

# Nakusp Elementary Newsletter

Nakusp Elementary School

October 3, 2016

Hello Parents/Guardians and Students!

I hope everyone is enjoying all of the beautiful colours autumn is bringing to us. And did anyone see where September went? Wow! First month in already.

We have had an excellent start to our school year! A HUGE thank you to our amazing teachers for making this school operate as it does, to our wonderful parent community for always being present and helping out, and to the liveliness and joy our students bring to this building. NES is really a fantastic place to be.

A BIG thank you to all the parents and teachers who helped out with our TRYAthlon. It was another great success! And a very special thanks to our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for supporting the event once again. Speaking of PAC, the next meeting is Oct. 19 at 7:00 pm in case you were curious. Admission is simple: if you have a child enrolled in our school, you are very welcome to join the council. The NES PAC is fantastic! They do incredible things for our school throughout the year and are always student focused. If you're looking for a way to be a part of your child's school, come check out the PAC.

Now that we are into our colourful new season, the weather is starting to get cooler. Parents/guardians, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. This includes rainy days! Unless teachers plan something alternatively during recess times, the expectation is that students are going out to get some fresh air. Thank you!

What usually comes with a change in weather is some pesky colds. Parents/guardians, we want your child(ren) here at school every day (obviously ☺)! However, if your child is sick (with a cold, flu, etc) we would encourage you to make arrangements so they can stay at home until they are better. Teachers will also make these calls throughout the day. Know that when this is done, it is only coming from the best interests of your child and all those around him or her. Thank you!

We have a very busy month coming up. Here are some items you might want to keep note of:

- Wednesday Oct. 5
  - ✓ Lockdown presentation at 9:05 am for the school run by Constable Lisa Schmitdke. Parents, you are welcome for the presentation!
- Thursday Oct. 6
  - ✓ Book Fair running throughout the day and during the Open House.
  - ✓ Open House from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.
  - ✓ Cake Walk from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the gymnasium. Cakes will be collected that day.
- Monday Oct. 10
  - ✓ Thanksgiving! No School this day.
- Thursday Oct. 20
  - ✓ Photo retake day!
- Friday Oct. 21
  - ✓ Professional Learning Day for Teachers. No school for students.
- Monday Oct. 31
  - ✓ Halloween on a Monday. Awesome timing! Thanks Halloween...Have fun and be safe!

Have a fantastic start to your October month!

**Mr. Joseph Baron, Principal**

# ***STAFF DIRECTORY***

## **PRINCIPAL**

Joseph Baron 3217

## **SECRETARY**

Lisa Bateman 3401

## **TEACHERS**

Sheri Boswell	Kindergarten	3213
Marsha Roberts	Grade 1	3204
Laura Koochin	Grade 2	3203
Karen Marsden	Grade 3	3205
Brenda McQuair	Grade 4	3206
Jenna Arnold	Grade 4/5	
Anita Vibe	Grade 5/6	3208
Sally McLean	Grade 5/6	3306
Leslie Leitch	Grade 7	3212
Elizabeth Tupper	Grade 7	3402
Barb Lewis	PE	3209
Patrick MacGibbon	Music	3922
Keith Greenhalf	Learning Resource	3219
Leona White	Counselor	3218

## **EDUCATION ASSISTANTS**

Carol Fox  
Doreen Yano  
Doraine Gustafson  
Kim Reich  
LoraMae Swanson

## **STRONG START**

Nancy Bone 3220

## **LIBRARY CLERK**

Jan Dion 3905

## **CUSTODIANS**

Andy Cruden  
Penny Fahlman

## *Important Dates*

Oct. 3 Assembly  
Oct. 6 Book Fair – 9:00-3:30  
Open House &  
Book Fair – 6:30-8:00  
Cake Walk – 7:00  
Oct. 6 Hot Lunch Forms Due  
Oct. 7 Book Fair – 9:00-3:30  
Oct. 10 Thanksgiving  
No School  
Oct. 20 Photo Retake Day  
Oct. 21 NI Day  
No School  
Oct. 31 Happy Halloween



*School Phone:*  
**250-265-3638**

Secretary: Ext. 3401

Principal: Ext. 3310

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*Schedule*

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<b>School Starts:</b>	<b>8:58</b>
<b>Primary Recess:</b>	<b>10:30</b>
<b>Int. Recess:</b>	<b>10:45</b>
<b>Lunch Start:</b>	<b>12:15</b>
<b>Lunch End:</b>	<b>1:00</b>
<b>Dismissal:</b>	<b>2:56</b>

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual NES TRYAthlon

Our 10<sup>th</sup> annual TRYAthlon was a huge success. Special thanks goes to Mrs. McQuair who organizes this event each year, all the parent volunteers and Ms. Shanny McGregor and her PE students.

