GROW Newsletter – February 20th to 24th 2023



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Course Completions

Given that the academic year is over half completed, please be aware that your course completions should reflect half-way completion. Guidelines provided by your teacher will allow you to determine your current progress, and of course always ask your teacher if you have questions.

Primary Social Group!

Ms. Ivey is offering an opportunity for the K-4students 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 24th, 2023.



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

Note that at Arts Council there will be both a music and art program, and at the pool there will be some skill-based learning time.

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

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 6th until Monday May 8th. Note that this event is not sponsored by GROW, and is entirely organized and sponsored by the GROW PAC.

If you intend to attend Lake of the Trees, a \$50.00 refundable deposit by Friday, March 31st needs to be provided to the GROW office which will be picked up the GROW PAC. In addition, interested families will need to email Bonnie Warden at billwarden19@gmail.com and let her know who in their family will be attending (including all GROW students, non-GROW students, and adults).

PAC General Meeting

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

The next PAC General Meeting will occur at the Community Arts Council event on Friday March 3rd at 12:45 pm (following the PAC Sponsored lunch).

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.

Option Two: GROW has online resources available via the BC Digital Collection (all resources are online).

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.