GROW Newsletter – September 19th to 23rd



Contact My School

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Contact Yet?

For returning students, please be aware that the GROW Staff is working towards contacting all students to ensure that they have their Learning Plans created and substantive assignment provided to them. If you have not been contacted yet (or perhaps missed the call), please call the GROW Center at 250-398-5800 to set-up an appointment.

Changes to Opening Hours

Due to the sudden passing of Queen Elizabeth, Monday September 19th was declared a Non-Instructional Day due to the Queen's funeral, and as such all schools including GROW will be closed on Monday September 19th.

Friday September 23rd is a Professional Development Day for teachers in School District No. 27. Therefore, GROW will be closed to students on Friday September 23rd.

English Classes at GROW this Year

If you are a grade 10, 11, or 12 student needing an English Class this year, GROW no longer offers English Classes. This fact is discussed with the student at their Learning Plan Meeting. If a student needs this class, they have the choice of attending PSO, Lake City Secondary, or sighing up at another Distance Learning School to take their English Course.

District Cross Country Run for Students in Grade 3 to 7

The School District hosts a cross-country run each year for all schools within SD#27. The event this year takes place on Friday, October 7th @ 11:00 am in Williams Lake.

The race is open to all grade 3 - 7 students in our program (8 year old to 12 year old girls and boys).

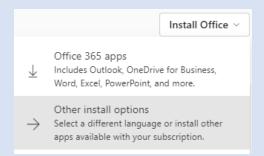
We are able to have up to 10 runners in each age group, so please sign up soon so that we know how many runners we will have for each category (we also have GROW Jerseys for student to wear during the event)!

Please let Ms. Tomlinson (via email) know if you would like to Participate by September 30th.

Finally, we have more information on this event on the GROW Website, so please check our website.

How Do I Download My Free Version of Office 365?

Every student gets a free version of Office 365 that they can install on five different devices that they own. To do this, login to Office 365 (Find It Fast at the top of the www.sd27.bc.ca website), choose "Install Office" on the top right-hand corner and then "Office 365 Apps." Follow the prompts to download the free version of Office 365.



How Do I Get an Email Address?

All students in School District No. 27 receive an email address to communicate with their teacher. All email addresses follow the convention of: firstname.lastname@sd27.bc.ca
For example, the address could be: joe.who@sd27.bc.ca

To access your email, choose **Find It Fast** at the top of the www.sd27.bc.ca web page and choose Office 365. If you do not know your password, please contact your teacher.

Who are the Teachers?

This year the teachers are:

- Ms. Ivey (Grades K 3)
- Ms. Tomlinson (Grades 4 − 7)

- Mr. Matieshen (Grades 8 and 9)
- Mr. Wiebe (Grades 10 12)

PAC Meeting

Wednesday September 14th the GROW PAC Meeting occurred at the Scout Island Event. Attended by nine PAC Members, plans were made for PAC Events for the year and the expenditure of funds. Thank you to the PAC Executive and all who attended! The PAC has a page on our website, and it will be populate with Meeting Minutes and other Pertinent information. As always, all parents are encouraged to attend and participate in our PAC!

Web Site

The GROW Program has its own website where you can get information on our school. The website is found at:

https://www.sd27/bc.ca/grow

Highlights include:

- Registration Information
- Program Information
- School Information such as Learning Plans
- Important Calendar Events

Please check the website often as changes will be added frequently on important information you need to know.