

February 4, 2022



Quinson Elementary School

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Principal: Andrew Bond

Vice-Principal: Nicole Polhuis

It looks like winter has decided to come and stay for a while. With the onset of colder weather, please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate winter clothing. If your child is in need of any winter apparel (jackets, snow pants, gloves, etc.), please call the school and we can help out.

Please note some important dates coming up in February. February 17th is a Primary Report Writing Day, February 21st is Family Day, and February 28th is a Professional Development Day so there is no school for students. Despite the fact that we are still living with COVID restrictions, we still hope you find some fun activities to enjoy with your family.

Our entire school community would like to congratulate Mrs. Vroone on her recent retirement and thank her for her many years of service at Quinson and School District 57. Her laughter, sense of humor and compassion will be greatly missed!

We are continuing to incorporate the Dakelh language into different aspects of the school. The words/phrases we learned in January were:

Eldizchonun (el-deez-cho-nun)- January

Najas (na-jas)- it is snowing

'Udzi (ud-zee)-heart

'ukoh (uh-koe)-river

If you want more information on Dakelh learning opportunities visit our district Indigenous Education Website at:

<https://www.sd57indigenouseducation.com/>, including a Lheidli Dakelh Dictionary at <http://www.billposer.org/LheidliCarrierDictionary/>

Below is a link to an updated Health Check for staff, students, and anyone coming into our building. Thank you for completing this health check each day with your child and keeping them home if they have cold or flu symptoms.

Daily Health Check:

<https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Documents/Daily%20Health%20Check%20and%20What%20to%20Do%20When%20Sick%20-%20January%202022.pdf>

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call the school.

Mr. A. Bond
Principal

Mrs. N. Polhuis
Vice Principal

Miss C. Hall
Secretary

Important Dates

Feb 14 – PAC Meeting (6:30-Zoom)

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/65807676013?pwd=UJZTjBjTWxpaTRzMWZFTDc2hiQT09>

Meeting ID: 658 0767 6013

Passcode: 727026

Feb 14 – PAC Hot Lunch Delivery

Feb 14-Feb 28 – Student Transfers

Feb 17- Primary Report Writing Day

Feb 21 – Family Day (no school)

Feb 23 – Pink Shirt Day

Feb 28 – Professional Development Day

Mar 14 – March 25 – Spring Break (no school)

March 28 – School is back in session

April 15 – Good Friday (no school)

April 18- Easter Monday (no school)

April 29 – Pro D Day (no school)

May 23 – Victoria Day (no school)

June 28 – Last Day of School

Happy Valentine's Day

Indigenous Drumming

Every morning the SD57 Indigenous Education Department Team (IED) has been drumming and singing students, staff, and families into their buildings at a variety of schools across the district. Their goal has been to spread joy and happiness district wide.

On Wednesday February 16th from 8:20 am to 8:35 am they will be at Quinson.

If you would like to participate in this morning 'welcoming' please dress for the weather and join your child(ren) near the front entrance for the sing/drum along.

If you have drums, rattles, instruments, etc, bring them (The IED will bring some drums and rattles to share). It will be so wonderful to see some of our parents/caregivers join their children for this 'welcoming.' We miss your faces!

Health & Safety: Although this 'welcoming' is occurring outdoors, we are asking guests to avoid crowding and to spread out as much as possible.

Quinson is PEANUT AWARE

Please be sure to NOT send any peanut or tree nut products as we have students and staff with an airborne anaphalactic allergy which is life threatening. We need to work together to keep our children and staff safe!



Parents/Visitors

- If a visitor or non-site based staff is required to enter school, the individual needs to practice diligent hand hygiene, wear a mask, and maintain physical distancing where possible.
- There is a sign-in sheet at the entrance of the main doors that needs to be filled out before checking in at the office.
- Wherever possible, we ask that parents make appointments with school staff prior to coming to the school to limit outside visitor congestion in our school.
- Parents and caregivers should remain outside of the school to drop off and pick up their children



Quinson Elementary Bell Schedule: 2021/2022

Warning Bell	8:35
Classes Start	8:40
Recess #1 Begins (Divisions 6,7,8,9,11)	10:00
Recess #1 Ends	10:15
Recess #2 Begins (Divisions 1,2,3,4,5,10)	10:15
Recess Ends	10:30
Lunch Begins	12:00
Lunch Ends	12:40
Dismissal	2:32



Valentine's Day Candy Grams

Leadership will be selling candy grams for Valentine's Day! Each candy gram will include one candy, stickers, and a small toy/item. They cost \$1 each and can be purchased by any student for students in any class. Order forms are due to Mrs. Westaway or Mr. Eberle by February 11th. Get yours ordered and join in the fun!



