

GROW Newsletter – November 21st to 25th, 2022

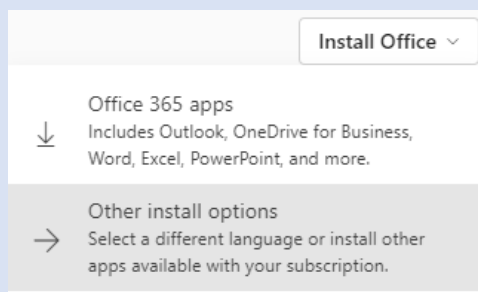


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How Do I Download My Free Version of Office 365?

Every student gets a free version of Office 365 that they can install on five different devices that they own. To do this, login to Office 365 (**Find It Fast** at the top of the www.sd27.bc.ca website), choose “Install Office” on the top right-hand corner and then “Office 365 Apps.” Follow the prompts to download the free version of Office 365.



Professional Development

Friday November 25th is a Teacher Professional Development Day, and as such GROW will not be open.

Digital Visit to the Royal BC Museum

We are excited to announce that we are offering a Digital Visit to the Royal BC Museum in Victoria. Students and families are welcome to join us as we explore First Nations Innovations with the knowledgeable staff at the museum. All you need is a computer with a camera, audio, and microphone (there will be opportunities to ask questions and make comments).

Sign up is first come first serve! There are only 40 seats available, so please let us know if you are able to join us (please email your teacher if you are interested in joining the session).

The Digital visit will take place:

When: Tuesday, November 22nd

Time: 10:30am

Duration: 45minutes

Learning objectives:

- Analyze the exchanges of ideas, practices, and materials involving First Nations pre-contact and post-contact

- Describe traditional BC First Nations technologies, including the uses of plants and animals

PAC Sponsored Scout Island Event!

Sponsored by the PAC of GROW, on Monday November 21st GROW Families from Kindergarten to Grade 9 are invited to Scout Island in Williams Lake from 11:30 am until 2:45 pm.

Note: Parents Must Remain in Attendance During the Event as this is NOT a GROW Staff Sponsored Event.

Please email angelikasellick@hotmail.com before November 21st if you intend on attending this PAC event with the name of the attendee, grade, and any dietary instructions regarding lunch.

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 this Monday November 21st. 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](#)

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**

Featured this week is **National Geographic for Kids** (really any age as the articles are fun and interesting to read!).

One such Article is **Hippo Rescue**. A baby Hippopotamus was found orphaned, and an article with many pictures and interesting tidbits was written on how he was rescued.



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.” 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 December 2nd, 2022.



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 \(sd27.bc.ca\)](https://www.sd27.bc.ca/grow)

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.