

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

Sept. 2023

SEPTEMBER

Haisla Words ḡá'islaḡ'ala

Ćulhdu: Black (julth doo)

ḡuḡsdu: White (moo uch stu)

t'haḡ°sdu: Red (glauch stu)



TERRY FOX RUN

Parents and guardians are welcome to join the students during the Terry Fox Run this year. The run will begin at approx. 1:45PM on 21 September 2023.



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.

SEPTEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

5 Sept – School Reopening

20 Sept – Grade 3 Bake Sale

21 Sept – Terry Fox Run

22 Sept – Pro-D Day (no school)

2 Oct – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

SUBWAY DAY ORDERS

Be on the lookout for Subway Order Forms coming in October.



PAC FUNDRAISER ALERT

We would like to make and sell a cookbook filled with recipes from Nechako Elementary Families. The perfect chance to showcase the many cultures that make up our school population, and raise money for some PAC funded activities. We don't want just any recipe but something that is special to your family that you would be WILLING to share.

How to get your recipe to the PAC:

1. Bring it in person to the PAC table at the Open House Thursday September 14th between 6:30-7:30. (Must be typed)
2. E-mail nechakopac@gmail.com (Deadline October 11th)

DO NOT SEND RECIPES TO SCHOOL WITH CHILDREN THIS IS COMPLETELY DONE BY PAC

Not everyone's recipes will be chosen but we won't decide how many we choose until after the deadline.

Books would be available to purchase just in time for Christmas!

Ama Sah / Good Day,

On behalf of Coast Mountains School District, I'd like to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year!

The start of a new school year is an exciting time for everyone involved in our education system, but in particular, for our learners. Heading back to school in September allows children and youth to reconnect with friends they may not have seen over the summer, as well as begin to forge relationships with both classmates and caring adults who may be new in their lives. In many cases, these relationships become the cornerstone for authentic and meaningful learning experiences over the course of the school year.

As a school district, Coast Mountains will continue to focus this year on the priorities identified in the Board's Strategic Plan – Engage, Ignite, Empower. With overarching goals related to learning, organizational wellness and cultural diversity, district-wide actions in 2023-2024 will serve to improve outcomes for students as measured through multiple indicators including graduation rates, provincial assessment results and classroom evidence of learning. To be sure, staff members across the entire district will strive to create learning spaces that are safe, welcoming and inclusive so that all students feel a sense of belonging and experience success. To learn more about our school district's Strategic Plan, visit our website at <https://cmsd.bc.ca/strategic-plan>.

Please take a moment to review the rest of this important communication which includes school start-up and bussing information for Hazelton, Kitwanga, Kitimat, Kitimaat Village, Stewart, Terrace, Thornhill and surrounding communities. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, do not hesitate to contact your child's school.

Again, welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!
We all look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,
Aaron Callaghan
Superintendent of Schools



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.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER



The weather is getting colder and wetter. Please ensure that students are dressed for the weather, both inside and out.

YOUR CHILD IS THIRSTY



**SEND A
LABELED
WATER BOTTLE**

Grade 3 Bake Sale

To raise money to purchase a robotics kit, our class is hosting a **BAKE SALE** next week on Wed. Sept. 20th AM

It would be helpful if kids could write this in their agenda next week.

Like last year, we will have it upstairs only, in the hallway, during the recess blocks.

Thanks for your support – and if you like baking, any items are very welcome. – Mr. Wilkinson

Should you have questions or concerns regarding bus routing and scheduling the following steps are suggested:

1. Contact the Operations Manager at Diversified Transportation bus lines at 250-635-7042 or 1-855-538-5287 for out of town.

[2023-24 Kitimat & Kitimaat Village Return to School Message & Bus Schedules](#)



NEW OUTDOOR CLASSROOM



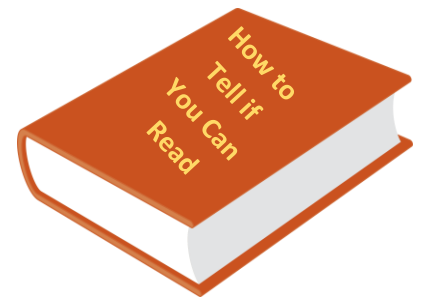
With the coordinated efforts of *MR. GRAY*, *MR. CALLAGHAN*, and *REGO CONTRACTING*, Nechako Elementary has the beginnings of its first Outdoor Classroom.

This classroom is situated next to the school garden, which was installed early last year.



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.



WELCOME BACK TO NECHAKO ELEMENTARY

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."