



September 27, 2023

Sinkut View Elementary

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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 Sinkut View Family,

During this week of learning and reflecting on Truth and Reconciliation especially, I want to acknowledge that we are honoured to learn every day on the unceded traditional territories of the Saik'uz First Nation. Our school has the most beautiful view of the land, I am continually struck by the view of the valley from our school; particularly this time of year when we get to watch the leaves change and the geese fly.

Walking the halls this week, I have heard many comments from students about how much they enjoy the safety and community of our school. When learning about the Truths of residential schools, this is an important distinction to recognize. In the words of the Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair, Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, "Education got us into this mess and education will get us out of it." I am proud to be a part of the education that will guide us towards Reconciliation.

This weekend, you will notice our flag will be flown at half-mast, as a visible reminder of why this work is so important. In our gym, we have the Survivors' Flag on the wall as a continued reminder of our commitment toward Truth and Reconciliation at our school. This flag is an expression of remembrance, meant to honour the residential school Survivors and the generations of families and communities impacted by the residential school system in Canada. I invite you to check out the website to learn more about the elements of the flag: <https://nctr.ca/exhibits/survivors-flag/>

Saturday, September 30 marks the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. I encourage you to find a way to observe the day as a family. Here at Sinkut View we are engaging in conscious acts of reconciliation all week. A great place to start is to engage in a discussion with your children to hear what they have learned about Phyllis' orange shirt.

Finally, I encourage everyone to wear orange as a visible commitment to deepening our own understanding of how the residential school system continues to impact Indigenous communities.

Please feel free as always to connect with me via email if you have any questions,

Sincerely,

~ Mr. Jason Kadonaga



Sept. 28 – iCord Ultimate Frisbee Tournament @ WLM, Grades 4-6

Sept. 29 – Skating, Mrs. Mullings' Class

Sept. 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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

Oct. 6 – Terry Fox Run 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 9 – Thanksgiving STAT, no school

Oct. 10 – PAC Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 12 – District Cross-Country Run Grades 2-6 @ NVSA Grounds

Oct. 13 – Interim Learning Updates sent home

Oct. 13 – Skating, Mrs. Hilman's and Mrs. Ottesen's classes

Oct. 17 – Early dismissal (12:00 p.m.)

Oct. 17 – Learning Update Meetings with parents (2:00p.m.-6:00p.m.)

Oct. 20 – Pro D Day, no school

Oct. 23 – Board Meeting, Fort St James, 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 30 – SOAR Assembly, 11:00 a.m.

Nov. 3 – Skating, Mrs. Hilman's and Mrs. Ottesen's classes

Nov. 9 – Remembrance Day Ceremony, 10:50 a.m.

Nov. 10 – Remembrance Day STAT, no school

Carrier Word of the Week

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Bull moose

Student and Family Affordability Fund

The Province is helping to make back-to-school more affordable for students and their families who are struggling with rising costs of living due to global inflation. Through the Student and Family Affordability Fund, our school has received funding to ensure students are fed and have the school supplies they need to be successful this year. This funding will help our school to expand food/school meal programs, make sure students have the school supplies they need, and cover any additional fees so that students in need can take part in activities, such as field trips and sports. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Kadonaga or Mrs. Wiens at the school.

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.



Registration is now open for the Fall 2023 Session (Oct.11 – Dec.16/23). Choose from one or two day per week options. There is a payment plan available and all family members must register at the **SAME** time for the family discount to apply.

Please see the link below to our website for more information.

<https://nechakovalleyswimclub.teampages.com/clubs/6359>

Upcoming Basketball Season

- Registration for the upcoming Jr NBA is now live. The registration deadline is October 20th.
- The season will run from November 6/23 until February 16/24.
- Please follow the link below to access the registration page.
<https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=33011&lan=1&cartlevel=1>

Counselling

Nick Ferguson, one of our SD#91 counsellors, will be working in our school again this year on Tuesdays. Nick will be working alongside staff and students in a variety of ways. These may include helping to facilitate programs in the classroom, working with small groups on topics such as dealing with anxiety, building healthy relationships, etc., as it is suitable to a specific child, as well as providing individual counselling. If you have any questions or concerns or you would like your child to be able to access support through our school counsellor, please contact Jason Kadonaga or Chelsea Wiens at the school.

The SD#91 counselling team has also put together a website to help parents, guardians and caregivers as they support their children and youth. You can find it at:

<https://nechakowellness.wixsite.com/sd-91-counselling>

If you are looking for other longer-term individual support for your child, outside of school, the following community agencies are available in the Vanderhoof area:

Connexus: 250-567-9205

Carrier Sekani Family Services: 250-567-2900

Milk Jug Donations

Mrs. Ottesen's class is looking for donations of 4L milk jugs for a fun winter project. These can be dropped off with Mrs. Wiens in the office. Thank

