

Welcome to 2022 -2023!



Contact My School

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Who is Mr. Matieshen?

My Name is Mr. Matieshen and I am the School Principal for GROW. My experience has been in many schools and all grades with a passion for Technology whether it be in education or other avenues (such as 3D Printing or creation of applications). I look forward to meeting all of you!

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)

GROW – Distance Education?

Each of us enter Distance Education for different reasons, but the Goal is for you to have a successful experience by connecting with your teacher, other students, and focusing on your interests as much as possible to ensure that you stay engaged in your studies. In the end, Distance Education is a personal choice requiring extraordinary commitment from the

student and their supporters (such as parents) to make it successful.

So, as we start the new school year, ask yourself as a student, who are my supporters, and what do they need to do make me successful?

How Much Time Do I Need to Devote to School?

Everyone is different based upon how “fast” they work, but a student should devote between 15 and 20 hours a week on their studies (five hours a course).

1. How will you manage your time?
2. Do you have someone who will keep you on track?

Learning Plans

All students need to have a Learning Plan each school year. What is a Learning Plan? A Learning Plan is a document made between you and your teacher on what you are going to accomplish this school year. To that end, all students will be meeting with the School Principal and their Teacher as soon as possible to develop their Learning Plan; you may

schedule a meeting with your teacher as soon as possible to create your Learning Plan by calling 250-398-5800 to create an appointment. Otherwise, we will be contacting you to schedule an appointment.

Web Site

The GROW Program now has its own website where you can get information on our school. The website is found at: www.sd27/bc.ca/grow
Highlights include:

- Registration Information
- Program Information
- School Information such as Learning Plans

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

More to Come!

To keep you connected with your School, you will be receiving a newsletter every week. The newsletter will come out via email and also be posted on the School District Web Site.

Final Words!

A new school year is always exhilarating and scary at the same time. I am sure you are struggling as a student or as a supporter of that student with what the next ten month will present, but please be aware that we at GROW are devoted to your success both short term and long term. Hence, please reach out to your school whenever you have questions or are struggling – don't be shy!



See You Soon!