

GROW Newsletter – November 7th to 11th, 2022



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Online Remembrance Day Ceremony Via Teams

GROW will hold an online Remembrance Day Ceremony via Microsoft Teams on Thursday November 10th. The intent of the Ceremony is to have a solemn event respecting current and past Canadians who served in our Armed Forces. The event will start at 11:00 am, and the agenda will be:

- Singing of O'Canada
- History and Reason for Remembrance Day
- Story – Every Object Tells a Story
- Story of and Reading of In Flanders Fields
- Two Minutes of Silence
- Playing of Music: Last Post

The link for the online event will be sent out via email, be available on the GROW Website, [or by choosing this link](#).

Remembrance Day

As Friday November 11th is Remembrance Day, GROW will be closed and reopen on Monday November 14th.

Report Cards – Junior High and Senior High

Grades 8 to 12 students in GROW (students who are not adults) will be receiving their report cards the week of November 14th. Given the distributed nature of our students, the report cards will be sent out via MyEducation BC (our student management program) whereby the students and parents/guardians will be able to login to MyEducation BC and examine their report card. As we get closer to the date of the report cards, you will be receiving more information via email regarding how you may access your MyEducation BC Account. Finally, paper copies of your report cards are still available, and will be provided by GROW upon request.

PAC Sponsored Scout Island Event!

Sponsored by the PAC of GROW, on Monday November 21st GROW Families from Kindergarten to Grade 9 are invited to Scout Island in Williams Lake from 11:30 am until 2:45 pm. Student will participate in the following activities:

- 11:30 – 12:00: Arrive, get settled, make name tags, and explore the Nature House.
- 12:00 – 12:30: “Get-to-Know-You Game” followed by bagged lunch provided by the PAC.
- 12:30 – 1:20: K to Grade 3 Explore the World of Bats! Grades 4 to 9 “Learn-Practice-Reflect” on First Aide for Hypothermia.
- 1:20 – 1:30: Break with snack provided by the PAC
- 1:30 – 2:45: K to Grade 3 Listen to the story about a very special bat called “Stellaluna,” followed by a bat craft and outdoor games. Grades 4 to 9 Explore the World of Raptors!

Note: Parents Must Remain in Attendance During the Event as this is NOT a GROW Staff Sponsored Event.

Finally, to make the event all-inclusive for all grades, students in Grade 10 – 12 in GROW are also invited to the event to:

- Help at the Name Tag and Lunch Table (Includes Set-Up and Clean-Up).
- Assist in Facilitating and Learning / Practice of First Aide with the Grade 4 – 9 Group.
- Assist with the Reading of the Story “Stellaluna” with the K to Grade 3 Group.

- Help the K to Grade 3 Group during the “Bat Craft.”

Please email angelikasellick@hotmail.com before November 21st if you intend on attending this PAC event with the name of the attendee, grade, and any dietary instructions regarding lunch.

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 first event will occur after the Scout Island event on November 21st. 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](#)

GROW Library

GROW now has an online Library which will be 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. This Library is focused on English Books that are required for students to complete their course (this is especially true for the Junior High Students who need a book to Read for their English Class).



The Book Library also has books that students may use for Free Reading.

Please use the Search Option (located at the top of the GROW Library website) to find

your book. 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**

Primary 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 10:30 - 12:00 to engage in constructive play. The focus will be on oral

language development and social interaction. Students can bring a snack to eat during “snack time.” The last primary Social occurred this past Friday. Please contact Ms. Ivey (virginia.ivey@sd27.bc.ca) before that 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 November 18th.

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 \(sd27.bc.ca\)](https://www.sd27.bc.ca/pac)

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.