**Lac La Hache Elementary School**



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**News Letter September, 2024**

**PRINCIPALS MESSAGE**



* Sept 4th First Day of School half day.
* Sept 23rd Pro D Day – **No School**
* Sept 27th Orange Shirt Day
* Sept 30th Nation Day of Truth and Reconciliation. **No School**

Dear Lac La Hache Families,

I trust that everyone has had a wonderful summer and hopefully are feeling re-charged and energized for our upcoming school year.

I really enjoyed re-connecting with the twenty-one students who have returned to Lac La Hache school this year as well as getting to know the new nine students who have joined us so far. It feels like a great mix.

This is equally true for our staff as well. Many on staff have returned but we are very excited to have Cori Hoskins joining us for most of the first semester. Cori is a Lac La Hache resident and has always had a special affinity for our students. As well, we feel very privileged to have Alana Meagher joining our team as an Educational Assistant (EA) this year. Alana has recently moved to the Timothy Lake area from Boston Bar where she was also employed as an EA for many years. Our other new staff member is Carrie Tallen who will be joining us on Wednesdays as our new Library Aide. We have told Carrie that we expect her to hold this position for the next 36 years, similarly to what her predecessor Annette Swelander did. 😊

We are very excited to see that our new playground is constructed. We are particularly pleased to see that they have included a message board with the words “Awesome Friends Start Here.” The company that installed the playground stated that they would be able to include a personalized message. We then asked the students, and the overwhelming winning submission came from an intermediate student Andrew Selley. What a great way to help bring focus as to what we aspire our playground to become.

Unfortunately, a border needs to be constructed, but the planks are already on-site so this should not take too long. The other part that needs to be done is to have specially designed impact absorbing woodchips put in place for the groundwork. I have been informed that it will take 2-3 weeks to get these wood chips as they are coming from Vancouver. The students have been more patient than the adults, I must admit, but I guess a few more weeks is not too long to wait considering it has been many years since we have had a new playground.

I am looking forward to this, my 38th year as an educator. The students never fail to provide wonderful energy and optimism towards school which helps keep all of us young.

**PRO D DAY/NON-INSTRUCIONAL DAY FOR TEACHERS**

September 22rd, 2024 is a Non Instructional day for teacher***, schools will be closed.***

**ORANGE SHIRT DAY**

September 27TH, Lac La Hache Elementary will be celebrating Orange Shirt Day. Please wear an orange shirt to recognize the National Day of Truth and Reconcilliation.

**NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUCH AND RECONCILLIATION**

September 30th, 2024 is The National Day for Truth and Reconcilliation***, schools will be closed***.

**PAC BBQ**

The PAC is in the process of putting together a Welcome to School BBQ, the dates are still to be determined so stay tuned.

**PAC NEWS**

Our next PAC Meeting will be on Thursday September 12th, at 2:30 pm. We would like to strongly encourage parents/gaurdians to come to the meeting, your input and ideas are always needed to help support this great school.Hope to see you all there!

**Meal Program**

Lac La Hache Elementary is still offering our Grab-and-Go Breakfast Program. Our Hot Lunch Program that runs every Thursday at this time is being postponed until the PAC has a meeting and can get more parent volunteers. We do look forward in offering this wonderful program in the coming weeks.



We are pleased to announce that the Kindergarten Registration for the 2024/2025 school year will start on January 29th, 2024. Please come fill out your application form today, and be sure to bring with you the following:

**Enrollment ID Checklist**

**2024-2025**

Indicators in support of establishing that parent(s)/guardians(s) are ‘ordinarily resident’ in BC. Two indicators are from the list below would strongly support ordinarily resident. Must have address listed on these indicators. \*Childs: Birth Certificate or Passport and Care Card (Must Have) \*\*

\*Must be at least one of these for first ID

1. Ownership of dwelling or long-term lease/rental agreement\*

2. Employment within community or elsewhere in BC (pay statement) \*

3. Any legal documents indicating British Columbia residence (utility bill) \*

4. Parent/guardian files income tax returns as BC resident\*

5. Canadian bank accounts/credit cards associated to BC address\*

Second piece only

1. Spouse, children, other dependent family members in same dwelling\*\*

2. BC Driver’s License

3. BC Provincial registration of automobile\*\*

4. Subscription for life or health insurance, particularly MSP\*\*

5. Business relationships in the community\*\*

6. Links to community through religious organizations, recreational clubs, unions and/or professional

organizations\*\*

\*\*Accepted as second piece only.

School Of Choice

Families wishing to attend a school outside their catchment area must first register at their designated catchment school, only then you are able submit a School of Choice Application Form. The forms canbe obtained and filled out at your catchment school or on the School District Office or on the School District’s website ([www.sd27.bc.ca](http://www.sd27.bc.ca)).

**If you have any questions or concerns,please contact the office @ 250-396-7230**