



## NAZKO VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

#### Health and Safety

##### ♦ **Masks Are Required for Grades K-12:**

As of Oct. 4th, all students need to wear a mask when inside a school building, including while at their desks and on buses. Please see the letter from Superintendent Miller included in this newsletter.

- ♦ **New Daily Health Check:** Included in this newsletter you will find a new daily health check form. Please ensure you do a daily health check on your child before they come to school in the morning. If your child has any cold or flu symptoms, please keep them home until they feel better



#### **Early Closure Days Parent Teacher Interviews**

Early Release Days are **Wednesday, October 27th and Thursday, October 28th**. On these dates, school will end at 11:30. If your child rides the bus, the bus will be here when school ends to drop them at their stop.

More information about Parent Teacher Interviews will be sent home with students in the next few weeks.

#### **Important Dates**

**Oct. 11** – Thanksgiving (no school)

**Oct. 22** – Pro-D Day (no school for students)

**Oct. 27** – Early Closure Day  
(1/2 Day attendance for students)

**Oct. 28** – Early Closure Day  
(1/2 Day attendance for students)

**Nov. 3** – Grade 6 Immunizations

**Nov. 7** – Daylight Saving Time Ends

#### **Attention Parents/Guardians!**

As the weather gets colder and wetter, please remember to dress your child(ren) for fall weather: coats, boots, hats and mittens, as we will be doing daily outdoor activities.

Thank you



The Nazko Valley Elementary website is available through the School District 28 home page!  
**sd28.bc.ca** Click on Schools, Elementary Schools, Nazko Elementary, Visit Site!

# DAILY HEALTH CHECK

KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C)	<b>If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms:</b> Stay home. Contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Chills	
Cough	
Difficulty breathing	
Loss of sense of smell or taste	
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
Sore throat	<b>If yes to 1 symptom:</b> Stay home until you feel better.
Loss of appetite	
Headache	<b>If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms:</b> Stay home for 24 hours. If symptoms don't get better or get worse, contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Body aches	
Extreme fatigue or tiredness	
Nausea or vomiting	
Diarrhea	
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:	WHAT TO DO
Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	<b>If yes:</b> Fully vaccinated students, staff and other adults who have travelled outside of Canada may qualify for the <a href="#">fully vaccinated traveller exemption</a> .  Students, staff and other adults who are not <a href="#">fully vaccinated</a> and have travelled outside of Canada <b>CANNOT attend school for 14 days after arrival</b> , as part of <a href="#">federal requirements</a> .
CLOSE CONTACT	WHAT TO DO
Have you been notified by public health that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	<b>If yes:</b> Follow the instructions provided by Public Health.

You can also check your symptoms with the [K-12 Health Check](#) or the [BC Self-Assessment Tool](#).

Call 8-1-1 with any questions about symptoms of illness. If you have severe symptoms, like difficulty breathing (struggling to breathe or you can only speak single words) or chest pain, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

Visit the [BC Centre for Disease Control website](#) for more information on COVID-19.



## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (QUESNEL)

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October 1, 2021

Dear Families, Students and Staff,


Today, the BC Government announced an update to the K-12 education health and safety guidelines to require masks for kindergarten to grade 3 students.

Beginning on Monday, October 4, 2021, all students in the B.C. schools will be required to wear a mask when inside a school building, including while at their desks and on buses. This builds on the existing guidelines that currently apply to all students in grades 4 to 12.

The Quesnel School District is committed to keeping students safe through strong COVID-19 health and safety plans in schools. Over the past two weeks, we have seen increasing numbers of students away from school due to illness. At this time, we have not received any COVID-19 school exposure notices. However, we do know there has been an increase of cases in our community. We will continue to work with Northern Health to ensure that notifications are passed on to the school community in a timely way.

Thank you to everyone for completing the daily health check and staying home when you are sick. School exposures are more likely in communities with lower vaccinate rates and our community vaccination rates continue to be low. Vaccines are the most effective way to reduce the risk of COVID-19 in schools. Everyone eligible is strongly encouraged to be fully vaccinated.

Sincerely,

  
Sue-Ellen Miller  
Superintendent of Schools

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### **Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) for all students in Grades 4 and 7**

The Ministry of Education, through the BC's *School Act*, requires that all students in Grades 4 and 7 in B.C. take part in the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA), an annual assessment of reading comprehension, writing, and numeracy (math) skills.

FSA is B.C.'s earliest provincial indicator of student performance and provides strong evidence of future student achievement. The FSA is a required assessment for grade 4 and 7 students and is the first time a student writes a provincial assessment. This year the FSA is scheduled to run from October 4 – November 12, 2021.

