

# Anahim Lake Elementary Junior Secondary School



## Ms. Sauder

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## Upcoming Events

### Sports & Pizza Night!

Thursdays after school the RCMP will host a weekly Sports Night starting at 3:00 p.m., with the Ulkatcho Band kindly donating pizzas! Children **10 and under** must be accompanied by an adult! Everyone is welcome!

### Parent-Teacher Interviews:

*April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>*

Please call the school to book a time slot.  
250-742-3235

## What's New?

Anahim Lake School has been very busy bringing fun and spirit back to our school through our students. We were successful with bringing the Christmas spirit, having a live tree in our rotunda, which the K-3 students helped decorate and the 4-10's helped set up! The students also helped build, decorate and rode in our Christmas float for the Annual Santa Parade.

The students are being rewarded for their kindness by being nominated when spotted doing acts of kindness. Their name is then put in a draw, and if their name is drawn, they receive an Anahim Lake School hoody. These draws are done once a month.

The Grades 8-10 have been utilizing the new workout room and the wrestling mats. The Grades 4-7 have been practicing their gymnastics skills. The Grades 8-10 have also been taking part in cooking class on Monday afternoons.

If you visit our school, you will see a wooden box in the front entrance covered in a blanket. There are baby salmon hatching under there that the students will be releasing once they have matured.

Denisiqui is continuing their weekly Wednesday visits and after school program. The students really enjoy the mentoring they receive during these visits.

## Ms. Sauder's Class: The Teen Years (Grades 8-10)

We have been very busy trying to get our students prepared for what lies ahead in their future. Going into Williams Lake for high school is a big change for many of our students, with bigger class sizes, less one-on-one time with teachers, and many more potential distractions. Our students have been working very hard trying to get their assignments done and handed in on time. Handheld devices (i.e. cellphones) still pose as distractions which are only holding your student back. We encourage parents to have their students leave these devices at home, so they are not tempted by them. In-class cellphone usage also takes away from classroom instruction, as the teachers need to stop what they are doing to attempt to retrieve these devices. We greatly appreciate your help with this.

On Thursday afternoons, our class will now have the option to participate in Woodworking/Metalworking class or Music class. These options have recently become available to our students through the kindness of community members who have stepped in to help our kids develop their life skills. We would like to thank Mr. Micheal Holte for facilitating the music classes, as well as Mr. Michael Jack and Mr. Cody Chamberlain for facilitating the Woodworking/Metalworking classes!

This would not have been possible without you!

### OUR STUDENTS ARE SHOOTING FOR THE STARS!



## *From the Principal's Office*

My apologies to all parents, guardians, and supporters of Anahim Lake School students. The teachers, assistants, and volunteers in our school community have been very hard at work with your children, but not so great with writing newsletters. Thankfully, our extraordinary secretary Amy has been sending home monthly calendars and announcements regarding school- and community-based activities for our families.

We have much to celebrate and share with you and hope you understand that we are doing our best to keep you informed about the goings-on at school. Whether this has been through regular learning reports, phone calls, meetings, or casual chats before or after school, your children are at the centre of everything we do.

These are some of the ways we are encouraging growth:

- supporting students in higher grades to train their brains to do the work they need to for their grade level;
- catching the middle school students (Grades 4-7) and helping them reach the level they will need before entering Grades 8 and 9 in preparation for Senior School; and
- encouraging our youngest children from Kindergarten to Grade 3 master the basic building blocks of literacy, numeracy, self-awareness, and socialization that are essential to their ongoing journeys through education.

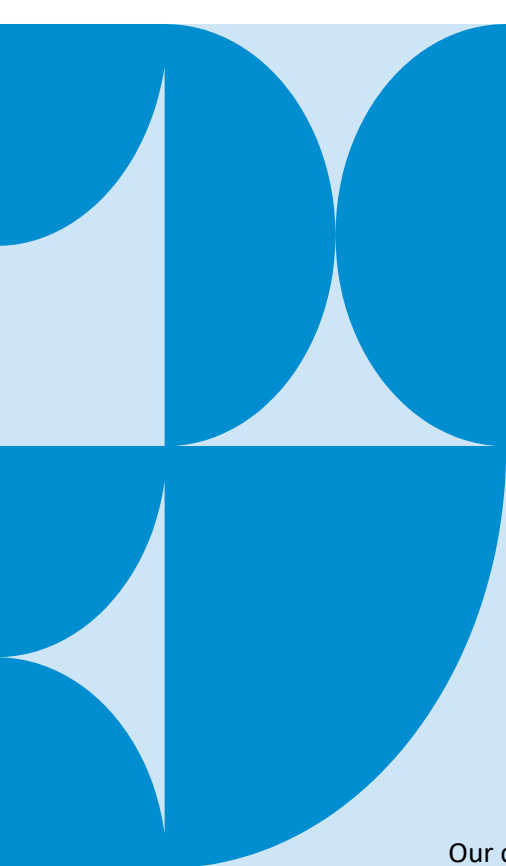
I am beyond thrilled with how your children have risen to the challenges we have given them. They are eager to learn, interested in trying new things, and excited to grab all kinds of opportunities we have on offer. From learning baking and cooking skills to following instructions in safe tumbling skills, from the basics of weight training to practicing patience during beadwork and learning guitar chords or acting as 'Reading Buddies' one-on-one with our youngest learners. Whether mentors have shown up as generous community members or respected Elders, these adults have introduced various curricular activities to all our students.

Add all of this to an incredible team of educators, we are all here for the sole purpose of creating the best learning experiences possible for your children. If you would like to join us in any capacity, please let me know. All are welcome in making Anahim Lake School your school.

*Chanalya,*

*Ms. B. Sauder,*

*School Principal and Grades 8-10 Teacher*



## Ms. Cameron's Class: The Middle Years (Grade 4-7)

Our class of twelve students is an energetic, fun-loving bunch and we've been packing in as much learning as possible every day. The students are moving along at their own pace in Math, reviewing the basic operations, fractions and decimals, and moving into geometry and pre-algebra. We have some great math brains in our class!

In Science and Social Studies, we're diving into a wide range of topics, including simple machines, the Solar System, taxonomy, and systems of government. You may have heard that we're practicing retention and study habits by having regular quizzes on what we've covered in class.

Meanwhile, the students are working hard at their reading and writing skills, writing poetry, doing novel study, and most recently (as pictured) finishing up their first-ever book reports! Thank you for supporting our middle-school kids to develop **the essential habit of taking responsibility for their homework** – we're definitely seeing results!



**Ms. Cameron**

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## Mrs. Chamberlain's Class: The Early Years (Grades K-3)

Our delightful class of little learners is so energetic, enthusiastic and positive when coming to school. Thank you to all parents and guardians for ensuring your child's day starts on a positive note. It is so important for them to be able to focus on all the learning they get done in a day.

Our class is very busy building, counting and learning patterns. We celebrated 100s Day, which is the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school year, with getting the students to count out different types of snacks or treats into groups of one hundred. We have also been exploring the students' creative sides and, boy, do they ever have creative little minds!

They are so kind and caring to each other, and we truly have a wonderful class full of excellent little learners!

**Mrs. Chamberlain**

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# Student Learning Survey

The Provincial Student Learning survey gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

The 2024 Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in Grades 3-10, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We strongly encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.

2. Go to  
[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)

3. Under the section Direct Access – no logon number required select:

District:

SD27

School: Anahim Lake Elementary Junior-Secondary  
School

Language: the language of your choice

4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.

5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message “thank you for sharing your views”.

6. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

The e-survey site will be open until May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-742-3235.