



Board Highlights for May 2026

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

Devereaux Elementary students have been growing vegetables in their hydroponic system and harvested their crops on Earth Day to make salads. Students dressed as their favourite sport star on Spirit Day.



Intermediate students had a field trip to IMPACT, a presentation from a local dance group, and the primary students enjoyed their field trip to the local gymnastics club.



Parkland Elementary students are enjoying the track and field and badminton clubs.



Moberly Lake Elementary students made red dresses to hang in the forest surrounding the school to honour MMIWG on May 5th. Caribou Guardians, who are hired to protect and restore endangered caribou populations visited the school to provide an update on the Caribou study that Moberly students actively participate in by collecting lichen for the caribou. In partnership with Saulteau First Nations, the students are learning about land

stewardship. Students had fun tapping birch water and trying maple taffy.



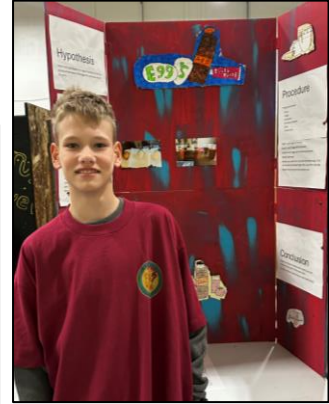
Welcome to Kindergarten events are being held at schools across the district. Students entering Kindergarten in the fall are invited to their catchment area school to share, play, and interact with staff and other students which helps create positive connections before entering Kindergarten. Students receive a welcome bag that has learning activities, games, and resources they can take home to help prepare them for entering Kindergarten.





Eloiz – French Singer-Songwriter

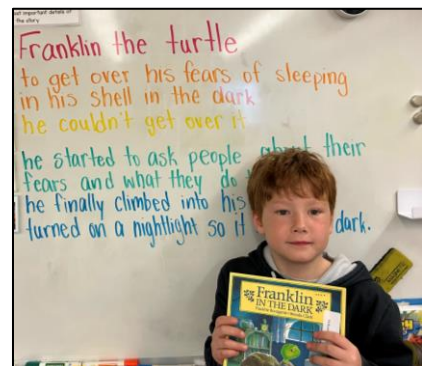
Ecole Frank Ross had France recording artist, Eloiz perform at the school as part of a BC schools tour. Ecole Frank Ross held a school-based science fair, and some students attended the regional science fair. The annual Tombola festival was recently held and a group of students performed the musical, Alice. Primary students are working on numeracy and literacy centres.



Tremblay Elementary students participated in the arts festival. Two of the classes were invited to perform at the honors concert. Students also participated in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser.



Canalta Elementary hosted a 'bring anything but a backpack' day. Students are focusing on social emotional learning. Intermediate students are learning to summarize children's stories and teach them to primary classes.





Thank you to Tim Hortons and local businesses for supporting the Smile Cookie Campaign. Students and staff throughout the district enjoyed receiving the cookies from local sponsors.

DCSS-Central Campus foods class is learning the art of making homemade pies.



Students at Tumbler Ridge Elementary School have been learning about the Seven Teachings from Artist in Residence, Wayne LaRiviere.



Indigenous students from across the district visited the Indigenous Career Fair hosted by Northern Lights College on the Dawson Creek Campus. Indigenous rapper, Dreezus, shared his story and performed for the students.

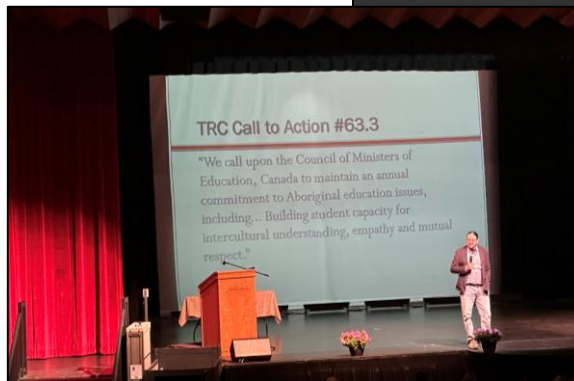
Don Titus Montessori students are busy conducting science experiments. Students and staff participated in Multi Age Learning Teams (MALT) where students choose from 16 activities that they can participate in. Intermediate students sampled a 'Book Tasting' that was set up in the school library.





Chetwynd Secondary grade 8 students have started the 'eyeball and sight' unit in their science class. Students are exploring the limits and advantages of sight as they had to draw while blindfolded then navigate the school hallways.

The District held their annual Indigenous professional development day on May 5th. Madelaine McCallum presented her 'I Am Enough workshop' and Kevin Lamoureaux shared teachings and taught us about our own personal role in Truth and Reconciliation. Student artwork was showcased in the gym and the day ended with local drummers and a welcome dance around the teepee.



National Indigenous Peoples Day is recognized in the district throughout the month of June.

The District will host 'Zoom Around the District' on June 19th where schools take time to honour and showcase the achievements of Indigenous peoples. The District will hold the family evening celebration on June 23rd.

Tumbler Ridge Phase 2 Update

The transition to the Kodiak Campus is now complete. Staff and students transitioned to the modular classrooms from May 11-13th.

- May 11th - staff set up their classrooms and toured the campus.
- May 12th - students and parents toured the campus.
- May 13th - first day of class at the new campus.
- Picnic tables, garbage cans, and bike racks were moved to the new campus.
- Five wildfire classroom trailers plus the wash cars were moved to the Kodiak Campus and set up.

