

GROW

Newsletter –

April 10th to

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Highlights This Week Include:

GROW for 2023 - 2024
Course Completion Dates
Virtual Field Trip
PAC Event

GROW for 2023 – 2024

Attached to this week's newsletter is the Education Committee Agenda of School District No. 27. Page 9 and 10 discusses GROW for next year. In summary, GROW for 2023 – 2024 will:

1. Not offer grades 8 to 12.
2. Focus on K – 7.
3. Centrally relocate GROW based upon student addresses - Lac La Hache Elementary seems to fit this description so far.

A meeting was held with the GROW PAC this past Thursday to discuss the changes and provide the opportunity for feedback, and any comment/feedback you may have to the

changes can also be sent to Ken Matieshen via email to ken.matieshen@sd27.bc.ca or via a phone call to Ken at 250-305-7955.

Easter Time

Due to Good Friday and Easter Monday, GROW will be closed on Friday April 7th and Monday April 10th as these are Statutory Holidays. GROW will reopen on Tuesday April 11th.

Course Completion Dates

The time period of April to June 2023 is the last stretch of the school year for completion of all courses for the 2022 – 2023 academic year. For all students (K – 12 including adult students) all courses must be completed by June 2023 as there is no summer school option at GROW.

Note the time periods below regarding course completions:

- All schoolwork must be submitted to the Kindergarten to Grade 7 teachers by Friday June 9th, 2023.
- All schoolwork must be submitted to the Grade 8 and 9 teacher by Friday June 23rd, 2023.

- All schoolwork must be submitted to the Grade 10, 11 and 12 teacher (including Adult Learners) by Friday June 23rd, 2023.

Virtual Learning Sessions and a Field Trip

To engage our students in a Virtual Learning Session/Field Trip, GROW has planned the following:

On April 18 at 10:30, Jim Costley from the BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI) will present a 30 - 45 minute virtual session called, "Forest Machines." During this session Jim will show & tell about machines that are used in logging in the BC interior.

On May 18 at 10:00, Jim will present an animated virtual tour of a sawmill and how it works.

On June 21 COFI and GROW will sponsor a "Mill Event," which is a live, in-person tour of a Williams Lake sawmill! Exact times and location will be finalized and announced at a later date. Note that since this is a School District activity, District Field Trip Consent Forms will be required.

Please let Ms. Virginia Ivey know if you are interested in some, or all of these sessions. A zoom link will be sent to those families interested.

Student Learning Survey

Each year the Ministry of Education surveys students and parents/guardians regarding their level of satisfaction with the BC School System (this information is shared back to the school district and the schools for planning purposes). Given this fact, students and parents in these grades received an email this past week with

the login information to complete this survey. If you did not receive the login information, please contact Ken at ken.matieshen@sd27.bc.ca. Thank You for Doing the Survey!

PAC Event in 100 Mile House!

The PAC of GROW is holding an event for grades K – 9 on Monday April 24th. *Note that this is not a GROW sponsored event, and as such Parents/Guardians must remain in attendance during the event.* The tentative agenda is:

1. 9:45 a.m. Arrive at RCMP Detachment in 100 Mile House (841 Alder Ave). [To see its location, click here.](#)
2. 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Welcome/Ice-Breakers & Tour of the RCMP Detachment Centre (including a look inside a cruiser car & conversation about what an officer wears on their body).
3. 11 a.m.-12:50 p.m. Meet at Centennial Park (2 minute drive from the RCMP detachment). [To see its location map, click here.](#) Hike up to waterfalls (45 minutes there & back). Will be accompanied by Mr. Martin Kruus, an educator from Scout Island whom we've had the pleasure of learning from before. Mr. Kruus will share with students many tidbits of natural science along the hike. Lunch will be put out at noon, and students can enjoy the playground in Centennial Park.
4. 1:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. Meet at 108 Mile Ranch Heritage site parking lot just off the highway. [To see its location, click here.](#) With Martin from Scout Island students will engage in educational learning points as they explore the Mile 108 Heritage Site and surrounding area.

5. 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Gym Time at 108 Elementary School (4958 Easzee Dr.). Sponsored by GROW. [To see its location, click here.](#)

Finally, Snacks and Lunch will be provided by the PAC, but you need to bring a Water Bottle. Finally, you do not need to pre-enroll for these sessions, and you can attend some of the sessions with no obligation to attend all.

Gym Time At Mile 108

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 PAC Event in 100 Mile House on Monday April 24th. The Details of the event are:

Time: 3:00 pm until 4:30 pm

Location:

Mile 108 Elementary

4958 Easzee Drive

108 Mile Ranch, BC

Map Location: [Mile 108 Elementary](#)

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) 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 April 14th, 2023.

Gym Time



Group Time



Upcoming PAC Events

May 6th to 8th: Camping Weekend at Lake of the Trees

June 1st: Full Day of activities at Gavin Lake Recreation Area

GROW PAC

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 last PAC General Meeting occurred on Friday March 3rd; the minutes of this meeting are posted on the [PAC Website](#).

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).