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School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)

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January Newsletter

A Message from your Principals: School attendance is crucial in a child's development. Students who have the best chance to succeed in school are generally those who attend school on a consistent basis. Regular school attendance is an essential part of the learning process and crucial to graduating from school with a strong foundation for further studies and a successful career. Is there something we can do to support you and your family to increase your child's attendance? Please connect with us, or your indigenous support workers. We'd like to help! **Please remember to sign students out at the office, when picking them up early. Thank you!*

- Mrs. Holly Zurak, Principal

COMMUNICATION & REMINDERS

2025 Kindergarten Registration & School of Choice: Kindergarten and new student registration opens on **January 27, 2025**.

School of Choice applications open on **January 27, 2025 and will close on March 12, 2025**. *The online link for registration and applications will be available on January 27, 2025.*

Bus Card Replacements: If your child is riding the bus and requires a replacement card, they can be requested through the office for a \$10 fee. Students will (still) be picked up without a bus pass.

Winter Weather: Wintery weather has arrived. Please make sure your child has adequate winter clothing (warm jacket, snow pants, gloves, and a toque) also pack an **extra set of clothing (ALL ages!)** to keep at school as they will be outside in all weather conditions during learning time and during break time, unless the temperature is deemed too cold by administration. *If you need assistance outfitting your child for winter conditions, please contact Holly at the school.*

When there is enough snow, children are permitted to bring their crazy carpets and foam sliders. Hard plastic sliders are not permitted. Students must have snow pants, boots and mitts to slide. *Please label sliders and clothing items.* As we have already in classrooms; please remind your children at home that **snowballs are off limits**, and hands/feet off behaviour is still expected (ex. No "king of the hill" and snow tackles).

Safe Arrival Program: Nesika continues to use the student absence reporting system called "SafeArrival". If you need help with the program, please call our office. If you have a message for your child – please use the child's agenda, or your teacher's email address to communicate the after school plan to your child and their teacher. This helps us cut down on calls to the office. Thank you!



Code of Conduct: Our Code of Conduct frames all behaviour as communication, with the Circle of Courage at the center. This is a strength based, resilience-focused approach rooted in the principle that to be emotionally healthy, all youth need a sense of belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity. Please review it at home with with your whole family. Common language supports our collective good work.

School Food Program: We are pleased to continue to offer a school food program for students who need it. Every classroom receives a "Brain Food Bin" each morning with some grab and go food items. At recess time, a staff member will ask who in each classroom needs a full lunch, or a healthy top-up (additional lunch snack). The staff member then prepares *that many* lunches and top-ups for the day. It is important that students who need this program self-advocate and sign up each day as needed. There is no cost to this program, and no need to contact the school office. If you're interested in helping with our program or have any questions, please contact Holly in the office.

On Wednesdays our PAC supports our School food Program with a hot meal that is ordered through Munchalunch. Families are encouraged to pay if they can, but a free option exists as well for families who may need it. Any funds raised go back into our food program. Munchalunch instructions are attached. Questions? Want to help? Contact Latisha at nesikapac@hotmail.com. Munchalunch will be open **December 1 -30 for January orders**.

"Learning, Growing, and Belonging Together"

Grade 5 Pass: 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: [Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass](#) ← Apply Now! From the Canadian Ski Council: With a one-time application fee of \$39.99 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

Red Tomato Pies Student of the Week:

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

December 2: Cade B. - nominated by Ms. Pepper

December 9: Adaleigh H. - nominated by Mme Jones

December 16: Luxrae F. - nominated by Ms. Brown



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

Purdys: Thank you to our community members who purchased Purdy's. We raised \$647.46 for learning opportunities!

Upcoming Events:
(please also check calendar)

- January 15 – PAC Meeting 5pm
- January 27 – Family Literacy Day
- January 29 – Monthly Celebration Assembly, 9:15 (everyone welcome!)
- January 31 – Columneetza Pow Wow

Skating Days:

- 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:

- In January, many 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.

PAC NEWS/Nouvelles de PAC

PAC Meeting: Next PAC meeting is **Wednesday Jan. 20th from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm** in the library – all parents welcome! Childcare available. Questions? Contact: nesikapac@hotmail.com.

Thank you to our PAC and school community for supporting our Family Games Night! PAC supported the event with raffle baskets and a complimentary hot chocolate bar! Pizza and popcorn were sold as a fundraiser.

<p>Find us on Facebook @ Nesika P.A.C. for news, updates, reminders and opportunities to get involved at Nesika.</p>