Teams consisted of 3 students who did the obstacle course, bike course and finished with the running course.





## **Annual Terry Fox Run**



**Tegan Abbott**

**Was running for his  
Grandma and Grandpa**

**Staff and Students from  
Nakusp Elementary School  
would like to thank  
Overwaitea Foods  
for donating juice boxes for  
all the participants of the  
Terry Fox Run.**

**Your ongoing support is  
greatly appreciated.**

**Winner of the Terry Fox  
T-Shirt Draw was  
Kaity Teindl**

## **Bikes and Scooters**

A number of our students ride their bikes and scooters to school each day. We would please ask that when students arrive to school, they immediately park their bikes or scooters in the bike racks and not touch them again until the end of the day.

As a safety measure, we would also strongly encourage that if you child is riding his/her bike or scooter to school that they are wearing a proper helmet.

Thank-you.

# ***NAKUSP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL***

## **OPEN HOUSE**

**Our annual Open House is scheduled for:**

**Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 – 8:00 pm**

**Cake Walk: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Book Fair: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM & 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Please come out and meet the teachers and see some student work. This is not a formal parent-teacher meeting, but a general school and classroom visit.**

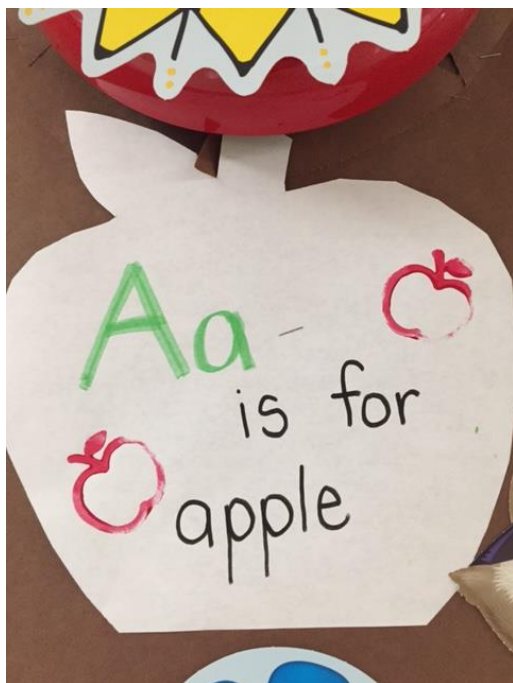
**If you are able to help out with our annual cake walk, please call the school at 265-3638, ext. 3401. Or email:**

