October 2026 Newsletter

Parent Information

Transportation FIY: Friends will no longer be allowed to take the bus home to play at your house after school.



Breakfast Program open at 7:30 to 8 am. Open to all-enter in side door. Welcome to our new Breakfast Coordinator, Marcie Flokstra. She is an EA in our school, but has a background cooking for large amounts of people! She has been making egg and cheese bites, french toast, 3 different kids of pancakes, Fruit cobblers, baked oatmeal and much more! The kids love her!

Classroom School Supplies was emailed out - Copies can be found on our schools website!

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

School Allergy(s)-Nut aware & All school district # 28 sites are scent/fragrance free.

Student Handbook- Be sure to read the handbook and the **Code of Conduct**. These can be found on our schools website!

Thank you to Desert Hills for their donation towards our breakfast program!

2074 Blackwater Rd, Quesnel BC V2J 7B3
Ph:250-249-5913 / Fax: 250-249-5610

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
- **Complete the online form** at: https://bouchielake.sd28.bc.ca/

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.

Monthly Reminders

WEATHER APPROPRIATE CLOTHING: Please remember to dress your child(ren) for the appropriate weather: Rain or Shine. Extra items for the wet, cold days. Hats and sunscreen for hot days.

ATTENTION PARENTS AND VISITORS: Our school is open between 8:00am and 3:30pm but all parents and visitors are asked to report the office when they come to the school. The front door will be locked during the day. Please ring the doorbell to gain entry to the school. It is important for safety reason 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.

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
4	5 National Teachers Day **School Photos**	6	7 PAC Meeting @ 3:15 PM	8 Hot Lunch Pizza	9	10
11	12 STAT No School	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Div 6 and 7 Gavin Lake Field Trip →	20	21	22 Family Night	23 No School Pro D	24
25	26	27 Hot Lunch Hot Dogs	28 Early Dismissal @ 11:23 am	29 Early Dismissal @ 11:23 am	30 Halloween Dress up day	31 **Halloween**
1	2	3	4 PAC Meeting @ 3:15 PM	5	6	7

PICTURE DAY SCHEDULE



Monday, Oct., 5, 2026

8:30-9:00	Division 7 (grade 7)
9:00-9:45	Division 1 (K/grade 1)
9:45-10:30	Division 4 (grade 3/4)
10:30-11:00	Division 2 (grade 1/2)

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026

8:30-9:00	Division 5 (grade 4/5)
9:00-9:30	Division 3 (grade 2/3)
9:30-10:15	Division 6 (grade 5/6)
10:15	Staff photo followed by Whole school photo at green playground

Missed Photos: Retakes and sibling photos days will be at the West Fraser Timber Park Sundays at noon!

- please make an appointment Teija Kovanen Photography

(Sept 20th, Oct 4th, October 11th, October 18)

Order hand outs for each student will be provided



Fundraising at Bouchie Lake

As you know, during the year we have some larger field trips that happen. We understand this can be cost prohibitive for families. In an effort to help offset the cost of the buses for **Troll, Barkerville and Swimming Lessons**, we are endeavouring to raise some extra funds.

We are creating an account with Return-it. If you would like to help in this way, you can donate bottles in one of two ways:

1. Take your recyclables to the Return-It centre by No Frills and label with our information

2. Drop your recyclables off at the front of the school and we will take it to the Return-It centre.

Any donations received will go directly to cover the cost of busing.

This is still in the works and will keep you updated

so please go a head a keep saving your recyclables

All about the Foundation Skills Assessment

What is the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)?

The FSA is a learning assessment for all grade 4 and 7 students. It focuses on the areas of **literacy** and **numeracy**.

FSA results are one way of measuring how the education system is doing in these key areas. It assesses how students think, communicate and reflect - not just the facts they know.

The FSA is not intended to be used to rank students, teachers, or schools. The FSA is a snapshot of student learning at a moment in time. For parents and caregivers, it tells you where your child is at in their literacy and numeracy development, as well as areas where they may need support. When all students participate, it also gives the Ministry of Education and Child Care a clear picture of how the education system is performing as a whole.

