

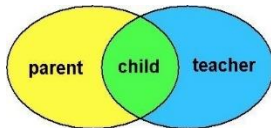


Columneetza Campus

Lake City Secondary

October 2023 Newsletter

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Parent Teacher Night - Each Fall and Spring Columneetza will host a Parent-Teacher night to afford an opportunity for parents to discuss their child’s progress with individual teachers as

needed. This year the Fall Parent-Teacher night is October 25th 5-7pm. Come to the school and meet your child’s teachers and connect to support their learning. There will be pizza for sale \$2.50/slice to support a school sports team.

Closed Campus – Columneetza is a closed campus. If students need to leave the school, they must sign out at the office with the school secretary so that the school knows where they are. We are experiencing a lot of students leaving the school to walk through the Nesika playground/forest to get to the store and we would like everyone’s support in minimizing this walking traffic. We have lunch food available daily, a healthy vending machine that accepts debit and drinks sold at the Falcon’s Nest. There is no supervision once students leave school and “the forest” is not where we want students hanging out.



School Messenger - Columneetza is using School Messenger automatic callout module. The program is linked to MyEd BC and sends out emails, phone calls and messages to parents whose children did not go to class for that morning or afternoon (unexcused absence). Parents can respond in kind to the message indicating that the child is ill etc. The system also allows parents to indicate that their child will be away for the day by calling 1 (833) 582-6944, using the phone app, website login or calling the school. <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>

Important Dates

- Oct 5 Photo Retakes
- Oct 9 Thanksgiving (no school)
- Oct 10 Staff Meeting
- Oct 11 Expo 2 Grade 8’s
- Oct 20 Pro-D Day (no school)
- Oct 23 PAC Meeting 6:00pm WL Library
- Oct 25 Parent Teacher Night 5:00-7:00pm
- Oct 31 Hallowe’en Dance at Lunch
- Nov 7 Staff Meeting
- Nov 9 Term 1 Ends
- Nov 10 Remembrance Day Stat- No School
- Nov 13 Term 2 & Expo 3 Grade 8’s
- Nov 27 PAC Meeting 6:00pm Columneetza Library
- Nov 22 Report Cards - Go Home Grades 8 & 9

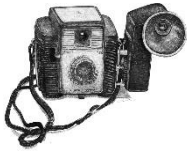
Attendance Recognition:

Every day this year, students with less than 2 absences a month will have a chance to win \$5 to the healthy vending machine. Attend today, achieve tomorrow! Students’ regular attendance matters.

Parent Advisory Council: A strong relationship between the school and parents is very important in a child's education, and one way of being involved with the school is to be a member of the PAC. All parents are invited to attend Lake City Secondary PAC meetings. The meetings are held on the third Monday of each Month at 6:00 p.m. in the library
NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 23th @ WL Campus Library - 6:00pm



Picture Retakes – are slated for **Thursday, October 5th**. Any staff or students that did not get photos the first photo day, can bring their order form and payment on retake day. Even if students do not want a picture package, they should have their photo taken for the ID card and yearbook.



If a student likes their first picture (from seeing their ID card), but did not order a package then, they can come see Steeve and give him the order package and tell him they want the picture from the first picture day.

If a student does not like their first picture, they can get retakes. If they already paid for a package, they must bring those photos back on retake day and give them to the photographer in order to get the new retakes. Order forms and payment must be given directly to the photographer on retake day. We cannot accept them at the office.

Wear Winter Clothing – Be Prepared!

Students, Parents & Guardians, as the cooler weather begins to make an appearance, we are asking for students to ensure they are wearing weather appropriate clothing to school so that they can be outside during classes and scheduled breaks. If you need help with purchasing winter clothing for your child(ren), please contact the school.



Public Health Information: Public Health Nurses are available to both campuses for students and staff providing resources and services on many topics as well as confidential consultations.

Foundational Skills Assessment (FSA) Administration Dates

The administration of the FSA starts October 2 and runs until November 10, 2022. These dates for administration will provide schools, the school district and the Ministry of Education with information about student academic progress and allow the school system to better respond to the learning needs of the students in their class.



Food Available at School

Breakfast for Learning – breakfast food is available 5 days a week from 8:10-8:40am. Lunch food is also available every day for students who need a lunch or have forgotten a lunch, see Courtney Mailhot, Youth Engagement Worker. Sandwiches are sold Wednesdays and Fridays for \$1/slice and pizza day is each Thursday for \$2.50/slice.

The Provincial Proficiency Scale for K-9

For students in grades K-9, there will not be letter grades on their report cards/learning updates. Instead, you will see information on where your child is on the Provincial Proficiency Scale. The scale uses the terms “Emerging,” “Developing,” “Proficient,” and “Extending” to describe student learning. The scale maintains high standards for student learning.

Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
Emerging means your child is beginning to understand something in an area of learning. They are still learning but may need more support to move ahead. Emerging doesn't mean your child is unsuccessful in this area.	Developing means your child understands some things in an area of learning but still has other areas to work on. Like Emerging, it doesn't mean your child is unsuccessful in this area.	Proficient is the goal for your child. It's also the goal for all students. When your child is Proficient, it means they fully understand the required learning. But it doesn't mean their learning stops.	Extending is when students show a deeper understanding. It's when your child is able to apply their learning in new and different ways. Extending is not the goal for all students in every area of learning.

What will my child's report card look like?

Each written update will include:

- information on how your child is doing in each area of learning
- written comments (descriptive feedback) on your child's strengths and areas they need to work on, as well as their work habits and behaviour
- information on the communication, thinking, and social skills that your child needs to be successful (Core Competencies) and your child's goal setting
- information about your child's attendance

How often will I get updates from my child's teacher?

During the school year, you should expect to see 5 learning updates about your child. This will include 3 written learning updates (that could look like report cards), and 2 informal learning updates (could include conferences with a teacher, and phone calls or e-mails from a teacher).

Schools set the schedule for when learning updates happen. However, your child's teacher may connect with you at any point.

If your child has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), you will receive learning updates in the same way as all the other parents and caregivers do. But your child may also get additional updates based on their IEP.


Hallowe'en Costumes

If your child(ren) participates in dressing up for Hallowe'en on October 31st, please make sure they don't bring fake weapons of any kind to accompany their costumes and refrain from dressing up as “creepy clowns,” as this may lead to fear among the school population. We also ask that students avoid dressing up as a stereotype of an entire culture of people as this is cultural appropriation. Instead, encourage them to be imaginative and creative and to wear a school-appropriate costume.



Columneetza School Website: <https://www.sd27.bc.ca/lcsscolum>

Facebook Page: “Lake City Secondary – School Page”



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