Kindergarten Registration

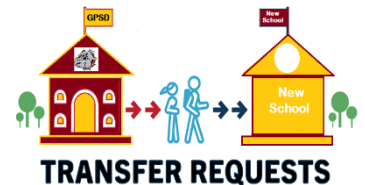
On-line pre-registration is required for Kindergarten in all School District No. 57 elementary schools. On-line registration will take place beginning at 9:00 am on Tuesday, February 1st, 2022 at www.sd57.bc.ca. Children whose fifth birthday falls on or before December 31, 2022 are eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2022. Upon submission of the online registration, you will receive an e-mail confirmation along with a link to additional forms requiring completion. Bring completed forms, along with your child's original Birth Certificate, Care Card, and 2 pieces of proof of address, to the school in order to retain your spot. Staff at the school will be available to assist you as required. For more information please refer to Policy 5119 – School Catchment Areas, Registration and Student Transfers available at www.sd57.bc.ca



Student Transfer Process

If you wish to transfer your child to another school within our district for the fall, a student transfer request is required and must be submitted before 3:00pm on February 25th. A student transfer within in the district may be requested as outlined below:

- All transfer applications must be made using the electronic form available at www.sd57.bc.ca. Application details are available on the website and are also available at the general office of any district school.
- An application may be made from any computer with Internet access. Applications may also be made in person at the general office of any district school.
- A time and date is automatically assigned to each application received. Applications will be considered in order of receipt. Note that an application made in person does not take effect until the school enters it in the online system.
- The online application form process will record applications in the order received between 9:00 am on February 14th and ends at 3:00 pm on February 25th
- Once a transfer is granted, the student must not return to the catchment area school for at least one school year.
- Parents wishing the return of their child to the previous school must make an application under this policy.
- Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the school they are applying to.
- All transfers will be effective September 2022.
- For more information, please refer to Policy 5119 – School Catchment Areas, Registration and Student Transfers available at www.sd57.bc.ca or at the general office of any district school.



Indigenous Education

Hadih Quinson Families!

We hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy as we move into February. It has been a busy January and we are all looking forward to a new month filled with lots of learning and growing together. This month we are excited to invite Patricia Lunden to our school to teach us how to play Lahal. Starting on February 8th, Mrs. Dean will be hosting an afterschool Lahal club. Lahal will be open to all intermediate students. Please look for permission forms to come home this week.



In addition, please remember to reach out to Mrs. Dean or Mr. Nelson if you have any questions about any supports that we can offer. We are always here to help.

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Counselling Corner

February is the month for love and kindness!

February 23rd is Canada's own **Pink Shirt Day** – a day to wear pink and help end bullying by spreading messages of diversity and inclusion.

All kids need to feel safe to learn – that's why Quinson works hard to create the kind of school environment that celebrates differences and allows all students to feel welcomed and safe.

This Pink Shirt Day, talk to your children about being kind to others: helping someone in need; playing with a new classmate that looks lonely; keeping unkind opinions to themselves, especially on social media; and standing up to or reporting incidents of all bullying.



Community Schools Corner

We are diving into February with gusto! Please see the outline below for our lunch and after school programs. If your child has interest in any of the offered programming, please see Mr. Eberle regarding availability and permission slips.

MONDAY

- Lunch
 - Lego (Div 1&2)
- After School
 - Basketball (Grade 5-7 Girls) (2:30 – 3:30)

TUESDAY

- Lunch
 - Lego (Div 3&4)
 - Basketball (Grade 5-7 Girls)
- After School
 - Basketball (Grade 5-7 Boys) (2:30 – 3:30)



WEDNESDAY

- Lunch
 - Basketball (Grade 5-7 Boys)
- After School
 - Indoor Soccer (Grades 3-5) (2:30 – 3:30)



THURSDAY

- Lunch
 - Leadership Meeting
- After School
 - X-Country Skiing (Grade 6/7) (2:30 – 4:00)



Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

A big 'Thank you' to Mrs. Vroone for all she's done for Quinson students and families over the years, and we wish her all the best in her retirement!

Monday, February 14th we will host the PAC meeting via zoom at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome! Indigenous Education staff will discuss their role in the school community, and Mr. Bond and Mrs. Polhuis will go over the school's Anti-Bullying policy.



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Join us on Facebook!

PAC has a Facebook page where you can find out what's going on at Quinson, get reminders and ask questions! Search for Quinson PAC and apply to join. Be sure to answer the questions and you'll magically be added to the page!



Booster Juice/Costco Hot Dog Hot Lunch

We will be hosting a Booster Juice/Costco Hot Dog hot lunch this month. Orders will be **due on Friday, February 10th** and lunch will be **delivered on Monday, February 14th**. Please ensure that the order forms are filled out correctly and completely for each individual student. This helps us make sure that everyone gets what they ordered 😊



Fundscrip

Fundscrip is a year-round fundraiser for the Quinson PAC. When we are not doing a group fundraiser, you can still order gift cards to be sent to you at home and the Quinson PAC will get a portion of the amount! We have fundraised through this company for two years now without difficulty – it's a win-win!



When you order \$200 or more worth of cards online, they will ship your cards directly to you or the recipient of the cards (great for sending care packages or holiday gifts to others). Quinson PAC then gets a percentage of your order for our fundraiser. This is a great idea for getting your holiday shopping done (Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc.), birthdays, teacher gifts, graduation gifts, employee gifts or just for yourself! This online ordering can be done ANY TIME OF THE YEAR!

Find a list of retailers by province and order gift cards (for face value) at any of the retailers on their site. You can support Quinson and have the cards directly shipped to yourself or the recipient by going to <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group> and entering code 4YQCJW.



[Support a Group - FundScrip](https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group)

Thank you for deciding to support your group, it only takes 30 seconds to get started. Already a supporter? Login Now.
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Online orders have a small cost for shipping, and payments can be made through E-transfer (free), credit card (takes 1.99% off your fundraising amount) or by Online Bill Payment (free but takes up to 3 days to process). There is a certain dollar amount or number of cards they will ship by Canada Post, but over that will need to be couriered. You can always split your order into batches to get the Canada Post rate though!