



PSO DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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THANK YOU TO ALL

A round of applause to all the incredible parents, guardians, and family members out there for keeping the PSO community so strong! You are all the rock stars of our world. The PSO team would like to wish all of you a holly-jolly Christmas and an epic start to the New Year!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 8th - Dress as a Senior (Citizen) Day

Dec 12th - PSO Holiday Band Concert

Dec 14th - Lockdown Drill at 9:30 am &
Grad Photo orders due in office

Dec 15th - Inside Out/Backwards Day

Dec 21st - Life Skills Bake Sale at lunch &
Turkey Dinner Day for all students

Dec 22nd - Breakfast for all students,
PJ Day & Last day before winter break

Dec 25th - Jan 5th - Winter Break
(School Closed)

Jan 8th - First Day Back to School

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

Thank you to parents and guardians for reviewing and returning your child's student verification forms. The class with the highest rate of return will be awarded a pizza lunch. The winner will be announced Dec 12th.

PSO BAND CONCERT

PSO is having a band concert on December 12th at 7pm in the school gym. Admission is by donation. Come out for a fun evening and see what our amazing band students are up to!

LOCKDOWN DRILL

We will conduct a practice Lock Down Drill on Thursday, December 14th at 9:30am. This is a routine practice procedure for emergency situations. Students will review expectations for the drill with their classroom teacher in A block in the days prior to the drill.

TERM I REPORT CARDS

Report cards went home Tuesday, November 28 so if you haven't seen them please ask your son or daughter. If you have concerns or questions, please contact teachers directly via email or phone the school at 250-395-2461. Course failures at the Grade 10-12 level may have an impact on graduation eligibility.



CAREER CENTRE NEWS

We are pleased to have 8 applicants for our Junior Fire Fighting program. Once accepted to the program, the students will have the opportunity to train with Wildfire firefighters. Two students, at the end of the training, will be offered summer employment.

Gr. 10 and 11 students interested in TRU's Trades programs should stop by the Career Centre as soon as possible to get an information pamphlet and let staff know of their interest. Programs offered at TRU are Construction Electrician, Welding Foundation, Heavy Duty Mechanic, Carpentry, Applied Sustainable Ranching and Health Care Assistant.

Reminder to Grade 12's - Capstone proposals are overdue. All grade 12 students should be working on their Capstone project, assignments and work experience for CLC 12. See Mrs. Gardner for assistance.

GRAD NEWS

If you have ordered a Grad hoodies and/or sweatpants they are now available to be picked up at the office. Payment accepted is cash or cheque.

Dry Grad committee has raffle tickets! Please contact Kristy Gosselin to arrange a pick up. They would like each grad to sell at least one book!

Grad vs. Teachers hockey game is scheduled for March 7th. Stay tuned for more news on sign up and jersey orders.

PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting will be on January 15th in the school library at 5:30 pm. Please come and see what's going on with PAC!

ATTENTION GRADE 11 PARENTS

In order for students to graduate in BC, they must complete Career Life Connections 12 (CLC 12). CLC 12 is comprised of Work Experience, Assignments and a Capstone project. Presently gr. 12 students complete this course in their gr. 12 year, which can be very stressful. As such, we are restructuring how the course is being offered. Gr. 11 students can now start the course in grade 11 (most of the assignments and Work experience). Gr. 11 students will be able to start their Capstone projects in May of their gr. 11 year and continue into gr. 12 if need be. Anyone who does not complete the Assignments and Work Experience by the end of gr. 11 will still be able to complete these in gr. 12. Grade 11's have received information over the next week on the course. If they miss the information, they are welcome to see Mrs. Gardner in the Careers office.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance & Success: There is a direct correlation between student attendance and success. Please talk to your child about attending regularly and staying caught up with homework and assignments. If your child is struggling with attendance and/or falling behind, please contact their teacher directly by email at any time.



SPORTS NEWS

Soccer News: The senior PSO soccer team hosted and won their indoor tournament last Wednesday, beating Lillooet, Williams Lake and another PSO team. Congratulations!