Why is the FSA important?

The Ministry of Education and Child Care sets the standards for what your child learns and, along with teachers, figures out ways to measure how well they are learning. The goal is for your child (and all students in BC) to get a great education that readies them for life after graduation and helps them become educated citizens.

One way the Ministry ensures the quality of student learning is through the FSA. The FSA helps us understand what learning looks like across the entire province. It lets us see how different groups of students are learning and find out where they might need extra help. It also helps us understand how well BC is doing over time.

The Ministry uses this information to make sure that your child's learning is "on track" and that they don't fall behind. This data also allows us to know how BC students are doing in relation to students in other provinces in Canada and the rest of the world. The FSA provides both the Ministry and parents and caregivers with the assurance that students possess the literacy and numeracy skills necessary for their future.

Literacy is your child's ability to understand language and communicate in a variety of ways.

Numeracy is your child's ability to apply important math skills, solve problems, and communicate solutions.

The FSA:

- Is **not** a high-stakes assessment
- Is **not** meant to be used for ranking students, teachers, or schools
- Does **not** impact student marks or report cards
- Provides valuable information about student learning
- Ensures all students are developing a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy
- Guides improvements to BC's education system

Information for Parents and Caregivers

BRITISH COLUMBIA

How will your child participate?

The FSA will be completed by your child as part of their regular classroom learning. Your child does not need to prepare for the assessment. The FSA has five parts that can be spread out over several days or weeks during the fall of your child's grade 4 and 7 school year. Each component of the assessment will never be longer than an hour, so it won't take too much time away from classroom learning. Here is what your child can expect:

Component	Description	Time
Paper-based literacy task	A collaboration activity and 3 written response questions	60 minutes
Online literacy task	30 questions	60 minutes
Paper-based numeracy task	3 written response questions and 1 self-reflection question	45 minutes
Online numeracy task	30 questions	60 minutes
Self-reflection	1 selected-response question and 1 written-response question	5 minutes

Some students may feel nervous about tests. Talking about the FSA at home can help your child understand the purpose of the assessment. It can also help your child feel more confident writing it.

You will receive your child's test booklet back after it has been marked. Marking is done by teachers using the provincial proficiency scale, the same scale used for report cards for kindergarten to Grade 9. For FSA, "Developing" and "Proficient" have been combined on the scale into a single category, so that you know if your child is "On Track" in their literacy and numeracy learning.

Emerging	On Track	Extending
means your child is beginning to understand the expected concepts	means your child mostly understands the expected concepts	means your child is able to apply their learning in new and different ways

Along with written comments from teachers and the proficiency scale on report cards, the FSA results can be another helpful source of information to see where your child is in their literacy and numeracy development and where they can go next in their learning.

How are the FSA results used?

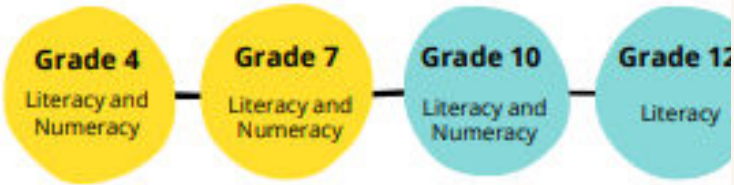
The FSA results offer insights to parents, caregivers, teachers, schools, districts, and the Ministry. They provide valuable information to all levels of the education system that help improve student learning.

- For parents, caregivers, and teachers, these results can show how students are doing in literacy and numeracy.
- Teachers, schools, and districts can use the FSA results to help support classroom teaching. They can see where students are doing well and where they might need more help.
- Schools, districts, and the Ministry can use the FSA results to help make the education system better. The Ministry also relies on the FSA to uphold high learning standards to help all students develop their literacy and numeracy skills.

It's important to know that the FSA results aren't for ranking students, teachers, schools, or districts. Rankings don't help learning and don't make BC's education system better. The FSA is just one data point and doesn't reflect all the teaching and learning that happens in a school. That's why the Ministry doesn't make, share, or support any rankings.

