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Newsletter #1

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Welcome back!

I am excited about the start to my second full year as principal at North Canoe Elementary and I hope that you and your children are also looking forward to a fantastic year. It is great to be working with this wonderful team of staff, students, parents, and community. I truly enjoy being at our school and a part of this great little community. I'm looking forward to our upcoming school year and I'm excited about our school goals. We will work as a team to help our students achieve success in reading and also increasing our culture of healthy living. Please stop by the office or give me a call if you ever have any questions. I'm also available before or after school (usually on outside supervision) and can be found outside at the front or on the playground.

Police Information Checks

Our school district requires police information checks for all adults that will be volunteering with our students in any way that may be unsupervised by staff. **This includes parent drivers which are critical to supporting our field trips and special programming.** Volunteers will need to take a letter from the school and two pieces of ID to the RCMP station. The cost is \$25 which must be paid in cash and then reimbursed by the school (receipt needed, please).

We are hoping that parents will set aside the time to get this done right at the beginning of the year so that we are not in the position of having to cancel a field trip or special event for your children at the last minute. These checks are good for four years, so if you took care of this last year, you will not need to do it again for the next three years. Thank you for taking this additional step(s) to help ensure the safety of our students!!

North Canoe Goals for 2018-2019:

Goal Statement #1:

- To improve all student's attitude towards reading and ability to read with fluency and comprehension.

Goal Statement #2

- To create a school wide culture of healthy living.

Staffing

Our student numbers worked out very well for us this year and we were able to get into classes on Wednesday. This year we welcome three new staff members. Joanne Merriman is our new Learning Resource Teacher (LRT), Michelle Atkins is our librarian, and we are also happy to welcome Kaeli Hawrys to the office as our secretary this year.

Our staffing for the upcoming 2018 - 19 is as follows:

Principal	Glen Overgaard
Administrative Assistant	Kaeli Hawrys
Div. 1 (Gr. 4/5)	Pamela Dettwiler/Glen Overgaard
Div. 2 (Gr. 3)	Don Ennis
Div. 3 (Gr. 1/2)	Karen Quinton
Div. 4 (Kindergarten/Gr.1)	Nadine Quilty
Library	Michelle Atkins
LRT	Joanne Merriman
Music	Kelly Hart
CEA	Jennifer Johnson
CEA	Tanya Schumacher
CEA	Doris Chaddock
CEA	TBA
Counsellor	Michelle Rasmuson
Indigenous Education	TBA
Speech/Lang	TBA
Custodian	Barb Lawson
Deaf & Hard Hearing	TBA
Lunch Hour Supervisors	Jen Johnson & Shelley LaRocque

We need your current email address please!

As we work to update our school website and Facebook page, our best way to keep you up to date is by sending information by email. All newsletters (after this one) will also be sent by email. Please be sure to keep us updated with your current email address and check regularly so you don't miss anything. We will also send a lot of information home the old fashioned way (on paper with your child), so please be sure to check your child's planner and backpack daily!

Open House: Tuesday, September 11th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

We would like to invite all families to an informal meet and greet on Tuesday, September 11 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. This gathering is a great opportunity for parents and staff to see each other and for us to meet our new parents, our new kindergarten parents and reconnect with all our families this year. We hope that all families can join us. Some light (healthy) snacks (fruit and veggies, etc.) will be provided.

Forms

Verification forms have gone home with students to be completed by parents/guardians. These forms are important as this provides critical contact information for the school. Please check over carefully, correct, and return to the office ASAP. If there are no changes, please write "NO CHANGES" across the front before returning. Thank you for your support with this. It is very important that we have all the correct information in case we need to contact parents in emergency situations and so we can keep you up to date!

In effort to "be green" and save you time, we have uploaded our student forms to Parent Connect to be reviewed and authorized. You can find a link to Parent Connect on our website

www.nca.sd83.bc.ca Instructions on how to log in to Parent Connect can be found on Parent Connect page.

