



## PSO Storefront School

At PSO Storefront School, we recognize that not all children thrive in traditional school settings. For those facing personal challenges, learning differences, or other life circumstances, our school provides a program that is nurturing and unique environment where students can grow, learn, and overcome obstacles. More than just an alternative learning space, PSO Storefront is a place of second chances, where students show remarkable courage and resilience despite facing difficulties at home or past academic setbacks. They show up, put in the effort, and persevere, and that is worth celebrating!

Over the past few weeks, PSO Storefront School has faced a challenging set of circumstances, but the strength and resilience of both staff and students has shone through. Despite navigating some tough hurdles, the school community has remained determined to stay positive. From unexpected setbacks to a rapidly changing environment, the challenges have been tough, but the spirit of teamwork, compassion, and commitment to education has kept everyone moving forward. Staff have adapted quickly, finding new ways to support their students, while students have shown incredible grit in staying focused in their continuing learning journey.

Even in times of uncertainty, PSO Storefront School's sense of family remains unshaken, and together, they are working toward brighter days ahead.

## Important Dates

- Mar 3rd - New Elective Rotation for Gr 8s
- Mar 4th - Teacher vs Girls Basketball game at lunch
- Mar 5th - Teachers vs. Grads hockey game 7:15pm (Canlan)
- Mar 6th - PSO Band Concert 7pm
- Mar 10th - Dry Grad Meeting 5:30pm
- Mar 12th - Parent Teacher Interviews
- Mar 17th-28th - Spring Break
- Mar 31st - Back to school
- Apr 11th - Pro-D Day
- Apr 18th & 21st - Easter Holiday

## Parent Teacher Night

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the evening of March 12th, from 5 PM to 7 PM. Our office staff will begin contacting parents that teachers have requested to meet on or around March 3rd. After these calls have been completed, we will open up the opportunity for parents to schedule interviews starting March 7th. Each interview will last ten minutes. If you wish to arrange a meeting, please call on or after March 7th, 250-395-2461.

## Sports News

Rugby season is fast approaching: First practice will be Mar. 10th and 14th in the gym from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.; Then after Spring Break, it will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-5 p.m. Out on the lower field starting April 1st.

### Sports Schedule

#### March Sports Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11:45-12:25 Climbing Club		11:45 - 12:25 Rugby Conditioning	11:45-12:25 Climbing Club	
3:30 to 5:30 Starting March 3rd Drop-in Soccer	3:30 – 5:30 Climbing Club			

#### April Sports

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11:45-12:25 Climbing Club		11:45 - 12:25 Rugby Conditioning	11:45-12:25 Climbing Club	
3:30 to 5:30 Drop-in Soccer	3:30 – 5:00 Rugby (Lower Field)		3:30 – 5:00 Rugby (Lower Field)	
	3:30 – 5:00 Track and Field		3:30 – 5:00 Track and Field	
	3:30 – 5:30 Climbing Club			



## What's Buzzing at PSO!



On Tuesday, February 18 Chief Willie Sellars visited with two of our Grade 12 First Peoples' Literatures classes. Chief Sellars spoke about his role as a community and political leader, and the two children's books he has published—*Dipnetting with Dad*, and *Hockey with Dad*. He also shared his experience being featured in the film *Sugarcane*. Recently nominated for an Academy Award, *Sugarcane*, directed by Julian Brave Noisecat and Emily Kasse, is an investigative documentary that explores the history and legacy of abuses at the local residential school, St. Joseph's Mission (1886–1981). Chief Sellars spoke about the importance of Truth: listening to Elders and witnessing the difficult stories of our shared histories. He also communicated his belief in the importance of writing new stories and working together to create strong communities capable of breaking the cycle of inter-generational trauma. The students asked some good questions and appreciated the drumming and song that Chief Sellars closed the conversation with. It was a privilege to have an opportunity to learn from Chief Sellars.



Ethan Yates and Colin Wells, current PSO/TRU Electrical program students and Izaiah Ambrus and Jake Millar students who have just completed the TRU carpentry program, volunteered to assist in the Grade 7 Discover the Trades Day in Williams Lake. All have found success in their TRU programs and we are really proud of them.



## What's Buzzing at PSO!



Students took a delightful field trip to hang out with the fabulous seniors at Interior Health, bringing their crafty skills to life! They had such a blast that they're planning a grand return in March. And guess what? We're kicking off a weekly volunteer program where students will be making magical memories with the seniors regularly!

