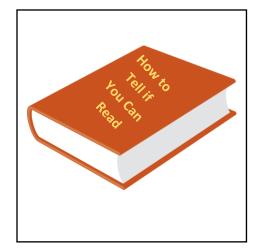
As part of their unit on matter, students learned about creating carbon dioxide to blow up a balloon by mixing household ingredients.





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.



#### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

Reminder that the deadline for Kindergarten Registrations has been met, but we are still accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. It is important that they be submitted as soon as possible to ensure enough space for all students.

### 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 <u>stress</u>, <u>anxiety</u>, and <u>anger</u>. 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

## <u>Wednesday, April 19, 2023</u> <u>9:00am to 3:30pm</u>

Please Call Community Health to Book an Appointment

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

