



Home of the Road Runners

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October Newsletter

A Message from your Principal: School attendance is crucial in a child's development. Students who have the best chance to succeed in school are generally those who attend school on a consistent basis. Regular school attendance is an essential part of the learning process. We are here to help! Is there something we can do to support you and your family to increase your child's attendance? Please connect with us, or your indigenous support workers.

Mr. Doug Brown, Principal

Big Thank You:

Thank you to ALL of our staff and students who recognized Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation events in your classrooms and around the community. Special thank you to our Grade 5/6 classes who represented Chilcotin Road very well at the Pow Wow Arbor.

Communication & Reminders:

SD27 Website: Our school has a website! Check out the Chilcotin Road page on the district website. Newsletters will be emailed home the first week of each month. The newsletters will also be posted on our website as well.

You can also find our Chilcotin Road PAC on Facebook: "Chilcotin Road PAC" - This is a good resource to check for new or updated school celebrations of school community and culture. We ask that only parents of Chilcotin Road Elementary join this page.

Safe Arrival Program: Chilcotin Road will continue to use the student absence reporting system called "SafeArrival". If you need help with the program, please call our office. Please have clear communication with your child's teacher about absents and other classroom issues. This helps us cut down on calls to the office.



Code of Conduct: The Chilcotin Road Code of Conduct was reviewed at our September Assembly by Mr. Brown. Families should review the Code of Conduct and the Family Handbook located on our school website. Both documents have been sent out via email as well. Hard copies are available in the office as needed. Our revised Code of Conduct frames all behaviour as communication, with the Circle of Courage at the center. This is a strength based, resilience-focused

approach rooted in the principle that to be emotionally healthy, all youth need a sense of belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity. Please review at home with your whole family. Common language supports our collective good work.

School Food Program: We are pleased to continue to offer a school food program for students who need it. Every classroom receives a “Brain Food Bin” each morning with some grab and go food items. At recess time, a staff member will ask who in each classroom needs a full lunch, or a healthy top-up (additional lunch snack). The staff member then prepares *that many* lunches and top-ups for the day. It is important that students who need this program self-advocate and sign up each day as needed. There is **no cost** to this program, and **no need to contact** the school office. If you’re interested in helping with our program or have any questions, please contact Doug Brown in the office. If kids are hungry, we will feed them.

Munchalunch: This program will be starting soon so please watch email and website for further details.

Mark your Calendars / Events:

PAC Meeting: Oct 3rd from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Staffroom – all parents/guardian’s welcome!

Wear Purple Day: Oct 16th School spirit day! Come dressed in purple.

Pro-D Day (Friday, October 24) – No School for Students.

Photo Day: We are still on the hunt for a professional photographer so please stay tuned...Sounds like we might be getting closer to figuring this one out.

Take Me Outside for Learning Week: October 21-25th: During this week, Chilcotin Road will be spending lots of time outside for learning and playing. Please help your child be ready to make the most of this time by dressing for success (weather-wise).

Halloween: Chilcotin Road student leadership will host a Halloween dance Please remember students cannot bring replica weapons to school as part of their costume. Please also be mindful of costumes that are overly frightening for our K-6 setting. **Thank you for keeping candies at home.** Students will be getting a hotdog as well today.

Cross-Country Run: Chilcotin Road student athletes in grades 3-6 (who practice with the team) can participate in the annual Cross-Country Run on Friday October 11th. About 30 of our students are participating. Job well done Ms. J.

Volleyball: Inter-school sports for our grade 5/6 athletes begins with volleyball! The volleyball season begins later in October and practices will begin near the start of that month. Thank you, to Mr. Rolston and Mrs. Clark who will help with practices and coaching. We will only be having 2 teams this year, one grade 5/6 Boys and one 5/6 Girls.