



September 13, 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,

It was great to see so many families come out for the Ice Cream Social last night. It was a fun night! We also had an excellent turnout for our first Parent Advisory Committee meeting. Thanks to all the parents who have volunteered their time to represent.

A big thank you to Rita Steffy for the last two years of being the PAC president; she has passed the mantle onto Elaine Penner. Be sure to follow the PAC Facebook page for updates throughout the year.

Glad to see clear skies today; the Board office has asked schools to monitor the air quality before school, at recess, and lunch to determine when we will have inside days due to poor air quality. We are using the IQAir.com website and will stay indoors when it is above 150 on the US Air Quality Index.

We are getting into the swing of regular routines around the school. Grade 5 and 6 band have begun, as have our district assessments. Next Tuesday, September 19, is our school photo day. Book your haircuts today!!!

Have a great weekend!

~ Mr. Jason Kadonaga

Carrier Word of the Week

Hadi

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Hello



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

Oct. 6 – Terry Fox Run 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 9 – Thanksgiving STAT, no school

Oct. 10 – PAC Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 13 – Interim Learning Updates sent home

Oct. 13 – Skating, Mrs. Hilman's Class

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

Oct. 17 – Learning Update Meetings with parents (1:00p.m.-6:00p.m.)

Oct. 20 – Pro D Day, no school

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

Oct. 27 – Skating, Mrs. Ottesen's Class

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.

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



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.



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.

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 for the upcoming hockey season is still available through the links below.

Returning Player:

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/373299>

First Time Player:

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/373301>

Coach/Volunteer:

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/373300>

Vanderhoof Children's Theater is pleased to announce their upcoming show in February 2024. Auditions will be held September 15. Open to all students in grades 2-12.



School Board Meeting
Monday,
September 25, 2023 6:00 pm

School Board Office
Vanderhoof, BC

Important Public Attendance Notice:

Members of the public are invited to attend Regular Meetings of the Board of Education.

Due to limited space and seating availability, please request your seat prior to noon on meeting day if you wish to attend in person. Alternatively, members of the public may attend this meeting virtually through Microsoft Teams. To take advantage of this online attendance option, please visit www.sd91.bc.ca/meeting-information for the Teams link or you may request your electronic invitation prior to 4:00 pm on meeting day. Contact: Heather Silver, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent 250-567-2284 ext. 9003 hsilver@sd91.bc.ca

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



Registration is now open for Figure Skating and Can Skate. See the link below.

<https://nechakofsc.uplifterinc.com/registration/>