



École Nesika Elementary School
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JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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@EcoleNesikaElementary Check us out on Facebook for updates, reminders and celebrations!

Principal's Message/Message de la directrice:

From all of us at école Nesika Elementary School, we wish you and yours the very best this holiday season and send you best wishes for 2023. Have a safe and happy winter break!

Drop off and Pick up in the Vehicle Loop/Laisser et ramasser ses enfants:

A reminder that the car loop is for pick-up and drop-off only. Please move forward as a space opens up to keep congestion to a minimum. The loop is for moving vehicles ONLY, **please do NOT park in the loop or leave your vehicle.**

Kindergarten Registration/Inscription à la maternelle:

Kindergarten registration for September 2024 begins **January 29, 2024**. Children **MUST** be five years of age by December 31, 2024. **A Birth Certificate or Passport, a BC Care Card and two pieces of proof of address are required at registration.** Children presently enrolled in Kindergarten do NOT need to re-register for Grade 1.

Please Note/Notez bien: Students **NOT** living in the Nesika Elementary catchment area **MUST** submit a "School of Choice" application if wishing to enroll in a Kindergarten program at Nesika. **(This applies even if you already have another child already attending Nesika).**

Registration and School of Choice applications MUST be completed at the CATCHMENT AREA SCHOOL

School of Choice/L'école de votre choix:

Parents wishing for their child to attend a school that is **NOT** their catchment school **MUST** fill out a "School of Choice" application and submit it before the **March 15, 2024** deadline. **School of Choice Applications will be available starting January 29, 2023.**

Skating Days/Patiner:

If your child is going skating with their class, please ensure they have the proper gear, including a helmet and gloves, and a bag to carry them in on the bus.

Swimming Days/La natation:

In January, students in grades 2 - 6 will have a few opportunities to go swimming with their class. At this time, lessons are NOT being offered by the Cariboo Recreational Complex. Please watch for permission forms coming home.

Pink Shirt Day/Journée de la chemise rose:

February 28, 2024, is "Pink Shirt Day" where schools will be encouraging everyone to practice kindness and wear pink to symbolize that you do not tolerate bullying. Nesika, partnering with Staples, is offering pink T-shirts and Hoodies for purchase. Order forms were sent home via email in December.



Deadline for pink shirt orders is Friday, January 19th. One shirt per order form

please! Extra order forms are available at the school office. Please DO NOT feel you have to order a pink shirt. Children can wear any pink item to participate (accessories; socks; pants, etc).

Student Information/Information des étudiants:

It is important that we have the most current information on all our students in case of an emergency. If you have recently moved, changed your telephone numbers, or your email address please let the school office know.

Family Game Night/ Soirée de jeux de société en famille:

Thank you to all the families who attended our first “Family Game Night” held on December 8th. A shout out to our PAC for the gift baskets they provided for door prizes, as well as the very popular hot chocolate bar. Thanks PAC volunteers for your help!

Sliding Hill/Glisser:

Students using the sliding hill **MUST** wear snow gear. Nesika has crazy carpets and foam sliders for student use, however, students may bring their own foam sliders or crazy carpets from home (please label).

Sliding rules include: Soft sleds only, no headfirst, no standing on sleds, and slide only in designated areas. Hard plastic sliders are prohibited.



Just a reminder to all families: Teacher supervision of playground zones begins at 8:30 a.m.

Star Fish Backpack Program/Sac à dos Star Fish:

Star Fish Backpack program is sponsored by the Daybreak Rotary Club of Williams Lake with the support of many community donors and volunteers. This program provides support to 55 families in the Williams Lake area. Each student is provided with a backpack with sufficient amount of food for over the weekend. If you or anyone you know could benefit from this program, please contact the school office.



Donation opportunity: *With the rising cost in groceries the Rotary Club is seeing an increase in backpacks. If you can make a financial donation to this program your donations will be greatly appreciated. Cheques can be made out to “Cariboo Friendship Society” include Starfish in the memo. Tax receipts will be issued.*

Grade 5 Pass/Passport gratuite pour les élèves en 5ième année:

Did you know... The Cariboo Recreational Complex offers a program for every grade 5 student in the Central Cariboo Recreation Taxation Area, a free membership for the duration of their grade five year. The Grade 5 pass includes free admission to the following:

- ❖ Everyone Welcome Swims
- ❖ Rec Swims
- ❖ Toonie Swims
- ❖ Public Skates



Just bring in your child’s birth certificate and a proof of residency to get your free pass. For more information contact the Cariboo Recreational Complex at (250) 398-7665.

Grade 4/5 SNOW Pass/Passport des neiges:

[Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass](#) ← Apply Now! From the Canadian Ski Council: With a one-time application fee of \$29.99 kids can ski & snowboard for free across Canada! **The SnowPass benefits include:**

- Access to multiple ski areas across Canada
Return to your favorite hills or try new ones
- You can ski not once, but TWICE at every participating ski area
- Fresh air and exercise
- Fun with Family and Friends



Student Affordability Fund/Fonds d’abordabilité:

Many families at our school are feeling the effects of inflation on daily costs. If you are a family that would like assistance with groceries, clothing or other expenses to support your child/children, please let us know as we are here to help. The government is supporting schools to support our families who are having a tough time financially. Please be assured that confidentially will be kept. Please call 250-398-7192 or email holly.zurak@sd27.bc.ca.

School Sports/Les sports scolaires:

Interschool basketball for Grade 5/6 boys and girls begins at the end of January. Practices are in full swing and the teams are ready to play! Games will be after school; a notice will go home with your child's schedule. *Due to high interest our teams are full with Grades 5/6 – we will have an in-school learning and practicing opportunity for Grade 4 students on Fridays.*



Food Program/Le programme d'alimentation:

Thanks to Community Links funding and generous community donations, our school breakfast and lunch program continues for the new year. If you have any questions about your child accessing this program, please give us a call at the office.

Red Tomato Pie Student of the Week/L'étudiant(e) de la semaine:

Congratulations to the following students who received a "Red Tomato Pie Coupon" for being nominated as student of the week.

December 5: Tayla A. - nominated by Ms. Pepper

December 12:

December 19: -

For more details on the Nesika Student of the Week Program and photos check out our Facebook page.



PAC NEWS/Nouvelles de PAC

Find us on Facebook/Retrouvez-nous sur Facebook @ Nesika P.A.C.

for news, updates, reminders and opportunities to get involved at Nesika.

Hot Lunches/Dîners chauds:

The PAC is looking for volunteers to help with hot lunch. **This program can only operate if we have volunteers.** Any amount of time you are able to volunteer would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help out please email Nesikapac@hotmail.com

Hot Lunch/Dîner chaud:

January 10:

January 17:

January 24:

Popcorn Dates: January 12; 19; 26



**** MunchaLunch will be open until December 1 - 30 to place your orders for JANUARY.**

PAC Meeting/Réunion du PAC:

All parents are invited to attend our next PAC meeting held on **January 18, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.** in the school Library.

Welcome to the Parent Council

