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Hello GROW Families!

Welcome both new and returning students! Thank you for being patient with GROW as student files were transferred in and out of the school in the beginning of school year chaos!

Curriculum Delivery/Initial Meetings

I have already connected with many of you and we've got initial meeting to go over learning plans and curriculum lined up. If you haven't heard from me until now, it's because I didn't have your contact information. **Please shoot me a quick email and we'll set up a meeting.**

At your initial meeting we will:

- go over all the curriculum materials and talk about what school will look like on a day-to-day basis
- discuss important information about your access to resources
- go over your child's learning plan for the year

I do home visits in both the 100 Mile House and Williams Lake area. I also meet with families out of our location in Lac La Hache and at the Student Support Services office in Williams Lake.

If an in-person meeting will not work for you, let me know. We can meet virtually or over the phone. Your curriculum package is here at GROW in Lac La Hache ready to be picked up, or I can have it delivered to the School Board Office in Williams Lake.

Brightspace

Brightspace is our online learning platform where you can access printables and lessons throughout the year. I'll also have field trip information and news posted in our homeroom. In fact, I hope to transition away from these weekly emails and use Brightspace as your primary location for accessing news from GROW. If you haven't already been sent an email saying your child is enrolled in Brightspace, it means I do not have computer consent forms from you for the current school year. You may have filled out these forms when you registered your child in GROW this year—I just have not been given a list yet. I hope to get one tomorrow.

Once I have that information, I'll enrol your child in Brightspace, or, if you haven't given consent, I'll let you know and send along digital copies of the forms so you can choose to opt in if you would like.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about your child being enrolled in Brightspace.

Our First Field Trip!

Our first field trip will be taking place next Friday, September 20th at Xatsull Heritage Village in Soda Creek! This day will be outside, so dress accordingly. Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Here's what the day will look like:

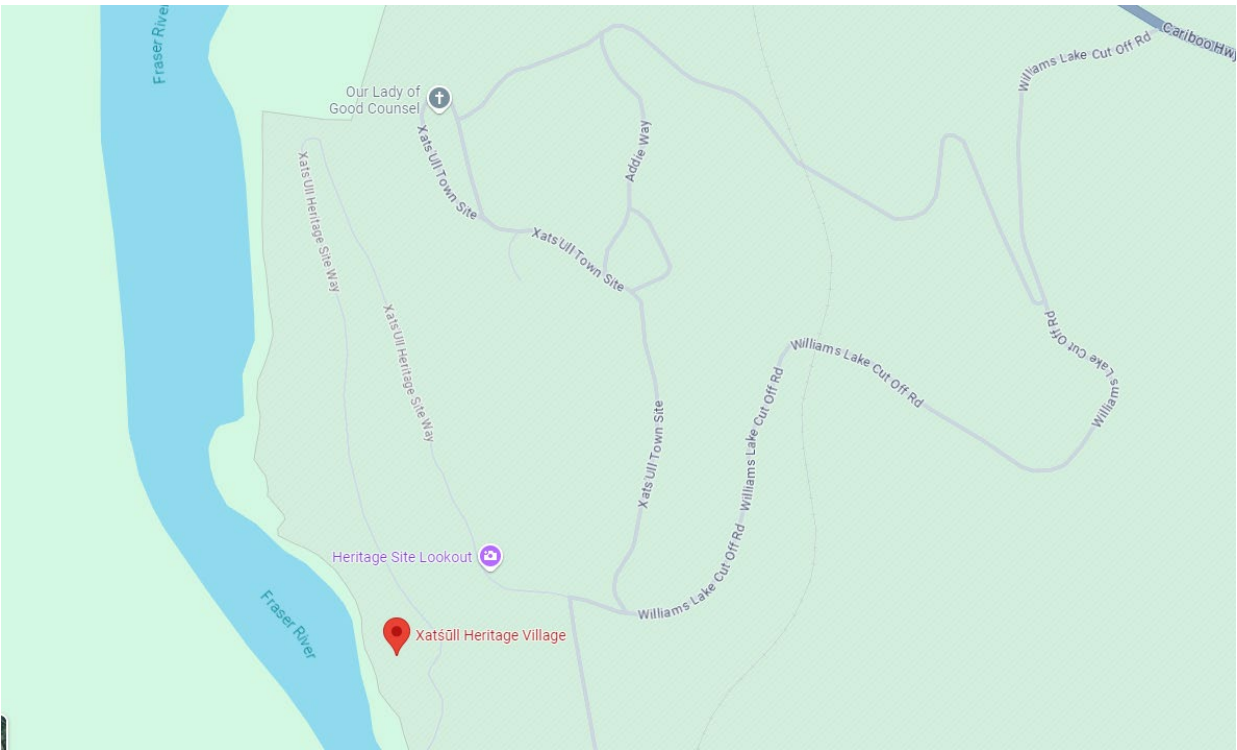
9:30-10:00 - soft start (families arrive, introductions)
10:00-12:00 - guided tour of the heritage village
12:00-12:45 - lunch/free time
12:45-2:30 - craft and time with elder
2:30-3:30 - field games

Lunch is provided, but students should bring a snack and water to drink. Because we'll be outside playing games, athletic footwear is a good idea. **Please RSVP by this Friday, September 13th** so I can send a list of numbers to plan for lunch. Also, please contact me if you have children not enrolled in GROW or extra adults who want to attend.

I haven't yet gotten my field trip form back from the approval process, but once I do, I will share it with you. Regardless, I will have forms for you to fill out the day of the trip.

Xatsull is located north of Williams Lake.





[Xats'ull Heritage Village – Experience the Culture of the Xats'ull Community \(xatsullheritagevillage.com\)](http://xatsullheritagevillage.com)

Subscriptions, etc.

Some of you are asking about Raz Kids, the Williams Lake pool, skating in Lac La Hache, etc. I just do not have the answers yet. Bear with me, and once our staff discusses it, I will get back to you. I think those of you who were using Raz Kids last year may still be able to use it for the time being. Our current subscription might be valid until November. I have not set up Duolingo for this school year yet, but there is a second language project on Brightspace for our grades 5-7 learners. Keep your questions coming—I'm making a list to discuss at a staff meeting .

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 9th and will be doing photos for GROW students before recess. Please arrive at around 9:15.

I think that's all for now! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I am always happy to help!

Yours truly,



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