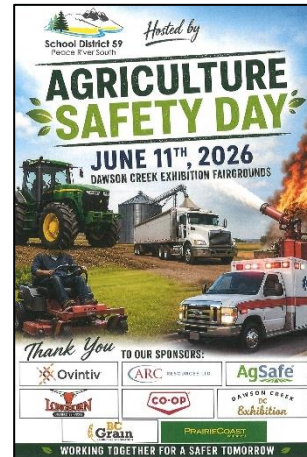


A multipurpose modular is being built that will be placed in the centre area and will consist of the school office, washrooms, and common area.

Phase 1 has been packed up and moved away, some of the modulares have been around the outside edge of the new Kodiak Campus and are being used for temporary washrooms, school office, network/security, storage, etc.

Agriculture Safety Day

All grade 6/7 students in the district will have the opportunity to attend the Agriculture Safety Day on June 11, 2026 hosted by SD59 at the Dawson Creek Exhibition Fairgrounds. Students will learn about all aspects related to safety, including handling of farm machinery and chemical substances. Special thanks to the many sponsors supporting this event.



Enhancing Student Learning Feedback

The District received a feedback letter from the Ministry of Education and Child Care for the Enhancing Student Learning Report. The feedback recognized that the district team has a continuous improvement approach in place to enhance student learning outcomes which includes processes to review data and evidence, reflect on and adjust targeted strategies, and focus on priority learners.

High School Graduation Events

Tumbler Ridge Secondary School:

Graduation Ceremony - Friday, June 19th @ 4:30 pm

Dawson Creek Secondary - South Peace campus:

Scholarship and bursary Awards - Tuesday, June 16th @ 7:00 pm

Graduation Ceremony - Friday, June 19th @ 7:00 pm

Dry Grad - Friday, June 19th @ 10:00 pm

Red Carpet - Saturday, June 20th @ 4:00 pm

Prom – Saturday, June 20th @ 6:00 pm

Chetwynd Secondary School:

Graduation Ceremony - Saturday, June 20th

Prom - Saturday, June 20th

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Annual Capital Plan

The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the annual five-year capital plan, which included the proposed 2027-2028 capital plan submissions (major and minor) that will come before the Board in June and September Board Meetings for adoption.

The Secretary Treasurer reported the district submitted applications for the Child Care Expansion funding which is a new category that provides funding for renovations to open up new childcare seats in existing spaces. The submission is to use existing modulares at Crescent Park and Canalta elementary schools.

Capital Projects Update

Crescent Park Elementary School Expansion

Final stages of the expansion are being completed. Civil work continues, new electrical service will be completed in early June and once school is out, final tie-ins for water and sewer will be completed.

Costs to date are within budget and the Board's capital bylaw, including contingency.

Dawson Creek and Tumbler Ridge Child Care Facilities

With the confirmation of the additional funding, planning is moving forward with both childcare facilities to finalize the facility and site plans.

Capital project updates are posted on the district website at [Capital Projects | School District 59 \(sd59.bc.ca\)](https://www.sd59.bc.ca).

Trustee Items:

Tumbler Ridge Consultation Update

The Board Chair provided a summary of the Tumbler Ridge Consultation Reports that were completed by Safer Schools Together. The reports are available on the school district website: [Tumbler Ridge Preliminary Consultation Report | School District 59](#)

Board of Education Motion For New Secondary School in Tumbler Ridge

On May 7, 2026, the Board of Education released the following statement:

The Board of Education of School District No. 59 (Peace River South) thanks all families, students, staff and individuals in the community of Tumbler Ridge that participated in the consultation process. As the community continues to move through this difficult time, we want to assure you that your perspectives helped inform the next steps for the future secondary learning environment in Tumbler Ridge.

In response to the Tumbler Ridge Preliminary Consultation Report provided by Safer Schools Together, the Board of Education of School District No. 59 (Peace River South) passed the following motion:

“THAT the Board of Education hereby requests to the BC Government a replacement school building be provided for the Tumbler Ridge Secondary School with a process conducted through a trauma-informed lens guided by provincial school safety experts;

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT the Board of Education requests to the BC Government that the replacement school building be site-built, and offer similar or enhanced educational opportunities and amenities as the school building to be replaced;

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT the Board of Education requests to the BC Government the replacement school building be located on a new site within the Tumbler Ridge community as agreed to with the Board of Education and in consultation with the local community and BC Government;

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT the Board of Education requests to the BC Government regarding the school building for replacement that it be removed and the land be remediated at the earliest timeframe reasonable;

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT the Board of Education affirms their responsibility and expectation to approve the future of the current school building site, in consultation with the local community and the BC Government.”

Government of Canada and Province of BC Press Release for New Secondary School in Tumbler Ridge

On May 7, 2026, the Government of Canada and Province of BC announced their support to build a new secondary school in Tumbler Ridge. Both the Federal and Provincial governments have committed to provide funding support for the new school, which includes both the removal of the existing school and the development and construction of the new school. Construction activity will begin as early as the summer with the removal of the existing school.

The full release: [BC Gov News](#)

Committee Reports:

Indigenous Education Partners’ Advisory Council (Dawson Creek)

Trustee Jones reported the Dawson Creek council met on May 12, 2026. The planning has started for the Indigenous student celebration and achievement awards. Attendance rates and goals were considered in planning for the next agreement.

Upcoming Dates:

Date:	Event:
June 1, 2026	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend school
June 17, 2026	Public Board Meeting – School Board Office – Dawson Creek
June 25, 2026	Last day of classes
June 26, 2026	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend school
September 8, 2026	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend school
September 9, 2026	First Day of School for Students – schools start 2 hours late and end 1 hour early