



September 5, 2023

Sinkut View Elementary

Phone: (250) 567-5133

We are grateful to live, work, and play on the unceded, ancestral territories of fourteen First Nations representing the Dakelh, Nedut'en and Wet'suwet'en peoples.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hadi and welcome to the new school year Sinkut View Family!

I hope everyone had an amazing summer. 2023-2024 will be a great year and I know I am excited to start.

First off, I want to welcome back Mrs. Lorinda Ottesen and Mrs. Jen Wall. We are glad to have you both back. Mrs. Raby will not be working in the school this year but will still be around lots as a parent! Mrs. Arnold has been given the opportunity to develop an exciting program at NVSS this year, as such, she will not be our Indigenous Education Advocate this year. We are waiting to see who will take over her position.

We also have a posting out for a Meals program worker. Once that is filled, we will be able to have hot lunch every day!!! More information to come.

In the weeks to come you will see the return of classroom lunch monitors, student office helpers, and a student leadership group. We are also excited to have all our students together for our SOAR assemblies at the end of each month. There are already some SOAR tickets on the bulletin board.

Please remember to do a daily health check with your children before sending them to school as we want to keep the school community as healthy as possible.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, September 12 for our Ice Cream Social at 6:30pm.

Here's to a great year!

~ Mr. Jason Kadonaga

Carrier Word of the Week

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Eagles

School Pick Up Reminder

Please remember to sign your child out with Mrs. Wiens in the office if you are picking them up from the playground or classroom prior to the dismissal bell. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe!



Sept. 12 – Band 5 starts 1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Mondays and Tuesdays)

Sept. 12 – Ice Cream Social 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 12 – PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 13 – Band 6 starts – 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
(Wednesdays and Thursdays)

Sept. 19 – School Photo Day

Sept. 22 – District Planning Day, no school

Sept. 25 – Board Meeting – Vanderhoof, 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 25 – Hockey Academy starts, 12:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Mondays and Tuesdays)

Sept. 25 – Dance Workshops – Ikue from JessDance

Sept. 25-29 – Truth and Reconciliation Week (wear your orange shirts)

Sept. 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

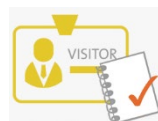
Oct. 2 – STAT for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, no school

SINKUT VIEW PAC: Our first meeting is September 12th at 7:00 pm in the gym. This will be a meeting to go over key initiatives and PAC plans for the year. We encourage and welcome all parents to attend.



Included with this newsletter:

- Parking Lot Diagram
- Field Trip Consent Form
- BC Fruit & Veggie Program Consent Form
- Student Accident Insurance letter
- Violent Risk /Threat Assessment Brochure
- Media Consent Form



All visitors must report to the office.

SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE

8:55	Warning Bell
9:00	Class
10:30	Recess
10:45	Class
12:00	Lunch
12:15	Lunch Recess
12:40	Warning Bell
12:45	Class
2:53	Dismissal

UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

If your phone number, address, or emergency contact information has changed over the summer, please contact Mrs. Wiens as soon as possible. It is extremely important that we have current information on file!

SAFETY ISSUE!



PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL PRIOR TO 8:30 A.M.

Outside supervision begins at 8:30. Students will remain on the playground in the morning until the bell rings at 8:55, weather permitting.

ATTENDANCE CALLS

If your child will be absent for the day, please call the school at 250-567-5133 to report their absence. If your child is away, and no phone call has been made to the school, you will receive a phone call to confirm your child is home safe with you.



Please see the attached Parking Lot diagram to see how the parking lot is laid out at Sinkut View for parents when dropping off and picking up their child/ren. We also ask that parents not pull out in front of the school bus. Please wait for the bus to leave before exiting the parking lot.



Sinkut View has a Cell Phone Free policy. We understand and accept the technology that immerses us; however, the risk of cell phones being lost or damaged at school along with the distraction they create during class time is something we are choosing to avoid by asking students to leave their

cell phones at home. We believe it is important to have "screen free" time during recess to socialize face-to-face with friends and actively move through physical play. If your child has a cell phone in class or on the playground, they will be asked to turn it into Mrs. Wiens for safe keeping until the end of the day. Thank you for your support with this policy. If you have any questions, concerns, or special circumstances, please call the school, and speak with Mr. Kadonaga.

NEWSLETTERS: Newsletters will go home on Wednesdays. If you wish to receive a copy by e-mail, please send a request to cwiens@sd91.bc.ca



MEDICAL ALERT FORMS: Parents with students who require medication at school (either self-administered or staff administered) need to fill out medical alert forms at the school.

SCHOOL INSURANCE: Please see the enclosed letter from the School Board Office. School District No. 91 does not provide any accident insurance coverage for students' injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. You may purchase coverage for your child at www.insuremykids.com or by calling toll free at 1-800-463-KIDS(5437).



FACEBOOK: If you are on Facebook, the PAC and school use the closed Sinkut View Elementary Group as well as the Sinkut View PAC group for sharing information.

Orange Shirt Day

We are celebrating Orange Shirt Day the week of September 25-29th and encourage students and staff to wear an orange shirt if they have one. There will be **no school** on October 2nd as National Truth and Reconciliation Day falls on a Saturday this year (September 30th). The story of Phyllis Webstad (nee Jack) has inspired this movement. The original orange shirt story can be found here: <http://www.orangeshirtday.org/phyllis-story.html> and teaches that Every Child Matters.

