

GROW Newsletter – January 30th to February 3rd



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Changes to Distance Education

Starting April 14, 2023, GROW can no longer enroll students who live outside the School District (this does not affect any of our current students as they all currently reside in the School District boundaries). What is happening is that the Province is working towards having six "big" Distance Learning Schools that service the whole province, but each individual school district can still operate and serve students within their boundaries. If you have any questions on this new policy, please contact Ken.

Mount Timothy Ski Trip

GROW is sponsoring a Ski / Snow Board / Snow Shoe Trip to Mount Timothy Recreation Resort on Thursday February 9th. There are many details to the trip which is considered a high-risk event ([all this information is available on our GROW website along with the two forms that must be completed](#)).



The highlights include:

- Both forms must be back to (virginia.ivey@sd27.bc.ca) by Monday January 30th to attend the event (Mount Timothy needs the information to arrange their equipment rental and staff).
- Parents/Guardians must drive their child or children to the ski hill.
- Legally, parents cannot carpool to the ski hill.
- All parents/guardians and students must attend a mandatory online Teams Meeting on Monday February 6th to review the stipulations of this high-risk activity (failure to attend the meeting means that the child cannot attend the event).
- Parents/chaperones must accompany their child(ren) on the ski hill.

- Two GROW Staff members will be at the ski hill.
- All students must take a ski lesson for either ski or snow board (Beginner, Novice, Intermediate).
- Students cannot exchange their rented skis for snow boards or vice versa during the event (no flipping).
- GROW will pay for the student lessons.
- The GROW PAC will be paying for student lift passes and the adult parent/chaperone lift passes.
- If rental of equipment is required, parents/guardians must pay for the rental.
- Helmets are mandatory for all students.
- Students will need to bring appropriate clothing, lunch, and refreshments.
- There is a cafeteria at the Resort that will be open.
- GROW PAC will have snacks available for students throughout the event.



New Year, and New Primary Social Group Session!

Ms. Ivey is offering an opportunity for the K – 4 students to come to the GROW Classroom once a week on Fridays from 10:00 - 12:00 to engage in constructive play. The focus will be on oral language development and social interaction. During the two-hour session we also have access to the Marie Sharpe Gym for 45 minutes; therefore, students will start their session with a 45 Minute Gym Class. Students can bring a snack to eat during “snack time.” Please contact Ms. Ivey (virginia.ivey@sd27.bc.ca) before the social group date to confirm your child’s attendance as only students that have confirmed by the day before will be able to attend. The next date will be Friday February 3rd, 2023.

[Please go to the GROW Website to print and complete the forms if you intend to attend our event.](#)

Kindergarten Registration

In preparation for 2023 – 2024, Kindergarten Registration is ongoing. If you would like your child to attend GROW for Kindergarten next year, please contact GROW for an appointment to discuss with us how Kindergarten operates and if GROW meets the needs of you and your Kindergarten child. Note that a child must be Five years old on or before December 31st, 2024 to attend Kindergarten starting in September.

Bull Mountain Ski Trip

Thank you to all students and parents who attended the Bull Mountain Cross Country Ski Trip! GROW is proud to sponsor events that bring us all together!



PAC Event!

The PAC of GROW is holding an event for grades K – 9. On Friday March 3rd, the agenda is:

- Kindergarten to Grade 4 at GROW's Friday Primary Social (10 am until Noon)
- Older students (Grades 5 and Up) at the swimming pool in Williams Lake (10 am - Noon)
- Lunch at Community Arts Council provided by PAC (12:15 pm - 12:45 pm)
- Art Program funded by PAC for all Grades (12:45 pm - 2:45 pm)
- Gym Time at Chilcotin Road (3:00 pm - 4:30 pm)

The Community Arts Council is located at the old Fire Hall in Williams Lake:

90 North 4th Avenue
Williams Lake, BC, V2G 2C6
Canada

You do not need to pre-enroll for these sessions except to let Ms. Ivey know that you

are attending her session before Thursday March 2nd (virginia.ivey@sd27.bc.ca).

Gym Time At Chilcotin Road

Every month GROW will be sponsoring Gym Time for 90 Minutes at one of our School Gyms. Available for students aged K – 9, the event is intended to allow the students to use the equipment in the Gym and participate in activities that contribute towards their Physical Education Course.

The next event will occur after the Art Program on March 3rd. The Details of the event are:

Time: 3:00 pm until 4:30 pm

Location:

Chilcotin Road Elementary
709 Lyne Road
Williams Lake, BC

Map Location: [Chilcotin Road Elementary](#)

Report Cards

Grades 8 to 12 in the GROW Distance Learning Program are coming up upon the half-way point of the year, and as such they will be receiving a report card at the beginning of February. As the date approaches, more information will be forthcoming.

PAC Information

The PAC has a page on the GROW website, and the minutes of the latest meeting are posted on this website. As always, all parents are encouraged to attend and participate in our PAC! If you have any questions, the contact emails for the PAC Executive is on our PAC website:

[Parent Advisory Committee](#)

GROW Library

The GROW Library is a “One Stop Shop” for print and online resources. [The link to the Library is via this link](#), or via the [GROW Website](#) under the Programs Heading. Accessible from any computer or mobile device, the [GROW Library](#) provides two resource options for Students:

Option One:

GROW has a Book Library. Once you find your book, please contact your teacher with the name of the book to reserve your choice (note that you may take out more than one book for an unlimited amount of time).



Option Two:

GROW has online resources available via the BC Digital Collection (all resources are online). As discussed in previous Weekly

Newsletters, all students have access to this online library for resources that are available from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Given the GROW Library, these links are now available on this site so users can quickly access the links.

To access the online collection, you may need to enter a username and password. Please use:

Username: **sd27bc**

Password: **sd27bc**

GROW Web Site

GROW’s website is found at:
<https://www.sd27/bc.ca/grow>

Highlights include:

- Ongoing News of GROW Events
- Program Information
- School Information such as Learning Plans
- Important Calendar Events
- Links to GROW Library

Please check the website often as changes are added every week on important information you need to know.