



NORTH CANOE ELEMENTARY

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Safety, Peace, Awesome Attitude, Respect, Kindness

Welcome Back

Dear Canoe Families,

The learning goals of North Canoe Elementary are to improve our writing skills, be proficient in numeracy, and to demonstrate our SPARK. SPARK represents the five virtues of: SAFETY, PEACE, AWESOME ATTITUDE, RESPECT, and KINDNESS. Hopefully, you will be hearing a lot about your child's learning and how we show our SPARK at North Canoe Elementary over the school year.



At North Canoe, we believe in enabling ALL students. The staff and I are committed to the academic success and social development of your child and every student in our building. You should also know that, while I take my role as principal seriously, I believe an elementary school should be a fun place to work and learn. Schools where everyone feels safe and valued are schools that thrive!

All the best,

David Wellingham

Current Email Address

We need your current email address! Although we have a school website, our best way to keep you up to date is by sending information by email.

We will also be sending home information (newsletters, forms, permission slips, etc.) the old-fashioned way on paper, so please be sure to check your child's planner and backpack daily!

North Canoe Bell Schedule

8:15AM	Supervision begins
8:30AM	Class begins
10:00 - 10:15AM	Recess
10:15AM	Classes resume
11:45AM - 12:15PM	Outside play time
12:15 - 12:30PM	Eating time
12:30PM	Classes resume
2:26PM	Dismissal

School Staff

Principal	David Wellingham
Administrative Assistant	Kate Gedak
Div. 1 (Gr. 4/5)	Stephen Pyle
Div. 2 (Gr. 3/4)	Pattie Perkins
Div. 3 (Gr. 1/2)	Lindsey Stark/Kelly Lees
Div. 4 (Gr. K/1)	Alexa Klassen
Learning Resource	Mike Filipski
Library	Suzanne (Suzy) Beckner
Music	Amanda Ironside
CEA	Doris Chaddock
CEA	Nichol Forsyth
Counsellor	TBD
Indigenous Education	Lana Binder
Speech/Language	Kara Unfrau
Literacy Support	Kelly Lees
Custodian	Kim Peterson
Lunch Hour Supervisors	Doris Chaddock & Shelley Larocque

Bus Lane & Cross Walk

Please keep our bus lane and cross walk clear. Although it is fine to do a quick drop off and pick up in the bus lane at the front of the school, please do not leave your vehicle! We do have buses picking up middle and high school students in the morning and need that lane clear for dropping off North Canoe students from field trips. Also, please keep crosswalks clear so students can get to the school safely.

School Health & Safety

Please do not send your child to school if they are sick. At North Canoe, we will continue our regular practice of hand hygiene (sanitizing and hand washing), respiratory etiquette (coughing or sneezing into arm or elbow), and refraining from sharing foods, drinks, and unwashed utensils.

Please use this poster as a guide:



School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)

Should you be at school?

Children should be at home if they have any of the following symptoms of illness . . .



Fever and chills (greater than 37.5 degrees Celsius)



Coughing and Sneezing



Vomiting or Nausea



Extreme Exhaustion



Shortness of Breath



Close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19



Diarrhea



Severe Headache



Difficulty breathing
(and seek medical assistance)



Loss of taste or smell

Also, pre-existing medical conditions until you have medical clearance
(for example Heart Disease, Lung Disease, Kidney Disease, Asthma, Diabetes, Cancer, Immunocompromised etc.)

Get BC's Health Check App at:

<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>

Safety Matters because YOU Matter!

Volunteering / Criminal Record Checks

Our school board policy has been tightened so that we need two things from you if you volunteer or attend field trips, drive students to sporting events, etc.

1. We need you to fill out a **Volunteer Registration Form**. Kate has this form at the office.
2. We need you to have a **criminal records check completed**. This is a free service and is valid for 5 years. It is unique to SD83, and is kept on record at our district office (so if you have children at multiple schools or when your child moves on, we have it on record).
3. If driving students, we will need a copy of your driver's license, insurance papers, and driver's abstract.