North Canoe PAC

You might not know it yet, but if you have a child at our school you are already on our Parent Advisory Council. Congratulations! Our elected PAC executive would like to remind all parents that volunteers are encouraged and needed for all PAC run events. If you would like more information on how you can become involved with the PAC volunteer team, please contact Kelly Reynolds 250-804-6139 or Danette Iaccino at 250-463-1317. Your help is always appreciated! **Even better, please plan to attend our first PAC meeting on Tuesday, September 11 at 2:35 pm in the library.**

North Canoe PAC Executive 2018/2019

President: Kelly Reynolds

Vice President: Danette Iaccino

Treasurer: Sherri Beauchamp

Secretary: Ashley DeVos



Pie Orders

The North Canoe PAC Pie Order fundraiser will be happening again. Forms were sent home this week and the orders will be due Tuesday, Sept 18. Please have all pie orders and money brought to school by this date. Delivery will be on Thursday, September 27. Prizes will be given out to the top seller in each class!

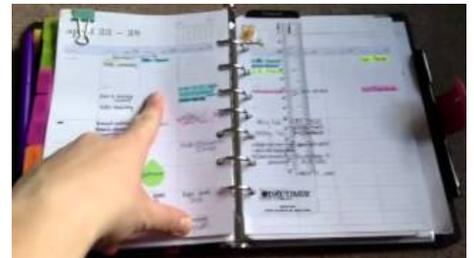


Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held on Friday, Sept 21 at 1:30 pm. Parents are invited to come and run with us and/or help out in other ways. We will kick off that week with an assembly on Tuesday and will be accepting donations all that week to go toward cancer research.

Student Planners

This year's Student Planners have an insert that contains important information about our school. Please read through these pages with your children to familiarize yourselves with our school's routines and policies. Also, please get to know the layout and other information in the planner and help your child to feel excited about using it. Please discuss with your child a plan for daily use and checking of his or her planner and its importance.



Reporting and Report Cards

Our district received very positive feedback from parents and staff on our report card pilot project last year and as a result, we have adopted this as standard practice in the district. Our reporting this year will include an informal report in the week of Oct 15-18, a goal setting conference for all parents and students on November 20th (early dismissal that day to provide additional conferencing time), the first "formal" report card going home January 31, a second informal report in the week of April 15-18, and the final "formal" report card at the end of the year. If you have any questions, comments or

concerns, please get in touch with Mr. Overgaard at the school to discuss. As always, if you have questions or suggestions regarding your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher any time and as soon as possible if there are concerns.

Things That Should Be Left at Home

A reminder to all students and parents that for the safety of all and to avoid upsetting situations where things could get broken or go missing the following items should not be brought to school:

- cameras
- cell phones/tablets – unless approved by the classroom teacher for classroom use
- expensive toys or electronics
- pocket money
- wheeled shoes (wheelies or heales)
- skateboards or rollerblades
- knives
- lighters or matches
- laser pointers
- toy weapons
- spray deodorants
- things that would distract your child or others from their learning



Shoe Reminder

We anticipate having some wet-weather days this fall and would like to remind parents and students that we have both inside and outside shoes. Please also be sure to send your child with good, supportive shoes that are appropriate for active learning and play.

A special thank-you is extended to our summer custodians who did a **marvelous** job of putting a real shine on our school these past few weeks. Let's all do our part to keep it looking that way!

School Photos – Monday, October 1

This year's photo day is set for Monday, October 1. Please be sure to send your child to school ready for their school photo!



School Speed Zone in Effect



Please help make this a safe environment for our children by traveling at the posted speed limit (30 km/hr). A further reminder to please use dedicated parking and pick-up/drop-off spots and keep the crosswalk clear. This is a very dangerous area for children. An organized traffic flow helps reduce the danger to students. Thank you.

North Canoe is Nut Aware

We currently have two students who are very allergic to **any nut products**. This includes peanuts, peanut butter, tree nuts etc. In the event of these students making contact with any of these products, they would go into anaphylaxis (a sudden and severe allergic reaction, which can be fatal, and requires immediate medical attention).



We are asking parents to be aware and respectful of this and please do not bring items to school in student lunches, classroom celebrations, treats, bake sales etc. that contain or may contain nuts.

We are asking this to be school wide. The reason for a school wide policy is due to our school being very small, students sharing equipment regularly (sports equipment, musical instruments, computers, art supplies etc) and students routinely working together in the same spaces or in the same classrooms. This results in many opportunities for other students from different classes having contact.

Staff have already been trained on the medical procedures and are aware of the safety plan that will be followed if the student goes into anaphylaxis. All students, volunteers and staff will be encouraged to have regular hand washing.

Our school will be “Nut Aware” which is a common practice in many schools in our district. If you have any questions, please speak with Mr. Overgaard.

