

Mile 108 Elementary Newsletter



January 2023

We have hired a K-1 teacher!

I am pleased to announce that we have hired **Brandi Fullerton** to teach in our K-1 class until Mrs. Pellizzari returns. Brandi's official start date will be this coming Monday, January 16th but she will be at the school today for an introduction and to get familiar with the classroom. Welcome to our Mile 108 staff team, Brandi!

School of Choice Applications and K Registration



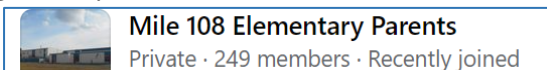
Kindergarten registration and School of Choice applications open for the 2023-2024 school year on **January 23**. The deadline for school of choice applications is **March 8, 2023**.



PAC News & Announcements



1. Breakfast Program every day for all students. I am pleased to tell you that our PAC has been working hard to line up volunteers and plans to deliver our breakfast program on a daily basis. In the event that we are not able to get volunteers on a given day, PAC will announce the cancellation on the **Mile 108 Facebook page** as soon as they know. →



2. Norman Foote is coming next week. We are also excited to announce that Norman Foote is coming to our school for two days next week, Wednesday, January 18th and Thursday, January 19th. Norman will be working with each of our classes on singing & song writing. **Norman will be wrapping up his two-day visit with a public performance on Thursday afternoon from 1:20 – 2:20 PM. Families are invited to come and watch our children perform with Norman.**

3. Donate your recycling (to support our goal of purchasing a class set of computer tablets)



PAC is fundraising for several projects for our school, including the purchase of some new computer tablets, and you can help by donating your recycling. PAC has set up an account at Gold Trail recycling in 100 Mile House. When you drop off your recycling, you can simply ask to have your proceeds go the Mile 108 school account. PAC is also planning to do a bottle drive in the near future, January or early February, so if you can't make it into Gold Trail and would like to donate your recycling, please hold onto it for this event.

4. Next PAC meeting: Monday, February 6th (7:00 PM in the school library). New members are welcome.

Affordability Fund: New provincial government initiative to support families in need

BC schools have recently been allocated one-time funding opportunity through the Ministry of Education and Child Care called the "Student and Family Affordability Fund." This funding was put in place to address affordability concerns for families at this time. Schools may use these funds to help expand school meal programs, make sure students have the school supplies or weather gear they need and cover any additional fees. If you are a family that would like assistance with groceries or clothing (indoor shoes, boots, gloves, jackets, etc.) or other expenses to support your child/children, please reach out to Mr. Doolan by telephone 250-791-5221, or through email at mark.doolan@sd27.bc.ca. Please be assured that your confidentiality will be respected.



Dropping off students in the morning: * Please do not use the bus zone *



I would like to remind parents and caregivers to please stay clear of our bus zone at the front of the school when dropping off children in the morning between **8:00 – 8:30 AM**. This is not just a request for convenience, but for the safety of our children. Your cooperation is appreciated.



Ice Skating at Canlan Arena



CanLan arena has invited schools back for ice skating this year after a pause since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our classes will attending two at a time on Tuesday mornings over the next couple of months. We have lots of skates at the school if your child does not have their own, so please communicate to the classroom teacher if your child is in need of skates. Our first group to go in the new year will be Mrs. Keller’s and Mrs. Craig’s classes, on Tuesday, January 17th.

Ministry of Education Learning Surveys for 2023

The electronic surveys for parents, students (grades 4 and 7), and staff are now open and can be accessed through the link below. Our grade 4 and 7 students will be given an opportunity to complete their surveys at school, but I encourage parents to complete the survey so we can hear your feedback as well. Please know that the data from these surveys is used by school staff in the fall when we are setting goals for our new school year.

To locate the parent survey, use this link (http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm.) and scroll down to the parent section and select the **Direct Access login**, as shown in the image.

The screenshot shows a 'Parents' login section with instructions: 'Please complete one survey for each child.' and 'Parents have two options for accessing the survey: either by using a logon provided to you by your school, or by using the Direct (logon-free) Access (please select one of the options below).' There are two login paths: 'With a logon number from your school' and 'Direct Access - no logon number required'. The 'Direct Access' path is highlighted in yellow. Below it, there are dropdown menus for 'District' (27 Cariboo-Chilcotin), 'School' (Mile 108 Elementary), and 'Language' (English), along with a 'Log On' button.

January Calendar of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 <i>First Day back after Christmas Break</i> PAC Meeting 7:00 PM	10	11	12	13 <i>Hot Lunch (pizza)</i>
16	17 Ice Skating <i>10:15-11:30 Can Lan Arena (Craig and Keller)</i>	18 Norman Foote	19 Norman Foote <i>Public performance at 1:15 PM</i>	20 <i>Hot Lunch (hot dogs)</i>
23 K Registration and School of Choice applications <i>commence for the 2023/2024 school year</i>	24	25 (Spirit Day) Western Day	26 <i>Winterfest at Canlan Arena (Ready-Set Learn program) 9:00-11:30</i> * No Strong Start today	27 <i>Hot Lunch (DIY Sub Sandwiches)</i>
30	31 Ice Skating <i>10:15-11:30 Can Lan Arena (Fast and Johnson)</i>			

More Upcoming Dates

- February 6 (Mon) PAC meeting 7:00 PM
- February 17 (Fri)..... Pro-D Day (no school for students)
- February 20 (Mon) Family Day (holiday)
- March 2 (Thurs)..... Grade 6 Basketball
- March 3 (Fri)..... Grade 7 Basketball
- March 6 (Mon) PAC meeting 7:00 PM
- March 10 (Fri)..... Last day before Spring Break
- March 11-26 (Sat-Sun) Spring Break