# GROW Newsletter – February 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> 2023



#### **Contact My School**

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# 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. 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. You will know that your report card is ready for viewing when you receive an email (both students and parents) telling you to login to MyEducation BC. If you do not know your login information for MyEducation BC, please email Ken Matieshen and he will assist you with MyEducation BC. Finally, paper copies of your report cards are still available, and will be provided by GROW upon request.

## Mount Timothy Ski Trip

GROW is sponsoring a Ski / Snow Board / Snow Shoe Trip to Mount Timothy Recreation Resort on Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>. There are many details to the trip which is considered a high-

risk event (all this information is available on our GROW website).

All parents/guardians and students must attend a mandatory online Teams Meeting on Monday February 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am (all Students and Parents have been sent the meeting link for Monday's Meeting) to review the stipulations of this high-risk activity (failure to attend the meeting means that the child cannot attend the 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to attend Kindergarten starting in September.

# PAC Sponsored Camping Weekend

The GROW PAC is sponsoring a camping weekend for students and their parents/guardians. The camp will occur at Lake of the Trees Camp, and will start on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> until Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>. More information about the event will be forthcoming in the near future from the PAC. Note that this event is not sponsored by GROW, and is entirely organized and sponsored by the GROW PAC.

## **Primary Social Group!**

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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



#### **PAC Event!**

The PAC of GROW is holding an event for grades K - 9. On Friday March  $3^{rd}$ , 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 2<sup>nd</sup> (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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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

#### **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: <a href="https://www.sd27/bc.ca/grow">https://www.sd27/bc.ca/grow</a>

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.
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