

September 10, 2021



## Quinson Elementary School

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Principal: Andrew Bond

Vice-Principal: Nicole Polhuis

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

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year. The school has been quiet over the summer and it is always great to get the buzz of students and staff back. We have numerous new staff members joining us this year. Mrs. Ross is joining us from Hixon as our new Resource Teacher, Mrs. Braraten is teaching grade 2, sharing a class with Mrs. Walberg who we are also welcoming back. Mr. Huddon is our new Youth Care Worker and Mrs. Nicole Polhuis is our New Vice Principal.

The start of school means a change in routine for many students. Early mornings can be a difficult change, but September is a crucial month for good habits to be created. Please work with your child to ensure they arrive on time. In addition, there may be tasks that need to be completed at home as the month progresses and it is important that you communicate with your child and teacher to ensure "at home" tasks are getting done. Establishing good work habits now will create a foundation for the rest of year.

I would like to end by welcoming our Kindergartens and new students to the school. It's wonderful to have so many new faces, and the staff is looking forward to supporting them as their education journey at Quinson begins.

Sincerely,

Mr. A. Bond  
Principal

Mrs. N. Polhuis  
Vice Principal

Ms. C. Hall  
Secretary

## Important Dates

**Sept 13-Lunch and Breakfast Program Starts**

**\*Look for the forms in backpacks**

**Sept 20- PAC Meeting**

**Sept 23-Terry Fox Run**

**Sept 24 -Pro D Day-Indigenous Day of Learning (no school)**

**Sept 29-Picture Day**

**Sept 30 -National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)**

**Oct 11 - Thanksgiving (no school)**

**Oct 12- Picture Retake Day**

**Oct 20-Oct 21 - 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 31 - 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 29 - Last Day of School**

**IMPORTANT:** Take a minute to review the attached ‘School District #57 (Prince George) EMERGENCY PROCEDURES’ document and the ‘Student Violence Threat/Risk Assessment: Fair Notice and Process’ pamphlet. These contain important information.

### **COVID-19**

A reminder that there have been changes in our Covid-19 protocols and procedures since last June. 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* tab titled *Welcome Back Parents and Students*. 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. In addition, we ask that if you would like to meet with a staff member, that an appointment is made so we can cut down on congestion in the school. We understand that this is not always possible, but appreciate your help with this.

### **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 anaphalactic 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**

### **SD57 Policies**

Please review the following School District 57 Policies. The links have been provided below. The links to the policies are also on our webpage under the heading *Useful Links*.

- o Policy 5131 District Code of Student Conduct
- o Policy 6179 Acceptable Use of Networks
- o Policy 3541.35 Winter Weather
- o Policy 3542.3 Healthy Food Choices in Schools
- o Policy 5101 Financial Hardship

<https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Policylisting/Documents/5131%20District%20Code%20of%20Student%20Conduct.pdf>

<https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Policylisting/Documents/6179.pdf>

<http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/3541.35%20Winter%20Weather.pdf>

<https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/3542.3%20Healthy%20Food%20Choices%20in%20Schools.pdf>

<https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Parents/Fees/Documents/5101%20Financial%20Hardship.pdf>

If you prefer a printed copy of the policies, or have any questions, please contact the school

### **2021/2022 Class Placements**

Our staff have been meeting to discuss class placements for our students. Placements are made in consultation with classroom teachers, support staff and administration. When placing students, we consider the whole child: academic abilities, work habits, social skills and developmental levels, as well as teaching style and student friendships. We also try to develop balanced classrooms. We appreciate your support as we transition in to new classrooms.

### **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)-Please see the attached flyer**

### **Indigenous Education**

Hadih Quinson Families!

Hoonust'i Whuzadelh (we are happy you have come)! Mr. Nelson and Mrs. Dean would like to welcome everyone back to school and hope that you all had a wonderful summer break. This 2021/2022 school year is shaping up to be a good one and we are excited to provide you and your kids with lots of opportunities to come together as a community to reconnect. We would like to announce that our Indigenous Education Room at Quinson will now be known as Sum Bayoh which translates to House of Stars. Now that we are able to welcome parents/guardians back into our building, Mr. Nelson and Mrs. Dean would like to invite you to the Sum Bayoh each morning from **8:10am to 9:15am** daily. Please come in, say hi, have a coffee or tea and connect with us and other parents/guardians from our Quinson community. Our goals for the year include exploring how to support Dakelh language learning, identity exploration and continued social/emotional/academic support. Stay tuned for afterschool programming as the year develops. We are so happy to be back here to support you and your children with whatever you might need and hope that you will come to visit us soon!

Snachailya,

Mrs. Dean and Mr. Nelson

### **Library Corner**

**Hadih** (Welcome) to the Library

“A library at its best is the heartbeat of the school, the nucleus, the focus” (vkelly,2009)

Reading is identified as a fundamental skill for all learning. We have a diverse and contemporary collection of fiction and nonfiction that will meet the interests and needs of all learners in the school.

In addition to promoting literacy, I will be providing instruction and support in building information literacy and critical thinking skills. My intention is to empower students to be critical thinkers, enthusiastic readers, skillful researchers, and ethical users of information.

Our library will function as a place to extend student education beyond the required curriculum. Students may explore more fully classroom subjects that interest them, expand their imagination, dive into areas of personal interest, and develop the ability to think clearly, critically, and creatively about the resources they have chosen to read, hear, or view. I will be creating opportunities that will allow students to explore new forms of literacy and communication such as storytelling, social book reading, and puppetry.

### **Student Library Expectations**

- **Return books** in plastic bag provided on weekly assigned class library time
- **Treat books with care:** using clean hands, keeping them away from food and transporting them gently
- Check out **two books per visit** unless more are needed for research purposes
- Use library time wisely
- Practice **THINK** ing before you speak to spread some good!

T: Is It True?

H: Is It Helpful?

I: Is It Inspiring?

N: Is It Necessary?

K: Is It Kind?

The Library values and promotes reflective learning. We have reflection sheets which are used on a regular basis. Once a child has had the opportunity to complete three they will be sent home. The reflection sheets will display your child's individual library learning goals. Please read the reflections sheets, sign, and return to school so we know you are informed. If you have any questions or concerns, please email or book a time with the office to meet with me in person or after school.

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Coming Soon!

The October newsletter will include a list of classroom library days so you can support your children with returning their books on time. Students will be provided with an extra large plastic book bag to protect their books going to and from school.

### **Library Club**

Grade 5, 6 and 7 students interested in joining **Library Club** are invited to gather on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> in the Library. Students will need to bring their lunch to the meeting.

Please feel free to stop in for a visit after school anytime if you have any questions about our Library and Library teachings. I value and welcome community and parental support. Just make sure you sign in and report to the office first.

Bookishly,

Mrs. Emsley / Librarian

### **Community Schools Corner**

Welcome back to a brand new school year everyone!! Our After School programs will be starting up in the next few weeks. So please be on the lookout for more information.

If anybody is in need of school supplies, there are many backpacks with school supplies available in the IEW Room. Each pack contains:

Notebooks

Filler Paper

Pencil Case (with pencils, pencil crayons, pens and eraser)

Ruler

If anyone is interested in the BC Youth Advisory Committee, it is available to youth from 14 – 18 years old. The BC RCMP Youth Advisory Committee brings together up to 30 youth aged 14 to 18 from all across British Columbia to discuss important issues that they face in their respective communities. The purpose of the BC RCMP Advisory Committee is to represent the youth voice within the RCMP and to gain insight on how to deliver effective youth strategies and initiatives. If anyone is interested or would like more information, please see Mr. Eberle.