



École Nesika Elementary School
School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)

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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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Find us on Facebook/Retrouvez-nous sur Facebook:

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

Forms/Formulaires:

Please send the form package that was sent home mid-September back to the school as soon as possible if you have not already done so (Verification Form; Computer and Media Consent Forms; and Walking Field Trips). **It is important that the school has correct and current information in case of an emergency.** Please remember to update the school on any information that changes throughout the school year.

Student Agendas/Agendas des élèves:

Just a reminder that agendas are used for communication between home and school for students in grades 1 – 6. **Please remember to check them every night.** Use the agendas to verify after school plans (bus, no bus, etc) as this will help eliminate after school messages. Many classes are outside at the end of the day and do not hear the announcements.

Just-in-Time Tutoring/le tutorat juste à temps:

Just-in-Time tutoring is back! This program will focus on student in Grades 2 to 6. Qualified tutors will be matched with students to help build fundamental literacy skills.

Registration forms and further information is available at the school office. Space is limited.

Star Fish Backpack Program/ Le programme de sac à dos Star Fish:

This Rotary sponsored program aims to provide families with food on weekends. Children in the program receive a backpack with food in it on Fridays and are asked to return the emptied backpack on Mondays. **If you or anyone you know could benefit for this program, please contact the office.**

Weather/Météo:

Just a reminder that we spend time outside for learning and students need to dress in layers and have appropriate outside gear for all weather conditions. Please make sure your child (of any age) has a “spare pair” of labelled clothing at the school.

Apple Fundraiser/Vente des pommes:

Apple Fundraising forms were sent home with students last week and are available on-line @EcoleNesikaElementary. **Apple orders are due to the office by October 3rd.** Please watch the school Facebook page for an update as to when the apples will be ready for pickup.

Purdys Chocolates/Chocolats Purdys:

Calling all chocolate lovers! Nesika will be selling Purdys chocolates as a Winter Fundraiser. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards student activities. The campaign will be open from **October 2nd until November 27th.** More information attached. Please watch our Facebook page in early December for an update as to when the chocolates will be available for pick up.

School Meals Program/Programme des repas scolaires:

Our school meal program is up and running. We will be serving breakfast and lunch to support families who are in need of this program. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Volunteering/S'engager comme bénévole:

If you are interested in volunteering with field trips or working with children without direct vision of a teacher, it is school board policy that you have a criminal record check done. Criminal record checks are good for 5 years and are FREE of charge.

Here is an online link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/>

Access Code: SY3V4XZJG7

* Only use the "Internet Explorer" browser. If you are having difficulties with the system please call 1-855-587-0185 and chose option 2.

Photo Day/Jour de photo:

Individual student photos will be taken by Right Photography on **Monday, October 2nd**. If your child is absent on this day do not worry, as retakes will take place on **Monday, October 30th**!

Do NOT send money to school on photo day. Photo packages will be sent home with your child at a later date and parents/guardians will have the option of purchasing them.

Interscholar Sports/Sports parascolaires:

Cross Country Run is back! The district run will take place on **Friday, October 13th, at Boitanio Park**. Students in grades 3 – 6 who have been training during lunch hour. Your child will be bringing a permission form home if they will be competing (run begins at 11am). Thank you to Ms. Nasuszny, Mme Lau and Mme Vachon for coaching.

Volleyball season begins for students in Grades 5 & 6: The season will run from October 23 - November 13 (after school, ends by 4:30 p.m.) Interest will be gathered next week and practices will begin in early October.

Boys Grade 5 – Mondays

Boys Grade 6 – Tuesdays

Girls Grade 5 – Wednesdays

Girls Grade 6 – Thursdays

Bike to School Weeks/Semaine vélo-école:

**** FALL GOBYBIKE WEEKS are October 16 - 29, 2023 ****

Register now and start tracking your kilometers biked to see how many kilograms of greenhouse gases you save. Participation is free, fun, helps you stay fit and healthy, and it's great for the environment! ... AND you can win great prizes!! Register now: GoByBike.ca

Halloween/ L'Halloween:

Nesika student leadership will host a Halloween dance in the afternoon of **Tuesday, October 31st** for primary and intermediate classes, and a parade just before recess time. Please remember students cannot bring replica weapons to school as part of their costume. Please also be mindful of costumes that are overly frightening for our K-6 setting. Thank you for keeping candies at home.