## Grad Fees

Graduate Ceremony Fee: \$50.00 -This fee covers the costs of the rental of the grad gown, the cap and tassel, the mini composite picture, the folder for holding mini composite and diploma, flower, picture of acceptance of diploma with an administrator. You can pay this fee by cheque, cash or debit at the school office.

The Dry Grad Parent Committee would like to announce that there will be a Grads vs. Staff Hockey Game on March 5th at 7:15 to 9:15. All proceeds go towards the 2025 Dry Grad event.

The next Dry Grad meeting: Will be March 10th at 5:30 pm in the PSO school cafeteria. Also to stay updated please check out the Facebook page for Dry Grad . [PSO Grads of 2025](#)



## Additional News

Knowledge Keeper: Weytk/ Hello everyone! We are excited to have a Knowledge Keeper/ Elder in once a week for a full day to craft a traditional item (such as a medicine bag, dreamcatcher/ drum), tell Secwepemc stories, demonstrate smudging, pitch medicine making, etc.

Upcoming Safer Schools Online Family Sessions: These sessions are designed to support families and caregivers in navigating the digital world. There is a family session on April 8th at 5:30pm at PSO in the Library. Please RSVP to [psoprincipal@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:psoprincipal@sd27.bc.ca).

Food Support Over Spring Break - Families that could benefit with food support over spring break, please know that the school has funding set aside for this. Please reach out to [psoprincipal@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:psoprincipal@sd27.bc.ca) if you are needing support.

## Contact Info

Phone: 250-395-2461

Email: [PSOinfo@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:PSOinfo@sd27.bc.ca)

### Administration Team

Caitlin Currie, Principal

Shawn Meville, Vice Principal

Robert MacDonald, Vice Principal

### Counselling

Ilse Hill, Counsellor

Heather Wood - Career Counsellor

Nicki Hansen - Youth Engagement Worker

### Clerical Team

Shantell Silvey, Accounting

Sylvia Zailo, Records

Nicki Jackson, Office Front Desk

### PSO Indigenous Support Workers

Angel Smith

Sharmaine Grimes

## Explore TRU Night

You're invited to Explore TRU on Thursday, March 6! This event brings the community together to showcase TRU's diverse programs and highlight career opportunities in the region. It's a chance to connect with employers, faculty, and students—all in one place.

Whether you're a future student, a returning or current student, a family member, or someone looking to support education or explore job opportunities, this event has something for you!

Event Highlights:

- Discover TRU programs and career pathways
- Connect with employers and explore job opportunities
- Meet faculty, staff, and students
- Enjoy interactive activities, food, and prizes

Event Details:

·Thursday, March 6

·3 to 7 p.m.

·TRU Williams Lake Campus, 1250 Western Ave

## CLC 12 Reminders for Gr. 12s

Assignments are 3 months overdue - check your Learning Update, MyEd or with Mrs. Gardner if you are unsure what you need to do. Capstone Projects are due Friday, April 4th (no exceptions). Capstone Presentations will be Wednesday May 14th. Work Experience/volunteer hours must be completed by May 31st. These items must be completed in order to receive credit for this required course.

## CLC 12 Reminders for Gr. 11s

Grade 11 students should be working on completing the Assignment and Work Experience portions of this course. Students have all been given information about accessing the assignments and work experience. Once students have finished their assignments, they may start on their Capstone Project.

If parents or students have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kim Gardner in the Career Centre or email [kimberly.gardner@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:kimberly.gardner@sd27.bc.ca)

Afterschool sessions for assistance with CLC 12 for both gr. 11 and 12's will be offered on the following dates (in the Career Centre 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, snacks provided): Thursday February 20, Tuesday February 25, Tuesday Mar. 4, and Tuesday Mar. 11.

## Career Centre News

Congrats to Ethan Yates and Colin Wells that have started their training at TRU in the construction electrical program.


Congrats to Jake Millar and Izaiah Ambrus, they have completed their training at TRU residential construction program, they have returned to PSO for second semester to finish their grade 12 English.

We have 6 grade 12 students now training with the Stormriders to become a part of the Wildland fire crew this summer.

Heavy Metal Rocks is coming up this Spring, this program includes WHMIS, Basic First Aid and transportation endorsement and then 12 students get 2 days in a gravel pit learning to operate 12 different pieces of Heavy Equipment.

