



**Bouchie Lake**  
Elementary School

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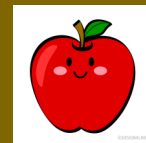
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# October 2024 Newsletter

## Hello Bouchie Lake Families!

- ◇ Students missing bus passes please let office know, or contact the Bus garage directly
- ◇ Lost & Found has Accumulated a lot since the beginning-be sure to stop by and see if your students belongs are there!
- ◇ Breakfast Program is open @ 7:30 and welcome to all students & Donations are always welcome



## STUDENT ABSENCES

It is important to contact the school in the event your student will be absent or late. The school remains open on days when the school buses are cancelled, **but please let us know if your child will be staying home due to buses being cancelled.**

Student absences can be reported three ways: call the school 250-249-5913, email the school at [bouchielake@sd28.bc.ca](mailto:bouchielake@sd28.bc.ca), or complete the online form at: <https://bouchielake.sd28.bc.ca/>

### Parking and Student Drop off / Pick up

Please do not stop or park in the bus lane, Student drop off is at the far end of the parking lot; closest to the playground.



**Thank you for your cooperation!**

### Bell Schedule

8:10	First Bell Rings
8:15	Classes Begin
10:00	Recess Begins
10:15	Recess Ends
11:45	Lunch Begins (Play Time)
12:20	Lunchtime
12:40	Warning Bell
12:44	Afternoon Classes Begin
2:23	Dismissal

# October

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*Terry Fox  
Run*

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*Lockdown  
Drill*

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*Shakeout  
drill*

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*PAC Meet-  
ing 3:30*

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Fall Festival  
6:00 - 8:00  
PM

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*NI Day  
No School*

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Parent/Teacher inter-  
views

Early Dismissal  
@ 11:23  
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Arlene Horutko (Carrier Language, Culture,  
and History)  
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# Bouchie Lake Elementary

## Monthly Reminders



**FALL WEATHER:** As we slowly get into Fall the mornings are cooler and the afternoon tends to warm up, please remember to dress your child(ren) for the appropriate weather: jackets are encouraged as we will be doing daily outdoor activities! It is helpful if names are on boots, coats, and other clothing items. Please ensure your child (ren) are provided with extra pairs of pants, and socks for the wetter days.

**ATTENTION PARENTS AND VISITORS:** Our doors are open between 8:00am and 3:30pm but all parents and visitors are asked to report the office when they come to the school. It is important for safety reasons that we know who is in the school at all times, Students must be checked out if they are leaving early.

**DISTRICT LUNCH PROGRAM:** The District Lunch Program is available for students in families experiencing financial hardship. Please come to the office and fill out a form if you wish your child to be on the district lunch program.

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** The Bouchie Lake Breakfast Club is available in the Gym between 7:30 am and 8am. All students are welcome!! We encourage students to be here at 7:45am to get something to eat before it's all gone. No sign up required. We accept donations as well!

**NEW WEBSITE:** Please check out our new website for news about our school! You will find our Events Calendar, Announcements, News Stories, Transportation Information, School Supply lists and much more! <https://bouchielake.sd28.bc.ca/>

**ALLERGIES:** Bouchie is nut aware (all nuts). All School District #28 Schools are Scent and Fragrance free Environments.

**HEALTH & WELLNESS:** Reminder to parents/guardians to please do a health check of your student before sending them to school if they are feeling unwell. Please have them stay home to rest and get better before returning to school.

Visit or website for current announcements and upcoming events!

<https://bouchielake.sd28.bc.ca/>

# PAC FUNDRAISERS



<https://mabelslabels.com/fundraising/support>

Tired of losing your child's belongings? You can order personalized labels that are dishwasher and laundry safe.

Go to the above website and enter "Bouchie Lake Elementary" then you can go ahead and order.

## YOUR GREEN KITCHEN FUNDRAISING

*Fund Your Ideas!*  
*Save The Environment!*

<https://ygkfundraising.ca/>

Go to the website and enter Bouchie Lake Elementary when you check out.

**Ends October 11**

# Indigenous News

## March for Arch with Archie Chantyman

On September 17, 2024 Archie Chantyman invited our school to join him on his journey to create awareness about Reconciliation, and healing for those affected by the Residential Schools!

The walk was about healing, personal reflection, and forgiveness, but also community, learning, and sharing.