The criminal records check can be completed at:

Online Link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

Access Code: 6TQTFUJGQP

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at all.

School Speed Zone

Please help make this a safe environment for our children by traveling at the posted speed limit (30 km/hr). The parking lot and sidewalk can be a dangerous area. An organized traffic flow helps reduce the danger to students. Thank you.



Forms

Verification consent forms will be sent home this week. It is important for parents/guardians to take time to complete and update these forms as they provide critical contact information for the school.

Please check both sides over carefully, make corrections if needed, and return to the office by **September 26, 2024**.

SIGN and **DATE** the forms before returning.

Thank you for your support with this. It is very important that we have all the correct information in case we need to contact parents in emergency situations and so we can keep you up to date!

Breakfast Program and Snacks

Our breakfast program will begin on Friday, September 6th, 2024. Breakfast items usually consist of bagels, with or without cream cheese, yogurt tubes, hard-boiled eggs, and fruit. While we hope students are able to eat a nutritious meal before coming to school, we know that this is not always possible. No student will be refused food.

Students who do not have a snack for recess will have access to food from our breakfast program.

Upcoming School Events

Terry Fox Run. Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held on Friday, September 17th, 2024 @ 1:45PM. We will start with a school assembly learning about Terry Fox and his Marathon of Hope.



Welcome Back Picnic. Come get beef on bun and a freezie and meet the staff on Thursday, September 19th @ 4:30-6:00PM.

Orange Shirt Day. Orange Shirt Day, in recognition of our National Day of Truth and Reconciliation will be held September 26th, 2024.

Inside Shoes

Please be sure to send your child with good, supportive shoes that are appropriate for active learning and play **INSIDE** the school. This should be a different pair than what is worn **OUTSIDE** on the playground.

Communicating Student Learning

Learning Updates, formerly known as Report Cards, will begin with in-person conferences on October 17th, 2024. Written learning updates will be sent home on December 11th, 2024, and March 5th, 2025. Student-led conferences will occur sometime between April 28th and May 9th, 2025. The final learning update is sent home the last day of school on June 26th, 2025.

If you have questions regarding your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher any time. The sooner the better so that student, teacher, and parent can all be on the same page for success!

Please Leave at Home

A reminder to all students and parents that the following items should not be brought to school:

- cameras, cell phones, tablets, smartwatches
- toys or electronics
- pocket money
- wheeled shoes (wheelies or heely's) or rollerblades
- knives or toy weapons
- lighters or matches
- laser pointers
- spray deodorants
- slime toys and modeling clay
- items that distract your child or others from learning

This is for the safety of all and to avoid situations where items could get broken or go missing.

Lunch Time Change

We have changed our lunch eating and play times for this year. Students will now play first (11:45AM-12:15PM) and then come inside to eat their lunch (12:15-12:30PM). The amount of playtime and eating time is the same, we have just changed the order. Our hope in making this change is that students do not feel as rushed to eat a nutritious lunch before heading out to play.

Important Dates

SEPTEMBER

- 9 School Assembly @ 12:45PM**
- 17 Terry Fox Run @ 1:45PM**
- 19 Welcome Back Event @ 4:30PM**
- 24 Photo Day**
- 26 Orange Shirt Day**
- 26 Student fees and forms due**
- 27 Non-Instructional Day – No school for students**
- 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**

OCTOBER

- 4 Performing Arts Presentation @ 9:00AM**
- 7 Mr. Pyle's and Mrs. Perkins' classes at Kingfisher**
- 9 Mrs. Stark's and Mrs. Klassen's classes at DeMille's**
- 14 Thanksgiving**
- 17 Student-led Conferences**
- 24 All classes at Gardom Lake**
- 25 Non-Instructional Day – No School for students**
- 28-31 Book Fair**
- 31 Halloween**