The purpose of the FSA is to:

- provide system level information on student performance;
- provide districts and schools with information on student performance;
- support decision-making (interventions, planning, and resource allocation).

The only exceptions are:

- students who have Individual Education Plans (IEPs) documenting a learning disability that significantly impacts their performance and who cannot participate in the assessment, even with adaptations (eg. extended time, a reader or a scribe);
- students with IEPs who would need such extensive adaptations as to create a hardship for the individual students;
- ESL students who have not yet reached a level of proficiency for them to provide meaningful responses.

**Principals determine which students, if any, are excused as per the guidelines above.** If it is recommended that your child be excused from one or more components of the FSA, you will be contacted prior to the beginning of the assessment. *A parent's submission of a form letter to the Principal will not, of itself, constitute proof of extenuating circumstances.*





After hosting several successful youth pickleball clinics this summer, the Quesnel Pickleball Club executive is hoping that there is enough interest in the community to start a junior pickleball club. Here are the details:

- **Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30pm.**  
West Fraser Timber Park (weather permitting)  
Indoor play at Seniors Centre once weather turns colder
- **Age 12 to 18 years old.** Prior experience playing pickleball is preferred.
- **\$30 Junior member fee:** a \$10 membership to the Seniors' Centre, valid until December 2022, and \$20 to Quesnel Pickleball Club. This includes membership and liability coverage with Pickleball Canada and Pickleball BC, as the first junior club members in the province.
- Membership renewal would be due in January 2022. **HOWEVER, the QPC will pay the 2022 membership of up to ten youth members who have shown commitment and wish to continue playing.**
- **All participants in indoor pickleball activities at the Seniors' Centre MUST provide proof that they are fully vaccinated.**
- Members will be provided with access to 'Sign Up Genius' (SUG), an online software tool the club uses to manage sign up.
- A maximum of 12 players will be able to sign up for each indoor session. **Members will pay a \$3 activity fee.** The purchase of a \$30 punch card is encouraged, and provides for 10 + 1 play sessions.
- **An adult club member will attend each session** to organize play, provide coaching tips and lessons as needed, and ensure that safety protocols are followed. All adults will have passed a criminal record check.
- Junior club members will have the chance to share their passion for pickleball with other youth, meet new people (important since pickleball is a social sport), engage in competitive organized play, participate in workshops and clinics available exclusively for club members, and participate in tournaments.
- **To receive more information, or to join, send an email to Rick at [quesnelpickleball@gmail.com](mailto:quesnelpickleball@gmail.com).** Payments of \$30 for memberships or punch cards can be made to the same email address. Please include a statement to say what your payment is covering. Membership payment will be required by the time your child attend his/her second session.
- **Junior club play will begin on WEDNESDAY, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the WFTP courts.**  
Paddles are available to borrow.

Quesnel Pickleball Club was founded in 2018. For its 100+ members, it provides instructional clinics, structured play, competitive tournaments, camaraderie and friendship, advocates for improved facilities, and promotes pickleball in the community.

Rick Prosk  
Vice-President  
Quesnel Pickleball Club



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## School Calendar 2021-2022

School District #28 Quesnel

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### Listing of Non-School Days:

Sep 6: Labour Day  
 Sep 7: Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)  
 Sep 8: Back to school (1/2 day for students)  
 Sep 30: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation  
 Oct 11: Thanksgiving  
 Oct 22: Provincial Pro-D Day (no school for students)  
 Oct 27 and 28: Early closures (to facilitate Parent Teacher Interviews)  
 Nov 11: Stat Holiday - No School  
 Nov 26: Non-Instructional Day-Indigenous Focus Day (no school for students)  
 Dec 20 - Jan 3: Winter Break  
 Jan 1: New Years Day (observed Jan 3)

Jan 4: Students back from Winter Break  
 Jan 28: District Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)  
 Feb 21: BC Family Day  
 Mar 21 - Apr 1: Spring Break  
 Apr 15: Good Friday  
 Apr 18: Easter Monday  
 Apr 29: Regional Pro-D (No school for students)  
 May 23: Victoria Day  
 Jun 3: Non-instructional Day (no school for students)  
 Jun 29: Last Day for students  
 Jun 30: Administrative Day (no school for students)

Professional, District, Ministry, NI Day, Administration Day - No School  
 Statutory Holidays - No School

School Holidays - No School  
 Early Closure Day 1/2 day attendance for students