**[lisa.bateman@sd10.bc.ca](mailto:lisa.bateman@sd10.bc.ca)**

**The more cakes, the merrier!**



Mrs. Boswell's Kindergarten Class – A is for Apple



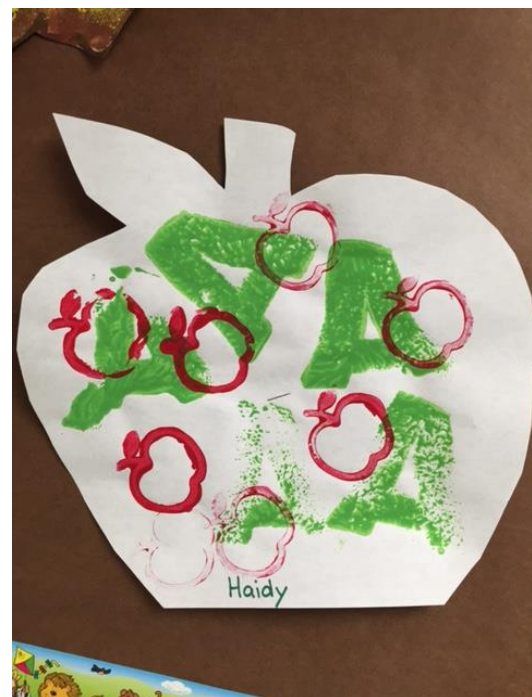
**A is for Apple**



**Lane**



**Jessey**



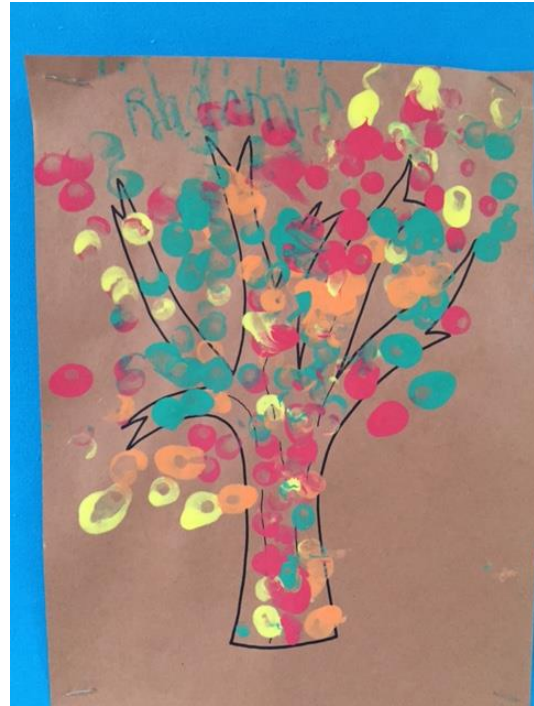
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Ms. Roberts' Grade 1 Class – Fall Artwork



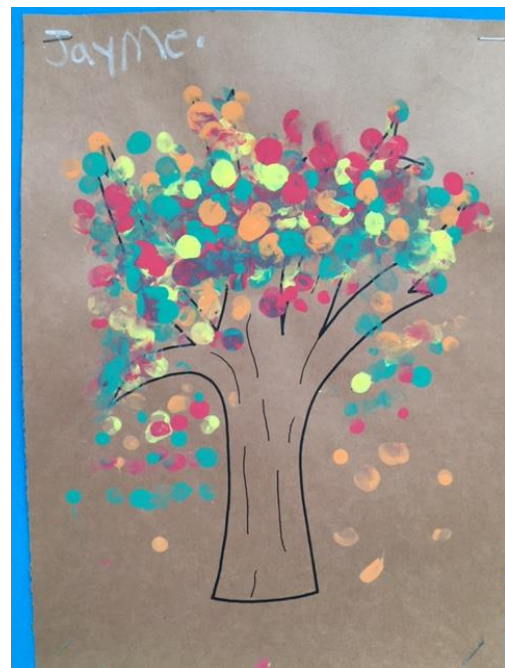
Grace



Radomir



Jayden



Jayme

Mrs. Koochin's Grade 2 Class – Owl Artwork





Ms. Marsden's Grade 3 Class – Leaf Artwork



The Golden Leaves



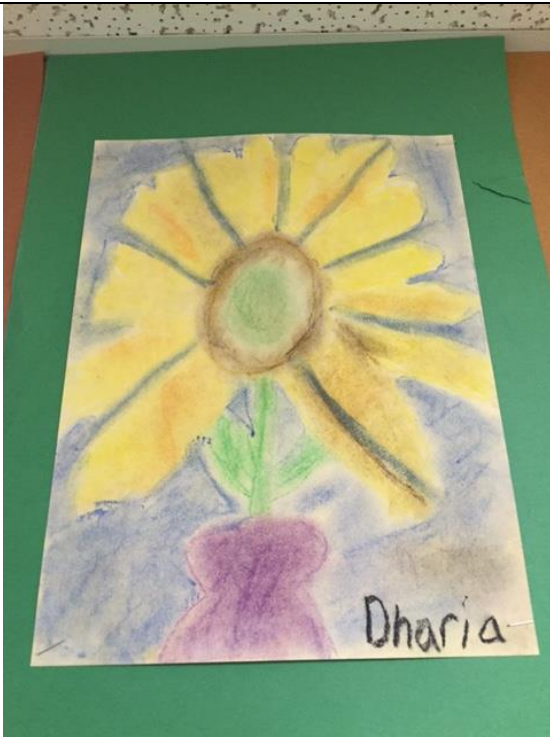
The Leaf Peacock



The Forest of Blossom



Ms. Vibe & Ms. McLean's Grade 5/6 Class - Flower Artwork



# Nakusp Elementary School

## “Learning is in Our Nature”

### Code of Conduct:

Everyone at Nakusp Elementary School helps to make our school safe, caring and orderly so that purposeful and mindful learning takes place. Conduct is based upon respect.

We make everyone feel welcome and we take responsibility for our actions. We respect each other's rights to learn, to feel safe and to have fun. We listen. We keep our hands and feet to ourselves. As students progress through the grades, they are expected to make more responsible choices about their behaviour and to accept the consequences for those choices.

