



NAKUSP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Dear Nakusp Elementary families:

We are back! It is fantastic to have our students back in the school! Classes have spent the week getting to know each other and their teachers and sharing stories of summer adventures. There are many new faces in our halls with new students throughout the grades and of course our new kindergarten students! It is always a joy to see the wide eyes and shy smiles of these first timers walking through the halls.

As teachers establish their routines, many students will have questions about new rules and expectations. Most of these questions are directed to teachers and sorted out quickly. Some might come home to parents and you may have questions of your own. Please don't hesitate to ask for clarification so misunderstandings don't persist. You are always welcome to contact the office and speak to Ms. Bateman, Mr. Cook, or myself but please direct classroom based queries to the class teacher first, as they will be best able to respond. NES staff are some of the most committed professionals I have ever worked with and are always keen to make connections with families to best meet the needs of every student.

We have some new staff members joining our team this year. Ms. Boomer is our new PE teacher and brings a lot of enthusiasm and outdoors experience to our staff. Ms. Hildebrand is our new EA. Ms. Tupper has returned to rejoin staff and is working in a K/1 classroom this year.

Over the next few weeks, we should have the freshgrade reporting and home communication system up and running, giving you a window into what your children are doing in class. Most classes are using this approach to report student progress as part of SD10's participation in a provincial reporting pilot. If your child is in one of these classes, I encourage you to be involved in this opportunity to be a continuous part of your child's learning. We will be having our open house on October 3rd and part of this will be to make sure that everyone understands how to access freshgrade and to understand how this approach aligns with BC's curriculum and contributes to learning.

We will have our Thrive after 3 programs going over the next couple weeks. Look on our website and Facebook page over the next couple weeks for more information. If you have a skill or knowledge you feel our students would benefit from, please get in touch with me via email mike.hibberson@sd10.bc.ca or phone 250-265- 3638 ext. 3314. We are always looking to build on opportunities for our students and community connections is a priority for us.

Thank you for working with us to make our school and community a great place for families and children to live, learn and play!

Best Regards,

Mike Hibberson