

GROW Newsletter – October 17th to 21st, 2022



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Assessments

As a student and supporting parent many of you may have received information regarding reading or writing assessments. These assessments are being completed for many reasons:

1. It allows the teacher to determine the student's current level in reading or writing to ensure that the supplied curriculum meets the learner's needs.
2. It allows us at GROW to have a benchmark for each student that we can compare against at the end of the school year (we will do the assessment again in May/June and determine the level of improvement for each student).
3. Finally, since we do not see student's everyday (such as in a regular school setting), these assessments allow us as teachers to determine how to better support the students.

Professional Development

Friday October 21st is a Teacher Professional Development Day, and as such GROW will not be open.

Mountain Biking!

On Thursday, October 20th from 10 am – 12 pm we will be taking students on a Mountain Bike Trip on the Fox Mountain Trail System in Williams Lake. Please note the following on the trip:

1. Bikers will only be using the Green Runs which are for beginner and great for all skill levels.
2. Bikers meet at 10:00 am on Ross Road in Williams Lake to begin their adventure.
3. Lunch will be provided by the PAC!
4. Bikers must ensure that they have the proper gear for biking which includes a helmet, bike, water bottle, and running shoes.
5. Bikers need to dress for the weather (layering your clothing is a great idea as it can be cooler in the morning).
6. Finally, as a condition of attending, parents must bring a bike and ride with the students.

If you are interested in attending this event, please email Ms. Ivey or Ms. Tomlinson and a trip registration form will be sent to you:

virginia.ivey@sd27.bc.ca or
lacey.tomlinson@sd27.bc.ca.

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 first 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 October 28th (Halloween Theme)!

On-Line Library Collection

As a home-schooling student, you do not easily have access to a school library. This week we are going to highlight another resource on the [BC Digital Collection](#) – Gale in Context.

Gale in Context is orientated towards grade 7 to 12 students. The site itself is devoted towards focusing on Canadian Content that is both current (it is updated daily), and Canadian History. The site has a search menu whereby one can type in a specific topic, but it also has 1,261 Topics that one can browse. Finally, the site has materials for each topic broken into various sections such as:

1. Printed Materials
2. Videos
3. Web Sites
4. Images
5. Audio Recordings
6. Magazines

Please Explore Gale in Context!



To get to the Library, you would:

1. Go to <https://www.sd27.bc.ca>
2. Choose Parents & Students
3. Then Learning Resources
4. You will then see BC Digital Collection whereby you will choose the Link

To access the collection, you may need to enter a username and password. Please use:

Username: sd27bc

Password: sd27bc

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:

- Registration Information
- Program Information
- School Information such as Learning Plans
- Important Calendar Events

Please check the website often as changes will be added frequently on important information you need to know.