

October 4, 2021



## Quinson Elementary School

251 Ogilvie St. South, Prince George, BC

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Principal: Andrew Bond

Vice-Principal: Nicole Polhuis

Hadih Parent(s)/Guardian(s), Staff, and Students,

Our first month of school has been active, exciting and productive. From the first bell on September 7th, the staff and students have put themselves into high gear and the energy has been high. We are confident that you have discovered through discussions with your child(ren) that they have already been provided with various opportunities that have challenged, motivated and enabled them to progress along their individual learning paths.

The entire staff at Quinson Elementary takes great pride in nurturing a safe and rich learning environment for your child(ren). As well as challenging the children academically, we wholeheartedly believe in our responsibility to instill in each of our students the importance of being a caring individual that supports one another both within and outside of our school community. Our Terry Fox Run, held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and our Truth and Reconciliation Walk, held on September 29<sup>th</sup>, are great examples of this. It was wonderful to see the entire school participating in both of these events.

Please join me in welcoming 3 new staff members. Mr. Andrew Power is joining us from Toronto and will be teaching our grade 5/6 class. In addition, Mrs. Ashley Feniuk and Ms. Ashley Arnett are new EAs at our school. They will all be great additions to our Quinson community.

As we move into our first long weekend of the school year, we truly have reason to give thanks. On behalf of all of the staff at Quinson, we would like to extend to you a Happy Thanksgiving. May you enjoy this time with family and friends, giving thanks for all with which you have been blessed.

Mr. A. Bond  
Principal

Mrs. N. Polhuis  
Vice Principal

Mrs. J. Krafta  
Secretary

## Important Dates

- Oct 11 – Thanksgiving (no school)**
- Oct 12- Picture Retake Day**
- Oct 13- Hot Lunch (Pizza)**
- Oct 18- PAC Meeting (6:30pm)**
- Oct 20-Oct 21 – Parent Teacher Conference/ Early Dismissal (1:32)**
- Oct 22 – Pro D Day (no school)**
- Nov 11 – Remembrance Day (no school)**
- Nov 26 – Pro D Day (no school)**
- Dec 7-Primary Report Writing Day**
- Dec 20 – Jan 4 – Winter Break (no school)**
- Jan 31 – Pro D Day (no school)**
- Feb 17- Primary Report Writing Day**
- Feb 21 – Family Day (no school)**
- Mar 14 – March 25 – Spring Break (no school)**
- 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**

**School Supply Lists are available on our School Website**

## COVID-19

A reminder that there have been changes in our Covid-19 protocols and procedures. We are directed by the orders of the Provincial Health Officer, Northern Health Authority, and our School District. All of our protocols and procedures are posted on our school website under the *School News*. ***The latest update is that all students (K-7) need to wear masks starting Monday, October 3.*** If you have questions or concerns regarding this change, please contact the school. Our priority remains to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for our students and staff, and we will continue to be diligent with the protocols provided to us.

## Quinson is a PEANUT AWARE

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



## Quinson Elementary Bell Schedule: 2021/2022

Warning Bell	8:35
Classes Start	8:40
Recess Begins	10:15
Recess Ends	10:30
Lunch Begins	12:00
Lunch Ends	12:40
Dismissal	2:32

Please do not drop students off before outside supervision begins – school doors are kept locked and there are no adults easily available if there is an emergency. Please make alternate childcare arrangements prior to morning supervision beginning. Similarly, it is expected that students leave the school grounds promptly after dismissal; supervisors are there to encourage students to head home.

Please remind your children that they are NOT to be on school grounds during operational hours on days they are not in attendance. The grounds are only open to staff and students who are scheduled to be at school.  
**Operational Hours: 8:25 AM up to 2:52 PM**

**Indigenous Education Department:** The SD#57 Indigenous Education Department greatly value the voices of their students and families in guiding their work to best serve their communities needs. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee, please contact Jen P.

**SD57 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee**  
2021-2022



**Call for Parent & Student Representatives**

The SD57 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee is recruiting members for the 2021/2022 school year.

We are seeking letters of interest for:

- **Two** student representatives
- **Two** parent / guardian representatives of self-identified Indigenous students

The committee meets monthly with representatives from, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, McLeod Lake Indian Band, Simpcw First Nation, Métis nation, Indigenous Elders and SD57 to help advise the district on how we can best meet the needs of Indigenous learners in our district.

**YOUR VOICE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Jennifer Pighin  
Vice Principal of Indigenous Education  
Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Chair  
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For more information, or to submit a letter of interest, contact Jen P.



## Indigenous Education

Hadih Quinson Families!