**Be Respectful to Yourself** – caring about your learning and yourself, including safety.

*Some examples include:*

- Always do your best
- Make good choices
- Be on time and ready to work
- Do your homework and use your planner
- Make healthy food choices

**Be Respectful to Others** – considerate of others' personal feelings and properties.

*Some examples include:*

- Be polite and wait your turn
- Treat others with respect
- Use good listening skills
- Use a respectful speaking tone
- Be honest and tell the truth
- Include others
- Show leadership
- Demonstrate sportsmanship
- Dress appropriately

**Be Respectful to Property** – caring about your school and your environment.

*Some examples include:*

- Clean up after yourself
- Take good care of materials
- Take care of the facility (non-marking shoes)



- Ask before borrowing, share

**Be Safe** – learn and follow school rules.

*Some examples include:*

- Behave calmly, sit to eat
- Stay in designated, supervised areas
- Report dangerous situations to staff
- Obtain necessary permission to leave school grounds

Our Code of Conduct is designed to provide guidelines for appropriate student behaviour while under the jurisdiction of the school or at any school-sponsored function.

## **Inappropriate Behaviour**

**Inappropriate behaviour can consist of, but is not limited to:**

- Rudeness, swearing
- Lack of respect for others, teasing
- Running in the halls
- Unauthorized leaving of school grounds
- Littering
- Play fighting
- Inappropriate clothing (must cover the torso)
- \* **Fighting**
- \* **Throwing projectiles**
- \* **Defiance, insolence**
- \* **Swearing**
- \* **Retaliation**

(\*major behaviours)

## **Consequences**

Consequences will be consistent, fair, logical and restorative. The staff at NES will utilize a combination of classroom level conferencing, problem-solving, education, logical consequences, loss of privileges and restitution to deal with unacceptable and disrespectful behaviour. Behaviour management plans may need to be created by a staff team. Parents/guardians will be informed when necessary. Serious infractions such as violence, defiance and verbal abuse will include suspensions.

All consequences will adhere to School Board Policy and must be restorative so that students take responsibility for their behaviour and learning conditions are impacted as little as possible.

**Inappropriate behaviour typically has the following consequences:**

- Review of expectations and a timeout
- Review of expectations, written assignment and/or loss of privileges
- Parents are informed (major behaviours and repeated offences)
- Meeting with parents
- Short-term (in school or at home) suspension up to 5 days
- Long-term suspension (over 5 days)- will be referred to district discipline committee
- Consultation with police and/or fire department

**Safe & Caring School Environments:**

**Are Free from Acts of:**

- Body contact
- Bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment and marginalization
- Threat and intimidation
- Violence in any form
- Abuse in any form
- Discrimination in any form including race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation or age
- Retribution against a person who has reported incidents

**Or Misuse of:**

- Cyberspace/Cell Phones/Electronic Device/Computers – students are to be aware that they may be subject to discipline (or, if applicable, confiscation of personal property) for misuse of technology if it negatively impacts on the school environment.

**Do Not Tolerate the Presence of:**

- Theft and vandalism
- Intoxicating or banned substances
- Weapons or replica (toy) weapons and explosives
- Intruders or trespassers – All new visitors to the school must first report to the office.

**Notification:**

As circumstances warrant, administrators have a responsibility to advise other parties following a behaviour incident:

- Parent of student exhibiting major behaviours (in every instance)

- Parent of student on the receiving end (in every instance)
- Superintendent, Safe Schools team member and/or other District Staff
- Ministerial agencies and/or School Liaison Officer (Police)

The Nakusp Elementary School Code of conduct has been structured to align with and adhere to the standards outlined in:

The School Act 85(1.1) 168(2) (s.1) Provincial Standards ministerial Order 276/07, effective October 17, 2007

B.C. Human Rights code, (SD 36 Policy No. 10900 and Regulation No. 10900.1)

B.C. Ministry of Education: Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools A Guide (Nov.2008) and Developing and Reviewing Codes of Conduct: A Companion (Aug. 2007), both found at <http://www.bced.gov.bc/sco/>

### **Definition of Bullying:**

“Bullying...is a pattern of repeated aggressive behaviour, with negative intent, directed from one child to another where there is a power imbalance.” – Dr. Dan Olweus

### **Bullying**

- Is done on purpose, intentionally causing intimidation or harm;
- Often seems to happen for no reason;
- Keeps happening – or feels like it could happen again at any time;
- Makes the person who is bullied feel overpowered or scared;
- May leave victims feeling like they can't talk about it to anyone;
- Can't be solved without adult assistance.

**Not all fighting, name-calling, or threatening behaviour is bullying.**

It is important to take everything into consideration – the type of behaviour, the intent of the child doing the bullying, and the relationships of the children involved in the incident – and teach children to do the same, before defining an incident as bullying.

**We are making a difference when everyone speaks up against hurtful behaviour and reports bullying, harassment and intimidation to school staff and other adults.**