

GROW Newsletter – January 16th to 20th, 2023



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Kindergarten Registration

In preparation for 2023 – 2024, Kindergarten Registration begins this week. 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.

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 January 20th, 2023.



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.

Ukulele Lessons – Survey Due Monday!

GROW is surveying its students and parents/guardians regarding online Ukulele lessons – are you interested?



Note the following on the lessons:

- Students from grades Two to Twelve can attend (we may break the students into age groups)
 - GROW would supply the Ukulele to the students
 - No cost to the family
 - Student would need access to a computer and internet access (lessons come to your home via Zoom)
 - Students can record the lessons for playback so that they may practice between the lessons
 - Lessons occur every week for one hour
 - Lessons would be ongoing over a period of months (until June, but we are unsure of the start date until we determine the level of interest)
 - There is online recitals that occur on a regular basis as the student progresses in the class (allowing others to watch)
 - Please complete the survey below to allow us to determine the level of interest (complete by January 16th, 2023)
- Note that the Survey is also located on the GROW Website

Ukulele Survey

Cross Country Skiing – Forms Due Monday!

On Tuesday January 24th, 2023, GROW is sponsoring an event at the Williams Lake Cross-Country Ski Club at Bull Mountain for lessons and fun! Please note the following details for the event:

- The cost of the lessons and ski equipment (if the students does not have their own equipment) will be covered by GROW.
- All lessons and rental equipment will be supplied by the WLCCSC.
- Students need to ensure that they have warm clothes (mittens, toque, winter jacket, winter ski pants, winter boots), snacks, and water to drink.
- Parents must drive their child(ren) to Bull Mountain.
- Parents must accompany their children on the trip with their own ski equipment or rented equipment from the Williams Lake Cross-Country Ski Club. While all ski lessons and rentals for students is covered by GROW, the cost of the day's skiing and rental for parents is \$15.00, but the PAC will cover this cost for one Parent/Guardian per family.
- The GROW Parent Advisory Committee will be supplying lunch for the event.
- All students must participate in a lesson on cross country skiing at Bull Mountain by the staff of Bull Mountain. Lessons will be broken into Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced depending upon the student skill level (previous

experience). Lessons will occur for three hours in the morning (9:30 am until 12:00 pm).

As a parent, there are two forms that need to be completed and sent back to us by January 16th, 2023 (**the forms are on the GROW Website**).

The two forms to complete are:

- School District Waiver Form (one form for each child in your family).
- Williams Lake Cross Country Ski Club Waiver form.

Please drop off the waivers at GROW, mailed to GROW via Canada Post, or scanned and emailed back to Ken, Virginia, or Lacey.



Agenda of the day is:

9:00 am Students arrive and Students broken into appropriate skill levels and put on their ski equipment

9:30 am - 12:00 pm Students receive lessons (Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced) from the Bull Mountain Staff

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Lunch

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm Students broken into skill levels and taken out onto the ski trails

2:30 pm Event concludes

The cost of the lessons and ski equipment (if the students does not have their own equipment) will be covered by GROW.

PAC Survey for Year End Camping Activity

Interested in your Family attending a GROW Distance Learning Camp in the Spring? Please complete the questionnaire below to help the PAC decide upon the event location and time. All meals will be provided, private cabins for each family , and the PAC will cover the cost of all GROW learners and one guardian. **Note that this is not a GROW Staff sponsored event, and as such a parent guardian must be in attendance at all times with their children during the duration of the event.**

[SURVEY FOR SPRING CAMPING LINK](#)

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 \(sd27.bc.ca\)](#)

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.