

Nakusp Elementary Newsletter

Nakusp Elementary School

October 17, 2019

Hello Nakusp Elementary Families:

What a start to the year we have had! It has been an incredibly busy 6 weeks. Class routines have been established, our fall assessments have been completed, and learning services teams have been put in place. Creating a great learning environment that meets the needs of all our students is no easy task, but our staff has taken the data from our assessments and their professional knowledge and collaborated to put the best strategies in place.

Our Grade 4's and 7's are not quite done with the assessments yet. They will be working on the FSA (Foundation Skills Assessment) for the next couple weeks. This assessment is designed to inform us and the province about how we are meeting the learning needs of our students. If your child is part of this assessment, you will receive a report later this year. For more info please see the attached website.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/assessment/fsa-parent-brochure.pdf>

Now that all that work is out of the way, we can start concentrating on the fun stuff! NES is offering plenty of choice in our extra-curricular activities, both at lunch and after school. Students can choose from running, flag football, basketball, karate, dance, volleyball, coding, drama, dryland training, gardening, card making, crafts and book clubs. We are so thankful to community volunteers, the Arts Council, Karate Club, and our own dedicated staff for providing these opportunities for our children. An additional thank you goes to NACF, who granted NES/NSS funds to operate an after school bus to allow students who live out of town or in the southern zone an opportunity to take part in extra-curricular activities.

Another supporter of our extra-curricular programs is the NES PAC. Folks who attend the meetings and hold positions are invaluable in making our school a great place. PAC applies for grants, volunteer for hot lunch and support programs. I encourage you to take part in this group by attending meetings. The next meeting is Wednesday Nov 20th at 7pm. This meeting will also include the election for positions, so it is great to have folks join and add their voice. These meetings are hosted in the NES library.

Environmental consciousness is a hot topic in the media right now and many of our students want to make a difference. One of the areas that our students and families can make a difference in is how much single use plastics we use. Mrs. Volansky's grade 5/6 class has been collecting plastic bags in order to show other classes how much plastic we use every day. They are now selling reusable lunch containers as a fundraiser towards purchasing recycling containers for our school. Please see the NES facebook page for more information and for the link to purchase these for your family.

Safety is very important to us at NES. There have been a number of incidents of vehicles overtaking school buses this year when they are stopped and the red lights are flashing. If you see this happen, please take the license plate of the vehicle and report it to the RCMP.

NES is always looking for volunteers for class trips, extra-curricular activities and events. If you are keen to be part of school activities it is really helpful you have a completed Criminal Record Check so that when events happen, we can quickly add you to the list. Criminal Record checks are free through SD10, just stop by our office and ask for a code and then you can fill out the form online and the results are sent directly to the District Office. Community and family involvement in our school is what helps to make this a great place for kids to learn and play. If you have the time to come in, we would love to have you be part of the team!

Have a great weekend!

Mike Hibberson, Principal

STAFF DIRECTORY

PRINCIPAL

Mike Hibberson

3314

VICE-PRINCIPAL

Brent Cook

3310

SECRETARY

Lisa Bateman

3401

TEACHERS

Sheri Boswell	Kindergarten	3213
Elizabeth Tupper	Grade K/1	3402
Marsha Roberts	Grade 1	3204
Jenna Arnold	Grade 2/3	3354
Karen Marsden	Grade 3/4	3205
Brenda McQuair	Grade 4/5	3206
Andrea Volansky	Grade 5/6	3512
Anita Vibe	Grade 6	3208
Leslie Leitch	Grade 7	3212
Hannah Boomer	PE	3514
Keith Greenhalf	Learning Resource	3219
Robin Barrow	Learning Resource	
Patti Zeleznik	Learning Resource	3211
Megan Martin	Teacher Librarian	3210

EDUCATION ASSISTANTS

Anne-Marie Paul
Carol Fox
Doreen Yano
Dorraine Gustafson
Michele Hildebrand
Tammy Merry
Kirsten Roodzant
Nicole Thibault

STRONG START

Nancy Bone 3220

CUSTODIANS

Faye Fox & Tracy Fetters

Important Dates for October & November



- Oct. 18** Take Me Outside Day
- Oct. 23** Student Conferences
1:57 PM Dismissal
- Oct. 24** Student Conferences
1:57 PM Dismissal
- Oct. 24** Drumming Presentation
9:15 AM in the gym
- Oct. 25** NI Day – classes not in session
- Oct. 31** Halloween
- Nov. 6** Remembrance Day
Assembly – 9:05 AM
- Nov. 8** NI Day – classes not in Session.
- Nov. 11** Remembrance Day –
classes not in session.
- Nov. 20** PAC Meeting – 7:00 PM
in the library.

