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

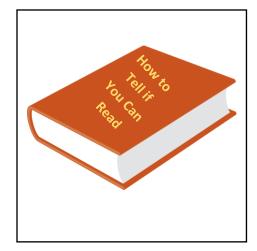
As part of their unit on matter, students learned about creating carbon dioxide to blow up a balloon by mixing household ingredients.





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!

