

Tatla Lake Elementary & Jr. Secondary School

March/April 2024 Newsletter

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up on Wednesday, April 24th and Thursday, April 25th. Students will be dismissed at 2:00pm on this day. Please call the school or email your child's teacher to book a conference. Conferences can be done in person, on the phone, or via TEAMS on the computer.

Swap Don't Shop Event

Tatla Lake Elementary & Jr. Secondary School, with the support of Mary Forbes from the Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society, will be hosting a '**Swap Don't Shop**' afternoon on Tuesday, April 23rd. If you are spring cleaning we encourage you to donate clothing, footwear, and blankets to this free Earth Day themed event that will be open to the community! Tatla Lake School will be accepting donations of clean, usable items until April 19th. Please drop off your bagged items during school hours 8:30-3:00. Individuals donating items will get early admission to come 'swap'!



**Cariboo Chilcotin
Conservation Society**

Exciting Funding News

We are extremely grateful that the Tatla Lake Resource Association (TRA) approved our grant submission for \$9000. With these funds we were able to purchase a school set of new cross country ski boots and skis. The students enjoyed trying them out before Spring Break!

We also recently received a GO Grant from HCTF Education for \$285 to support field trips to the Tatlayoko Field Station. As well, we received \$500 from Learning For a Sustainable Future towards the purchase of a LOMI composter. LSF funds student-led climate change/sustainability action projects.

Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten and new student registration opened on January 29, 2024 and the school district will be bringing this process online! [Registration \(sd27.bc.ca\)](https://sd27.bc.ca)



**KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION**

2024 - 2025

Enroll
Jan. 29th

More information on how and where to register will be available in January

Volunteering

Parents wishing to volunteer at the school in an unsupervised capacity or on overnight field trips can complete a criminal record check through this Online Link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck> Our unique access code will be required. Access Code: YMFQVLQ3P8

Mrs. Ikebuchi's Class April Learning Intentions

Math:

Kindergarten students continue to review math concepts and skills learned this year (sorting, patterning, counting, numbers, money, concepts more/less, measurement) and will be learning addition.

Grade 2 students are reviewing addition and subtraction to 100 and learning linear measurement.

Grade 3-4 students are learning division and how to calculate the perimeter of shapes.

Language Arts:

Kindergarten students continue to learn alphabet letters and corresponding sounds, and printing concepts.

Grade 2-4 students continue to build their reading and writing fluency. We will be working on fictional writing and responding to fiction/non-fiction text.

Social Studies

Grade K-4 continue to explore the Big Idea that people from diverse cultures and societies share some common experiences and aspects of life.

Science

Grade K-4 will be learning about conservation and ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle during April. Grade 2-4 are also reviewing thermal energy.

Physical and Health Education

Grade K-4 are learning to play floor hockey and continue to explore healthy ways to deal with big feelings.

Fine Arts

Students will be learning how to dance a variety of powwow steps. In music, students are preparing for the year end showcase.

Ms. Peterson's Class Area's of Focus:

March:

Science- Climate Change/ Sustainable Living and associated STEM activities. (I posted some designs on PAC site)

Math- Integers and the Cartesian Plane Graphing

Socials- Discrimination, Poverty and Slavery

Language Arts- Reading for Comprehension/ Exploring different Genre of books and writing Pen Pal letters to a school in Switzerland.

Health- Anti Smoking, Anti Vaping and Avoiding Substance Abuse- Students made posters and discussed what actions they could do if they had a friend who was abusing substances.

PE- Finishing Volleyball, XC skiing, skating at Tsi Del Del

April:

Math- Fractions, Decimals, Percentage and Probability

Language Arts- Novel Study - exploring the theme of " Resilience", Reading for Information, and making connections to characters in the novel.

Science-Exploring the big idea that elements consist of one type of atom, and compounds consist of atoms of different elements chemically combined.

Socials- Canada and the Global Economy- Trade, Global Response to Emergencies, Organizations for Change, International Governmental Organizations

PE- Preparation for Track and Field Events and for health students are exploring Adolescence and Puberty.

ADST- Seniors are doing Culinary Skills, Intermediates are exploring various careers in STEM, Soap making and equine therapy.

For Parents:

National Child & Youth Mental Health Day – May 7, 2024

National Child & Youth Mental Health Day is about building caring connections between young people and the caring adults in their lives. We know having caring, connected conversations can have a big impact on the mental health of children and youth.

"I care about you" is our May 7th message. To support this, we offer events and resources that support conversations and connection between caring adults and young people. For more information see:

[May 7th | National Child & Youth Mental Health Day](#)

Online Event with Kim Barthel- May 7, 2024

We know that having caring, connected conversations can significantly impact the mental health of children and youth. Join us online to listen to Kim Barthel talk about having more self-compassion, self-awareness and knowledge about the art and science of relationships. Our kids mean so much to us, and yet disconnection, dissociation and even the potential for self-harm is very real. A holistic and engaging story-teller, Kim will introduce the basics of attunement, attachment theory, trauma-sensitive practice, sustainable self-care and above all the power of connection and inclusion. For more information and to register for the online event see:

[May 7th | Event with Kim Barthel](#)



2024-25 District Calendar is available to view:

[District Calendar \(sd27.bc.ca\)](https://sd27.bc.ca)

May & June Upcoming events

Community Connections	May 6
Gr. 5-11 Bella Coola Track & Field Meet	May 7-9
WILD School with Martin Kruus	May 21
Turbo Tunnel Run/Walk	May 23
PowWow Dance Workshop	May 27
Equine Assisted Learning with Michelle Francis	May 31
Community Connections	June 3
Year End Student Showcase	June 26
Year End Student Swim Party	June 27

Hello Tatla Lake,

I want to thank you for welcoming me into your community. I feel truly blessed to have been presented the opportunity to do my teaching practicum here at Tatla Lake Elementary & Jr. Secondary School. My experience so far has been truly rewarding.

I come to Tatla Lake as an education student though I feel I will leave with much more than a teaching practice.

I am excited to share my learning journey with the students and appreciate all the support of Mrs. Peterson and Principal Ikebuchi.

I will complete my Bachelor of Education this August and I am amazed at how quickly the last two years have flown.

As I reflect on my learning journey and strive towards becoming a better teacher I am reminded of my past strengths and stretches while doing earth science at UBC and Forestry through both BCIT and UNBC. I have a passion for the land and hope to further spend more time checking out all the amazing aspects of Tatla lake.

I look forward to the many adventures ahead of me.

Truly grateful,

Emma Louise Raine