Thank you to the many volunteers we have out in the community making the world a better place !! Some examples of our volunteering are the 100 Mile House Food bank, seniors homes, sporting events, St. Timothys free store and spaghetti dinner.





PETER SKENE OGDEN SECONDARY

# Parent Teacher Interviews

**MARCH 12TH - 5PM-7PM**

**Come join us for a night of parent-teacher interviews!**

**Our team will be on hand to chat about a variety of topics. Plus, we'll have information on capstone projects, work experiences, TRU programs, and navigating the parent portal on MyEd.**

**Oh, did we mention there will be coffee, tea, and snacks waiting for you?**

**As well as prizes!  
Can't wait to catch up with you there!**

**You can book an appointment with your child's teacher if you would like by calling the school office at on  
March 7th  
250-395-2461.**





"Do it! It's fun and hands on. You meet amazing, nice people who feel like family."

"You learn so many more things, you feel immersed in the culture. I did enjoy it."

"I enjoyed having the elder's presence at SSP. I learned so much and have a different perspective on so many things."

# UBC SUMMER SCIENCE PROGRAM

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## What is the UBC Summer Science Program?

The Summer Science Program is an Indigenous-led one-week cultural, health, and science program for Indigenous students entering grades 9-12 in the Fall, September 2025. The SSP promotes interest in health and science programs for high schoolers through firsthand experience at the University of British Columbia's Vancouver campus, with most programming taking place at the First Nations House of Learning.

It's a great opportunity for youth to meet their peers and connect with Elders and Indigenous student staff. Participating students stay in first year dorms at the University of British Columbia and participate in cultural and health/STEM-related workshops throughout the week.

Some examples of cultural workshops include drum making, medicine bag crafting, and evening Talking Circles. Science and health workshops include a virtual reality medicine lab, a stem cell workshop, and a career fair. There's also an opportunity for students to explore campus.

## Who can apply?

Must be First Nations, Inuit, or Métis Ancestry  
Must be entering grade 9-12 in Fall 2025

## When is it?

Week 1: August 3rd - August 9th, 2025  
(For students entering grades 11 & 12)

Week 2: August 10th - August 16th, 2025  
(For students entering grades 9 & 10)

Questions? Email [summer.science@ubc.ca](mailto:summer.science@ubc.ca) or call the SSP program assistant, Georgia at (778) 968-0437. Contact hours are Wednesdays 9am-5pm & Fridays 10am-1pm.



# Different Together

Join us to explore relationship skills and gain knowledge in a fun, supportive group for youth age 16 -24 with neurological and cognitive differences.

**Mondays 5:30-6:30 at Foundry**

## Schedule

- Feb 3: Self-awareness
- Feb 10: Communication Skills
- Feb 17: NO SESSION
- Feb 24: Consent and Boundaries
- Mar 3: Healthy vs Unhealthy Relationships
- March 10: Relationships and Safety
- March 17: Dating
- March 24: SOCIAL (details to follow)

\*participation in all sessions is most beneficial, but not required (max 12 participants)

Coffee with  
Caregivers:  
supporting your  
youth in  
relationships  
Feb 10, 24  
5:30-6:30

**To register call: 250-398-2185 or speak to Nurse Tanya**

**Strengthening skills  
for developing  
relationships**



**Group facilitated by  
TRU 3rd year nursing  
students with support  
from Foundry staff.**

**If you have any questions, please contact:**  
[ttschuk@ccchild.org](mailto:ttschuk@ccchild.org)

# SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION: MENTAL HEALTH & DECISION-MAKING

A **COMPLIMENTARY WEBINAR** FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS & CAREGIVERS

Join leading **adolescent Clinical Psychologist Dr. Hayley Watson** for an online event that aims to help parents, guardians and caregivers gain a **deeper understanding** of substance use prevention and learn **practical tools** for supporting youth mental health.



## Key Takeaways:

- ✔ Learn the factors that contribute to youth mental health/substance use
- 🤝 Understand the skills that youth need to overcome these needs
- 👤 Acquire practical tools for empowering your child and youth to make positive choices
- 🤝 Increase your ability to support your own mental health

**Time:** 6–7:30pm PST

**Date:** 20th, 25th, 26th Feb 2025

**REGISTER NOW**

Scan the QR  
Code to Register

