

# GROW Newsletter – February 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2023

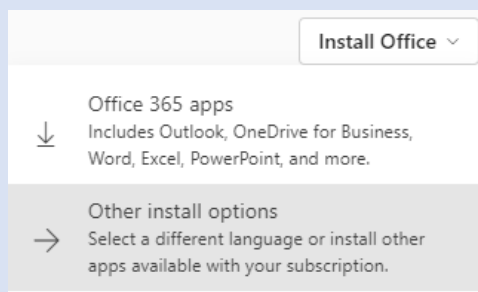


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## How Do I Download My Free Version of Office 365?

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](http://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 Day and Family Day

Friday February 17<sup>th</sup> is a Teacher Professional Development Day, and as such GROW will not be open. Furthermore, Monday February 20<sup>th</sup> is

Family Day and GROW will also be closed. See you on the 21<sup>st</sup>!

## Report Cards – Junior High and Senior High

Grades 8 to 12 students in GROW (students who are not adults) received their report cards this past week. Given the distributed nature of our students, the report cards were 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. If you have difficulties getting your report card online 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 sponsored a Ski / Snow Board / Snow Shoe Trip to Mount Timothy Recreation Resort on Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the 27 Parents and Students who attended along with Lacey and Virginia. Fun was Had by All!

## 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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



## PAC Event!

The PAC of GROW is holding an event for grades K – 9. On Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> ([virginia.ivey@sd27.bc.ca](mailto: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 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>. 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](mailto:billwarden19@gmail.com) and let her know who in their family will be attending (including all GROW students, non-GROW students, and adults).

## 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:  
<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.