

Big Lake Elementary School

Tuesday, January 9, 2018



Happy New Year & Welcome Back

We are excited to be back at school and look forward to all the adventures and learning opportunities ahead in 2018!

Our second day back started with a bang as our bus got stuck. We successfully activated the phone tree twice, good job parents! Thanks also to the “angels” who showed up with shovels and chains and got Andrea back on the road. We have altered the phone tree slightly and have attached a new copy, please discard the old one.

High Risk Meetings

Please remember to drop by the school this week to have a quick high risk field trip meeting with Mrs. Zurak. Before or after school or during the lunch hour are all good times.

PAC News

We have to change our scheduled PAC meeting. **The new date is Tuesday, January 16th at 1:30 pm in the Library.** Please make this change on your calendar.

Our next hot food day will be on this same day, the PAC will be serving Mac & Cheese. Families asked to bring treats this time are Holm & Gelinas.

Basketball

Once again this year, Shay Dyer will be holding after school sports at the Hall for our students on Tuesdays, starting on the 16th. It will run from 2:30 to 3:30, all students are welcome to attend. Parents must attend with their child(ren.) Kids should bring proper indoor shoes and a water bottle. Remember to send the school

a note if your child is not riding the bus home on these days.

Intermurals

Our intermediate team will start intermural basketball in town after school on Mondays beginning January 22nd. Thanks to both Mr. Flaherty for coaching our team and our volunteer parent drivers who continue to support this endeavor.

Archery/Curling/Birding

January 26th, all of our students will be going to Williams Lake. Our intermediate students will have their 2nd curling lesson with Mr. Bisaro at the WL Curling Club, then on to the WL Rod & Gun Club for archery lessons, taught by a National Archery Champion, Mr. Al Campsall. This is the first of our “High Risk” field trips, you must have signed the high risk permission form in order for your child to participate.

Our primary students will go to Scout Island Nature Center for a morning of “birding”. This is sure to be a fun, educational outdoor experience.

All students will meet up at 12:15 pm for a pizza party at Boston Pizza. Permission slips with detailed information for this field trip will come home soon.

Gavin Lake

The Intermediate Class will be going on an educational overnight sleepover camp to Gavin Lake January 30 & 31. Details will follow in a permission slip, again high risk meeting must be completed.

On both of the above field trips, we will travel via school bus which will be funded by the Go Grant that Mrs. Zurak was successful in obtaining for

our school to help fund outdoor education.

Strong Start

Please spread the word about Strong Start Monday mornings 9am-12pm. This is a wonderful program which will only remain available to us if it is used.



Play & learn with Tina

at

**Big Lake
StrongStart
Mondays**

Drop in anytime
between 9am – 12
noon

Ages 0-5 and parents welcome
Reopens Jan.8, 2018

Skating Rink

Thank you to our Fire Department and local volunteers for flooding our rink. It did see some use over the break.

Unfortunately, the change in the weather has put a bit of a halt to skating, watch our Facebook page for info.

Our school has skates available in many sizes if your child needs to borrow. If you are sending skates on the bus, please make sure they are in a safe bag for transport and that your child’s name is on the skates and the bag. Remember that children must wear mitts and a helmet at all times when on the rink. Primaries must also

wear snow pants. We do not have extra helmets at the school, students must bring their own.

EDI Letters

Our school district will be participating in the Early Development Instrument (EDI) organized through the Human Early Learning Project at UBC. The EDI is a survey instrument which is completed by kindergarten teachers about their students. A letter is attached for kindergarten parents.

Cariboo Festival Speech Arts

It's time once again to start thinking about performing in the District Speech Arts competition in April. Look for poems or stories for your child to read, if they want to participate. The syllabus is at www.caribooofestival.ca. Please DO NOT register your child as the school will be registering our students. We will also spend time in class to determine those interested in performing. There will be a notice sent home soon outlining categories, general rules and deadlines.

School of Choice Process

In the event a student wants to attend a school out of their catchment area, they must complete a School of Choice application between January 22nd and March 15th. *(Please remember this includes current Grade 6 students who would like to go to Columneetza campus for Grade 7. Though we love to have them stay here with us, we understand this is not always the choice made.)* Parents will assume responsibility for travel and any additional costs incurred by a School of Choice approval. Applications are available at schools, the District Office and the Website (www.sd27.bc.ca)



CANADA
4-H British Columbia

Big Lake 4-H Club

It's time once again to begin the 4-H year. The first meeting will be Thursday, January 11th at 7 pm at the Big Lake Community Hall. This is the registration meeting. 4-H is open to children 9-19 years of age and we always welcome new members. 4-H is a wonderful program which teaches children valuable life skills such as public speaking, sportsmanship and responsibility. If you would like more information, please call Lisa Sepkowski.

Student Celebration

On January 24th at 1:30 pm in the Hall we will have our monthly assembly celebrating our amazing students. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Report Card Envelopes

Please remember to sign and return the report card envelopes, we are still missing quite a few.

Dates to Remember:

Jan 12 – Handwashing
Presentation by Public Health Nurse
Jan 16 - PAC meeting 1:30 & Mac & Cheese Day & afterschool Basketball
Jan 24 – Celebration Assembly
Jan 26 – Curling/Archery/
Birding Field Trip
Jan 30-31- Intermediate Camp
at Gavin Lake