Grade 8 Girls Basket came in 2nd in their first tournament in Williams Lake! Awesome job ladies!

Senior and Jr. Boys basketball teams kicked off the season by hosting teams from Williams Lake and Quesnel on Saturday, Nov 25th. The Jr. team played a very spirited game against a seasons team from Williams Lake. And the Sr. boys played 2 games, winning one and losing one. It was a great day of basketball, great start boys, keep it up!

The Climbing Club will be doing a trip to Cliffside Climbing Gym in Kamloops on Dec 7th! This will give our climbers the opportunity to climb route that are more than twice as high as our wall. Good Luck all, and have fun!

The wrestling team will be starting soon. Stay tuned for more details.

PSO ART SHOW

PSO Art classes will be having a show at Parkside art gallery in the new year. There will be a selection from all classes and students will have a chance to showcase their best work. The opening will be Saturday, January 13 from 11-2 and the show will be on display for a month.

PSO TOP 5 THINGS

Every week we will be posting our PSO Top 5 Amazing Things that are happening within our school and with our students in the community. We invite you to please check out our Facebook Page or our website at www.sd27.bc.ca/PSO for more information. If you have



2024 POETRY WRITING CONTEST ABOUT FIRST NATIONS, INUIT, OR MÉTIS CULTURE



Cariboo Chilcotin School District No. 27 is inviting **ALL** students from kindergarten to Grade 12 to enter a poetry writing contest. This contest is open to **ALL** students from public schools, private schools, and Band operated schools regardless of their ethnicity; you do not need to be First Nations, Inuit, or Métis!!

The poetry must be about the culture of First Nations, Inuit, or Métis. This will be a great opportunity for all students to learn about and research the First Nations, Inuit, or Métis culture.

Entry deadline is **Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.**

Judging will take place by a committee in February/March 2024. The winners will be announced shortly thereafter.

Poems must be titled, typed, or neatly written, single or double line spacing.

All entries must be the original work of the student entering the contest.

Students may submit multiple entries. Please only one poem per page!

Please submit entries (with name, grade, school & Teacher) to:

**Cariboo Chilcotin School District No. 27
Indigenous Education Department
350 North Second Avenue
Williams Lake, B.C.
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Grade	Student Prize
KINDERGARTEN	1st Prize \$100.00 in books you choose!
	2nd Prize \$75.00 in books you choose!
	3rd Prize \$50.00 in books you choose!
	4th Prize \$25.00 in books you choose!
Primary Grades Grades 1-3	1st Prize \$100.00 in books you choose!
	2nd Prize \$75.00 in books you choose!
	3rd Prize \$50.00 in books you choose!
	4th Prize \$25.00 in books you choose!
Intermediate Grades Grades 4-6	1st Prize \$100.00 in books you choose!
	2nd Prize \$75.00 in books you choose!
	3rd Prize \$50.00 in books you choose!
	4th Prize \$25.00 in books you choose!
Middle Grades Grades 7-9	1st Prize \$100.00 in books you choose!
	2nd Prize \$75.00 in books you choose!
	3rd Prize \$50.00 in books you choose!
	4th Prize \$25.00 in books you choose!
Secondary Grades Grades 10-12	1st Prize \$100.00 in books you choose!
	2nd Prize \$75.00 in books you choose!
	3rd Prize \$50.00 in books you choose!
	4th Prize \$25.00 in books you choose!
Extra: A French Category and a Chilcotin, Shuswap or Carrier Category can be opened if we receive entries.	There will be 4 prize winners here as well depending on no. of entries and grades. First to fourth place winners in these categories will also choose books as valued above.

Winners must agree to have a photograph taken of themselves for publication purposes. If not, please ensure that you write *"Withhold my name and photo please"*. Winners will be directed (via letter) to the bookstore closest to their area for their selections.

Teachers with students who have a winning poem will receive a prize of Indigenous content story books for their classroom.

*Entering poetry into the contest constitutes the agreement that it will be allowed to be published on our website and/or print materials to be put into book form as Best Practices in Cariboo Chilcotin School District No. 27. **