# GROW Newsletter – October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 4th



#### **Contact My School**

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# PAC Sponsored Scout Island Event!

Sponsored by the PAC of GROW, on Monday November 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 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 21<sup>st</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

# Report Cards – Junior High and Senior High

As a reminder, the ¼ time period of the school year is upcoming, and as such Report Cards for the students Under 19 years of age and in grades 8 - 12 will be upcoming in November. In preparation for report cards, all students are reminded to work as diligently as possible so that your teacher can report on your courses with numerous work samples, quizzes, and tests.

# Online Remembrance Day Ceremony Via Teams

GROW will hold and online Remembrance Day Ceremony via Microsoft Teams on Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>. The intent of the Ceremony is to have a solemn event respecting current and veteran 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 and be available on the GROW Website.

## **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 <u>GROW Library</u> 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  $4^{th}$ .

## **Bright Red Book Shelf**

The Bright Red Bookshelf that located in the front office area of GROW holds books that are meant to be taken home by our students. There is no charge. We love putting books in the hands of students!



#### **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 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.