Our school did a hot dog fundraiser! We sold over **180** hot dogs-raising over **\$250!!!**



**For those with Indigenous Ancestry, Forms were handed out in the last few weeks.**

**Please be sure to complete and return them back to the office.**



# Safety Drills

## “Shake out”

This earthquake drill is to practice the appropriate procedures in the event that we experience an earthquake.

We will be joining the Great ShakeOut on October 17 for this drill.

## Fire

Fire drills are practiced regularly at all schools. These are done to ensure all staff and students are familiar with the procedure and evacuation routes in the event that we need to evacuate the school. The goal is to have the proper actions be an automatic response so that in the unlikely event the fire alarm sounds everyone can evacuate the building safely.



## Hold and Secure and Lock Down

A hold and secure event happens when there is the possibility that someone is in the vicinity that poses a possible risk to the school community. During a hold and secure students remain in the classrooms and continue with their learning activities until the threat risk has cleared.

A lock down is a higher level threat in which we need to have the students remain very quiet in their classrooms. It is used in the event of an internal threat. It is a very rare occurrence that this is actually used, however it is one of the drills we will be practicing. A email will be sent home on the day we have this drill so that you are aware. It can be a difficult/traumatic drill for some students so we will prepare them ahead of time in order to alleviate the worry and stress for our students.



# School Code of Conduct

## ROLES AND RULES

<b>Personal Digital Devices RULES</b> <i>(includes communication devices)</i>	<b>TEACHER ROLE:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ STEP 1: Hand into office for 1 day</li><li>○ STEP 2: Device to office and parent may need to pick it up. Devices will be returned at the end of the day.</li><li>○ STEP 3: Device Plan - device into the vault each morning and picked up at the end of the day (created with student, family, Principals; defined duration)</li></ul>	<p>STEP 1: Device collected – sent to office to be picked up at end of the day by student. Teacher/Principal will contact parent or guardian. <i>Seal envelope with device in (time, teacher, reason if needed)</i></p> <p>STEP 2: Device collected – sent to office to be picked up by family – P/VP contact home <i>Seal envelope with phone in (time, teacher, reason if needed)</i></p> <p>STEP 3: Device handed in each morning, picked up at end of the day – P/VP tracks plans</p>
REFUSAL = move to step 3, then to In-School Suspension	

**\*\* Smart watches can remain with the student until proven to be used as a communication device, at which time it will be considered as above.\*\***

# Transportation Information



## Reminders:

- ◇ Bus passes are **important** and **mandatory** for students to ride the bus
- ◇ Bus drivers are **required** to have attendance of their bus at all times for safety
- ◇ When having a friend ride the bus home-be sure a parent/guardian calls the bus garage –Notes will not be accepted.

## Missing a bus pass?

Please contact the bus garage  
250-992-8361 or email  
Transportation@sd28.bc.ca

## Bus Safety & Rules

**Remain seated**—No standing or moving seats while bus is in motion

- Pick up your food garbage before exiting bus
- Foul Language is not allowed
- Keep your hands to your self

**Remember riding the bus is a privilege, not a right**

When the weather turns, SD28 works to ensure the safety of all our students and staff. Please re-view our policies and procedures:

[Policy 535](#) - When buses will be cancelled

[Procedure 535](#) - What we will do when buses are cancelled

[Procedures 535A](#) - Cold weather Notice, information for parents





Welcome to our PAC

# FALL FESTIVAL

Located in School Gymnasium

October 24, 2024

6:00 to 8:00 PM

Thank you for joining us!



JOIN US FOR

TAKE ME  
OUTSIDE  
DAY

READY  
SET  
LEARN

FOR AGES 2-5

COME PREPARED; RAIN OR SHINE!  
TO PLAY AND EXPLORE.

**DATE:** OCTOBER 23, 2024

**TIME:** 3:00 - 4:30 P.M.

**LOCATION:** LEBOURDAIS PARK



SD28 Quesnel  
Together we can

# A Free 10 Week Program to Inspire Healthier BC Families in Northern BC



**For families with at least one child ages 8-12**

(an online self-directed option is available for families outside of the age range)

**One parent/caregiver must attend each week**

**Learn together about:** Healthy Eating, Physical Activity, Screen Time & Sleep Routines.

**Program includes:** Q&A's with health professionals and a family cooking class.

**Post-Program:** Families receive a **recreation credit** based on attendance.

**Virtual Via Zoom YMCA BC - Northern BC**  
Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm  
October 15 - December 17, 2024



**Scan QR Code or [Click Here](#) to Register and Learn More**