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### Happy Tuesday GROW Families!

It was lovely to come together for a field trip on Friday. We had amazing weather and it was great to see students rekindling friendships and making our new enrolments feel welcome. It was so interesting to learn a bit more about the history and culture of the Secwepemc. I also really appreciated visiting the Fraser River and seeing the amazing effects of water and volcanic activity on the landscape. It was great fun learning some of the rules of touch rugby and practicing some new skills! Thanks to Matt Ziemer for leading that activity.

Our next field trip day is scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> and is just in it's beginning stages of planning. However, I can tell you that we are planning a STEM-focused day at GROW in Lac La Hache, and that we are hoping to incorporate Halloween into the day too! I'd love to see your costumes if you've made some to take part in Halloween activities!

# Student Math and Literacy Samples - DUE FRIDAY

This is a reminder that in order to declare your child an active student, we need some school work completed by them. Specifically, we need numeracy work (math) and a writing sample that they have completed in September. Several of you have already gotten these in—thank you! If you haven't yet done so, please make that a priority for this week. You can submit hard copies either to GROW or to the School Board Office in Williams Lake, or electronically. Brightspace is the best option for submitting work electronically—if you're having trouble figuring out how to submit work on Brightspace, please let me know. I can guide you through it, or we may decide to use another electronic method of submitting work. Please do not email me work samples—I get a lot of emails in a day, and I don't want your child's work getting lost in them!

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### **Science World Presentation**

On Tuesday, October 1st, Science World will be coming to do a presentation at Lac La Hache, and GROW students are welcome to attend! This presentation is called "Fantastic Forces" and runs from 1:00-1:45 in the gym. Please arrive a few minutes early so you can get settled and our audience can be ready for 1:00pm.

If you'd like to make more of a day of this event, I can organize an art activity for students to do before the presentation and we could use the gym or playground for games afterward. The art activity would be one of the Wayne Thiebauld activities from Brightspace. I'll need

feedback if you're interested in this, so I know how many students to prepare for. Please RSVP by this Thursday!

## **Picture Day**

GROW students are welcome to come to our location at Lac La Hache Elementary to have school photos done for the year! The photographer will be on site on October 9<sup>th</sup> and will be doing photos for GROW students before recess. Please arrive at around 9:15.

# **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. GROW will be closed on this day, along with all other schools in our district. Schools are observing this day on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> by wearing orange shirts.

### **Williams Lake Pool**

Did you know that students enrolled in GROW are able to use the pool at the Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex free of charge, Monday-Friday from 8:00am - 3:30pm? GROW will be updating our student list will the staff at the pool this week. Please keep in mind that only enrolled students may be admitted free of charge—accompanying family members will still need to pay a drop in fee.

I think that's all for now. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns—I am happy to help however I can. Have a wonderful week everyone!

Yours truly,



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