Bell Schedule

8:30	Class begins
10:10 - 10:25	Recess
10:15	Classes resume
11:45 - 12:00	Eating Period
12:00 - 12:30	Outside Lunch time
12:30	Classes resume
2:23	Dismissal



Supervision

We have a teacher on supervision duty every morning from 8:15 – 8:30. It is important that students arrive during this time. We are unable to have staff supervising the playground area prior to this time so, for safety reasons, **students should not be dropped off or coming to school earlier than this.** Afternoon supervision ends at 2:35 pm, so again, it is very important to make sure your child is headed home or picked up prior to this time. Thanks for your cooperation in keeping our kids safe.

**North Canoe Elementary
Activity/Student Fees 2018-2019**

Kindergarten, Grade One, Two, Three, Four and Five Student Fees for 2018 – 2019

Listed below are the permissible school fees in compliance with provincial legislation. A financial hardship policy is in place at North Canoe Elementary for families unable to afford school fees. Please contact Mr. Overgaard, Principal, for further information.

Permissible Fees – Due by October 12, 2018:

- School Supply Package (pencils, paper, notebooks, planner etc.) \$ 30.00

Provincial legislation does not allow schools to charge a mandatory activity fee. Our PAC and staff believe these programs and activities are important for our students and are requesting parents continue to pay these fees so that these programs and activities can continue. Our ability to provide these programs will be dependent on the response from parents. No student will be denied access to a school sponsored program/activity for financial reason. If circumstances do not permit payment at this point, please contact Mr. Overgaard, principal.

Requested Activity Fees – Due by October 12, 2018:

- Activity Fee (Cultural performances)
Per Student \$ 15.00
Per Family (3 or more) \$ 30.00

COMBINED TOTAL OF PERMISSIBLE AND REQUESTED FEES \$ 45.00/STUDENT

Upcoming events at North Canoe....

SEPTEMBER

11	Tuesday	Meet and Greet/Open House – 6:00 to 7:00 pm
11	Tuesday	PAC Meeting - Time 2:35 p.m.
17	Monday	Non-Instructional Day – No School for students
18	Tuesday	PAC Pie orders due, Terry Fox assembly
21	Friday	Terry Fox Run 1:30 pm
27	Thursday	Pie orders delivered
28	Friday	Orange shirt day for Indigenous awareness

OCTOBER

1	Monday	Photo Day
1	Monday	Registration for 2018-19 opens
5	Friday	Pro-D day (students do not attend)
8	Monday	Thanksgiving
15-18		First informal reports out
19	Friday	Pro-D day (students do not attend)
25	Thursday	Photo re-take day



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018-2019

Month	Days in Session	Days of Instruction	Date	Details
September	19	18	Tues. Aug. 28	New student registration for 2018-2019
			Monday 3	Labour Day
			Tuesday 4	Schools open
			Friday 14	Last day for gradual entry of Kindergarten
			Monday 17	Non-instructional day – Curriculum Implementation
October	22	20	Friday 5	Non-instructional day – School Based
			Monday 8	Thanksgiving
			Tuesday 9	New student registration opens for 2019-2020
			Friday 19	BCTF Provincial Pro-d Day
November	21	20	Monday 12	Schools closed for Remembrance Day
			Tuesday 13	Non-instructional day – Ministry Designated
December	15	15	Friday 21	Last day before winter vacation
			Dec. 24 - Jan. 4	Winter vacation period
January	19	19	Monday 7	Schools re-open
			Monday 28	Second semester begins (subject to change)
Semester 1	96	92		
February	19	18	Friday 15	Non-instructional day - Regional
			Monday 18	Family Day
March	11	11	Friday 15	Last day before spring vacation
			Mon.- Friday 18-29	Schools closed
April	20	19	Friday 19	Good Friday
			Monday 22	Easter Monday
			Tuesday 23	Non-instructional day – School Based
			Wednesday 24	Schools re-open
May	22	21	Friday 17	Non-instructional day – School Based
			Monday 20	Victoria Day
June	20	19	Thursday 27	Last day for students
			Friday 28	Administrative Day – schools not in session
Semester 2	92	88		
TOTAL	188	180		

Eight non-instructional days

- 6 Professional Development Days
- 1 Curriculum Implementation Day
- 1 Administrative Day

Curriculum Implementation is a day of instruction.
As per BCTF-MOE agreement students do not attend.

Ministry of Education minimum hours of instruction 2018-2019	
Grade	Hours
Kindergarten	848
Grades 1-7	873
Grades 8-12	947