We can't believe it's already October ( Lhewhndelnun = Time when whitefish come back). This month we are looking forward to setting up some after school programming and planning for classroom visits to share talking circles, Dakelh language and any other support that is identified by our school community.

As many of us are new Dakelh language learners, I invite you to check out a great new resource on the Lhedli T'enneh website that has video links to mini language lessons. <https://www.lheidli.ca/about/our-language/>

Also, we would like to remind parents/guardians to please return the Indigenous Ancestry forms that were sent out at the beginning of September. We are working to ensure that we have Ancestry forms for each student in our school so that we can recognize each student's individual cultural identity. If you need a new form, please ask your child to see Mr. Nelson or Mrs. Dean for a new one.

Mussi cho from Mrs. Dean and Mr. Nelson!

## Library Corner

Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. **Libraries change lives.**

### **Classroom Library Book Exchange Days**

Teacher	Div	Exchange Day	<p>Fall Scholastic Virtual Book Fair <b>October 4th – 8<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><a href="https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5163619">https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5163619</a></p>
Sale / West	1	Friday	
Mon	2	Thursday	
Smith- Powell	3	Friday	
Walberg / Braraten	4	Friday	
Bryant	5	Monday	
Kodric	6	Thursday	
Elson	7	Friday	
Pereira	8	Wednesday	
Power	9	Thursday	
Clark	10	Monday	
Nielson	11	Wednesday	

Your child comes to the library for story-time and to select two books once a week. Books are due back on week later.

**Tech tip:** place a reminder on your phone when the books are due.

If you have any questions about library expectations, please contact me at the school. Please help your child be responsible for materials borrowed from the library in the following ways:

- Expect them to be responsible for returning their own library books on time
- Oversee that they carry their library books to and from school in their personalized plastic book bag. This should fit into your child's backpack
- Ensure their hands are clean before reading
- Together find a special place where they can keep books safe at home and they won't get mixed up with their own book collection
- If their book gets damage, do not use scotch tape to repair rips, I will use special library tape to fix them.

If books are lost and cannot be found, or damaged and not able to be repaired, then you will be charged a replacement fee

### **After school Library Club**

**Grade 5, 6, & 7** students are welcome to join Mrs. Emsley **after school hours until 3:30** every **Wednesday**. Students must have parent permission. A permission form will be sent home this week. If your child is interested in joining complete the form and bring back to school.

### **Fire Prevention Week!**

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

This year's theme: **Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety**

Contest deadline: Oct 22

Grades K – 12

Incredible prize up for grabs like iPads and pizza parties for both winners and their entire class

Poster Contest Rules

- Posters must be drawn on 8 1/2 by 11- inch letter –sized paper
- Posters must include completed entry form that has been taped or glued not stapled to mail in entries. Email entries must include the completed entry form as and attachment or typed in to the body of the email.
- One entry per student
- Poster artwork may feature any Fire Prevention Week subject (burn and scald prevention, fire prevention, Fire Smart, fire escape planning, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide safety, etc.)
- Poster contest is open to any K – 12 student attending public or independent school in BC. Entries must be sent in by the student's teacher.
- **Mrs. Emsley or your teacher** will Mail entries to: BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund, 3891 Main Street, Vancouver, BC, V5V 3P1 or email to FirePreventionWeek @ burnfund.org

Some Quinson Classes will be participating. If you class isn't participating, then you are welcome to enter on your own. Bring your entry to school and ask your teacher to give your entry to Mrs. Emsley (School Librarian) who will submit your entry for you. Best of Luck!

If you have any questions on this program, please contact [firepreventionweek@burnfund.org](mailto:firepreventionweek@burnfund.org) or 6044365617

Wishing you all a **SPOOKTACULAR** October!

**Mrs. Emsley**

Librarian / Learning Assistance

**Counselling Corner by Ms. Mac**

This Thanksgiving, try this easy game with your family. While you're having dinner, start a conversation about what each person is grateful for.

# GRATITUDE GAME

 Name a Person You are Thankful for

 Name a Place You are Thankful for

 Name a Food You are Thankful for

 Name a Thing You are Thankful for

 Name Anything of Your Choice

Teach Beside Me

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**Community Schools Corner**

MONDAY

Lunch: Lego (Div 1 &2)

After School:

Running Club (Gr. 4/5)

Art (Gr 2-4)

TUESDAY

Lunch: Lego (Div 3/4)

After School: Volleyball (Gr 6-7)

WEDNESDAY

Lunch: Volleyball (Girls)

After School: Disc Golf (Gr 6-7)

THURSDAY

Lunch: Volleyball (Boys)

After School: MMA (Gr 6-7)

If there are any questions, please see Mr Eberle!!