When are literacy and numeracy assessed?

Foundation Skills Assessments **Graduation Assessments**



Contact Us

assessments@gov.bc.ca

Curriculum.gov.bc.ca

Bus Information and Expectations

BUS BEHAVIOUR

A Memo was sent out at the beginning of January regarding student behavior on buses.

Please remind your students that the following are expectations for riding on a school bus:

- Remain seated during the ride. Students are not to be moving around the bus.
- Keep hands to yourself. Students are not to be grabbing the belongings of other students or engaging in any type of rough housing while on the bus.
- Do not throw objects out of the windows.
- Enjoy the ride responsibly
- Listen to the bus driver.

BUS CANCELLATIONS

Please check the SD28 website for notice of cancellations. Buses may be cancelled for cold weather or road conditions. As per the Memo from the School District, if a bus is cancelled in the morning, it remains cancelled for the entire day.

Thank you for helping to ensure safety for everyone on the bus.



Bus Information - Continued

- 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
- Buses can not accommodate transportation to visit a friend after school. We apologize for the inconvenience.



Bus Garage Contact Information:

250-992-8361 or email

Transportation@sd28.bc.ca

PC Powerful Kids

We are very grateful to PC Children's Charity for donating funds to our school to support our families.

Desert Hills Ranch

This amazing place has graciously donated boxes of fruit to our breakfast program. We are very thankful.

Indigenous News

Dahooja!

My name is Jody Baxter (Indigenous Education Support Worker) here at Bouchie Lake Elementary.

I will be sharing local indigenous plant and what it is good for every month.

If you would like share yours, please send them to the school!

Thank you!



Indigenous Dates of Significance:

October 4 MMIWG, 2SLGBTQIA+ National Day of Action





MARCH FOR ARCH





JUNIPER BUSH



Here are a few things you can do and use with juniper bushes.

Smudging and Cleansing:

Respiratory Relief: Urinary and Kidney Health:

Aches and Inflammation:

Digestive Aid:

Flavoring Game Meats:

Dietary Ash:

Survival Food

Insect Repellent:

Harvesting Juniper:

The Golden Rule: Never take more than **10% of a single bush**, and spread your harvest across multiple plants so you do not strip one area.

Size: Cut sprigs that are roughly a hand-length long (about 5 to 7 inches).

Bundling and Drying

Clean the Sprigs:

Bundle While Fresh

Wrap Tightly:

Dry Thoroughly: Hang the bundles upside down in a cool, dark, and well-ventilated space for **2 to 3 weeks**.

PAC NEWS

Who Makes up the PAC??



President & Fundraiser Coordinator:
Melissa Bailey

Vice-President
Nicole Mighton



Treasurer:
Erin Hoffman

Secretary
Katie Kravstov

Hot Lunch Coordinator:
Jade Lillow

PAC Supporter & Staff Rep:
Laura Maitland

Please follow our Bouchie Lake PAC Facebook page as w e will be posting more content this year!

Next PAC Meeting dates will be
Oct 7th @ 3:15 pm

Oct 5th is National Teachers day-lets shower our staff with some LOVE!
PAC will be providing coffee and treats!!

PAC 's New Email Address : bouchielakepac@gmail.com

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PAC NEWS

Fundraising Opportunities

Tired of losing your child's belongings? Check out personalizing them with "Mabel's Labels" This is an ongoing fundraiser that you can access at anytime through the website below and enter "Bouchie Lake Elementary" then you can go ahead and order.

https://mabelslabels.ca/fundraising/support

TREAT TROLLEY IS BACK!! will start in November



We are looking for Parent Volunteers to help with hot lunches!!

If parents are wanting hot lunch days to happen - We need some help to continue to do so!

It only works if parents get involved!!


FREE
SWIM
DAY!
SPLASH, PLAY & HAVE FUN!
OCTOBER 23
1 PM - 3 PM
QUESNEL REC CENTRE
LIONS
INTERNATIONAL
HOSTED BY
QUESNEL
LIONS CLUB