Important Information



Principal: Mr. Mike Hibberson
Extension: 3314

Vice-Principal: Mr. Brent Cook
Extension: 3310

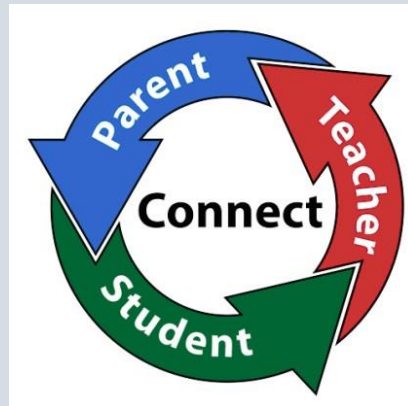
Secretary: Ms. Lisa Bateman
Extension: 3401

If your child is absent for any reason, please call and leave a message at the school

Student Conferences – October 23rd and 24th

Student conference times have been scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd and Thursday, October 24th. Conference times will be going home today so check backpacks for these. Please ensure that you have confirmed with your child's classroom teacher that this conference time works for you.

To accommodate conference times, classes will be dismissed 1 hour early on Wednesday, October 23rd and Thursday, October 24th. Busses will be running 1 hour earlier, with the exception of the Southern Zone bus which will run at the normal 3:00 PM time.



13th Annual N.E.S. “TRY”Athlon – Grades 4-7

The 13th annual “TRY”Athlon took place on Friday, September 20th. Teams of 3 participated in an obstacle course, biking and running. This year's top scores went to:

First Place: Jordan Massey, Ayras Reske and Callum Legebokoff

Second Place: Lucerne Students, Raine, Ayla and Pazuzu

Third Place: Lucerne Students, Ezekiel, Kurtis and Solana

Thank-you to Save on Foods for donating the oranges for all participants and volunteers. Your ongoing support is appreciated by the staff and students at NES.

NES Fundraiser

Today we start our zero waste fundraiser to help reduce the amount of plastic baggies used for snacks and lunches and to raise money to buy recycling bins for our school playground.

Using reusable snack bags saves money and the environment. Today your child will bring home an order form that you can use to order some of these fun snack bags!

Please see Mrs. Volansky if you have any questions.

Please use the following link to purchase:

<https://colibrifundraising.com/>





**You will love our Canadian made products.
Brighten up your lunch while
reducing single use plastics!**



- 1. Add products to your cart**
 - 2. Select your school at checkout**
 - 3. All orders will be shipped to the school**
- **Last day to place an order is October 28th****

Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox run was a huge success. All classes participated and we raised 183.30 to send to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Winners of the Terry Fox T-Shirt draws were Seven Patterson and Dawson Miner.

Haunted House at Caboose

Grade 7 students at NES will be hosting a haunted house at the caboose on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 31st. Some classes will be walking down to view it.



Daylight Savings - Fall Back

A friendly reminder to turn your clocks back at 2:00 AM, Sunday, November 3rd. We hope everyone enjoys the extra hour of sleep.



Remembrance Day Ceremony

Please join us for our Remembrance Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 6th at 9:05 AM in the gym.

NES Remembers





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Thanksgiving and **Hallowe'en** are coming this month! Keep in mind that **our pets need special care** if you have a house full of people, or while you're out Trick or Treating! Make sure they're **in a safe place** so that they can't escape or be frightened of all the noise. **REMEMBER:** Do Not share your candy or chocolate with your pets – **it can be dangerous for them.**

HALLOWEEN PET SAFETY TIPS

Halloween is best-known as a children's holiday, but it's important to make sure our pets have a safe and happy night as well.

- Candy and Chocolate**
Chocolate and other candy can be toxic to your pet, so keep them safely stored and away from your pets.
- The Door**
To avoid stress or an escape when the door is opened for trick-or-treaters, keep your pet in a quiet, calm area.
- Costumes**
Keep it comfortable to avoid overheating, chewing on loose pieces, or getting tangled.
- Stay Indoors**
While the streets are full of ghouls and goblins, it's best to keep your pets safely indoors.
- Jack-o-Lanterns**
Keep candles out of reach or use LED lights to keep excited dogs and curious cats from getting hurt by an open flame.

Stay safe and have fun!
Happy Halloween!



It's starting to get cold outside. Remember to keep your pets safe and warm as the weather gets cooler.