Reading Incentive/Incitation de lecture:

Red Tomato Pies is sponsoring Nesika's reading program! Reading logs have been sent home with all students. Return reading logs to Mrs. Shaw at the office when you reach a **highlighted yellow number** and you will receive a coupon for Red Tomato Pies.



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.

September 18: Lorelai B. - nominated by Mr. Brown

September 25: Declan D. - nominated by Ms. Madden



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

A big shout out to “Red Tomato Pies” for their continued support!

PAC NEWS/Nouvelles du PAC

Find us on Facebook: Nesika P.A.C.

Hot Lunch Program/Programme de repas chauds:

Our hot lunch program will start in October. All lunch orders must be placed on-line at munchalunch.com – there is **no cost** for Nesika families. **If you have any lunch cancelations due to your child being absent please contact PAC on their Facebook page or email nesikapac@hotmail.com - do NOT contact the school office.**

This year – all hot meals Wednesdays will be supported by the school and the P.A.C. at no direct cost to families. We hope to have parents and/or family members involved in meal prep every Wednesday. We also hope to offer one multicultural meal each month to showcase our diversity. If you or someone you know is interested in helping – please contact Latisha at nesikapac@hotmail.com/

October 6, 13, & 27 – Popcorn Days

October 11 – Chili and Bannock

October 18 – Spaghetti

October 25 – Hot Dogs

Pumpkin Patch/Le champ de citrouilles:

The PAC will be holding their annual “Pumpkin Patch” on **Wednesday, October 25th**. There is NO fee this year. **Please send a bag with your child to carry their pumpkin home.**

Volunteers Needed/À la recherche de bénévoles:

PAC is always looking for volunteers. If you are able to help, please message us on Facebook or email us at: nesikapac@hotmail.com

PAC Meetings/Réunions du PAC:

The next P.A.C. meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 12th, @ 5:00 p.m., in the school Library.** This is the Annual General Meeting.

All parents/guardians are welcome to attend! This is a great way to become involved in your child’s school! **All P.A.C. meetings will be held the second Thursday of the month this school year.**





Dear Students & Parents/Guardians,

Cariboo-Chilcotin School District is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, and others feel safe. Schools cannot ignore any threat of violence. This notice provides some information for students, parents and guardians about the approach to responding to potential threats.

What is a threat?

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the internet, or made by gesture.

Duty to report:

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, students, and community members must report all threat related behaviour to the school principal.

How to Report:

Members of the school community may contact the school office and ask to speak to the principal directly to report or make an online report through the [erase](#) link featured on the district and school websites.

What is the purpose of a student threat assessment?

- To ensure and promote the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents, the student making the threat, and others.

- To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat.
- To understand the factors contributing to the person of concern's (threat-maker's) behaviour.
- To be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the person of concern.
- To promote the emotional and physical safety of all.

What behaviours warrant a Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment to be initiated?

- A student threat assessment will be initiated for behaviours including, but not limited to:
- Verbal/written threats to harm/kill others ("clear, direct, and plausible")
 - Threats made via social media to harm, kill, or cause serious property damage
 - Serious violence or violence with intent to harm and kill
 - Indicators of suicidal ideation as it relates to fluidity (homicidal/suicidal)
 - Weapon possession (including replicas)
 - Bomb threats (or possession/detonation of devices)

- Hate incidents motivated by factors including, but not limited to: race, culture, religion, and/or sexual orientation
- Sexual intimidation, sextortion, extortion or assault
- Domestic, interpersonal, relational violence
- Gang-related intimidation and violence
- Fire setting (contextual)

Collection Notice:

The School District is subject to personal information privacy laws and will undertake the collection of this information in compliance with the requirements of such laws, including by limiting collection to information that is relevant and necessary to address a risk or threat and by ensuring that information is collected from online sources is only collected from open-source sites. The School District will not collect information as part of a threat assessment unless there is reason to believe that a threat exists. Information collected as part of a threat assessment may be provided to law enforcement authorities in appropriate circumstances.

Please contact your principal or vice-principal with any questions.