



Tumbler Ridge Elementary
November Newsletter 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

- Nov 08 Remembrance Day @ Highschool 10:45
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day (No School)**
- Nov 19 Primary Breakfast (K-Grade 3)
- Nov 20 Intermediate Breakfast (Grade 4-6)
- Nov 29 NID Day (No school for students)**

LOGO CONTEST WON BY TRE STUDENT



Faith Belcourt in grade 6 entered a logo contest for the company Allteck. Allteck was looking for a new logo that represented unity, togetherness, teamwork and equality. Faith's logo was the first to arrive and had all the qualities that the company was looking for. She was the youngest artist to submit a drawing to the contest. Faith won the contest and a prize of \$500.00 cash, a \$100.00 art set, and also a hoodie and a hat that displayed her logo. Allteck also supplied her class with a pizza party to celebrate. Congratulations Faith!!!!

FIELD TRIPS

If you would like to accompany your child on field trips you will need to have a Criminal Record check completed and returned to the school. You can pick up the forms from the office. This can sometimes take a few weeks, so it's better to get it done as early as possible. We have a record of approved criminal record checks and if you are not sure if yours is still valid, please contact the school. If you are driving for a field trip you will also have to bring in a recent Driver's Abstract which you can get from the local insurance company. We will also need a copy of your insurance.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The **Parent Advisory Council** group consists of parents from both schools. Meetings will be held the first Tuesdays of every month in the staff room at TRE. Please consider being a part of this group. They meet with the principals from both schools and help organize fun things for our students as well as do some fundraising.

They also have a Facebook page that will feature our school news. Join them at Tumbler Ridge Parent Advisory Council-PAC.



Please remember that if your child is going to be absent, we need to hear from you. You may either call the school at (250)242-5281 or email cdell@sd59.bc.ca

CHANGE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

If anything has changed regarding your personal information, please inform the secretary. It is important we keep everything up to date in case of emergencies or if we need to contact you about your child(ren).

TRE/TRSS PAC FUNDRAISER

The TRE/TRSS PAC committee is doing a M&M Meats fundraiser to help and raise money for a smart board for the Elementary school and updated I-pads for the High school. The PAC will be getting 15% of the sales. Please have the order forms and money back to the school by November 21st. There will be prizes for the top three sellers!!!!

PRIMARY FEES

Remember that there is a \$30.00 fee for grades 1-3 and \$40 for kindergarten students. These fees need to be paid. We do not have a debit machine, but Mrs. Dell has organized e-transfer through our bank. Use her email cdell@sd59.bc.ca and the password is TREfees. Thanks in advance!

"WHERE FRIENDSHIP AND LEARNING COME TOGETHER"

WINTER GEAR

With winter fast approaching, there will be more clothes for children to misplace. A really good way to eliminate this is to **label children's clothing**. When we have 15 sets of the same boots on the boot rack, let me just say it would be easier to find their owner if they were labelled. In the past children have gone home with the wrong boots and this leads to frustration with everyone involved.

Also, please remember that even if your child gets a ride to and from school, they will be going outside for recesses and they need to be dressed for the elements.



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During Spirit Week we had a house colour literacy pumpkin challenge.

House color teams had to read a story and then create characters and scenes from the story using pumpkins. The winning teams (one from primary and one from intermediate) won 50 points. Their pumpkin dioramas turned out amazing!!!!



Primary Green Team
Story: The Grouchy Ladybug



Primary Orange Team
Story: The Very Cranky Bear



Primary Blue Team
Story: The Bad Case of Stripes



Primary Red Team
Story: The Gruffalo



Intermediate Blue Team
Story: Where the Wild Things Are



Intermediate Red Team
Story: Cat in the Hat



Intermediate Green Team
Story: There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bat



Intermediate Orange Team
Story: If I Were a Gryphon

PARKING LOT

With student safety in mind, please consider helping us to make the parking lot at the school less congested.

- 1) If you have a child in either **Mrs. Powell, Mr. Schwab** or **Mrs. Deeley's** class, please use the cul-de-sac by the big play structure to help spread out the traffic and for the safety of your children.
- 2) **"MAIN PARKING LOT"**, we need parents to pull into a spot and park. By "parking" your vehicle to let your child out rather than driving through the parking lot and letting them jump out, this will prevent others from inadvertently backing up without seeing someone being dropped off.

If you want your child to wait in the vehicle with you until the bell goes, do not use the main parking lot. This is for drop off purposes not for sitting there and taking up a space. Use Willow Street or the cul-de-sac off of Spruce Street if you need to wait for the bell to go.

3) **"DRIVE THROUGH"** drop off and pick up **OPTIONS:**
Please use the **cul-de-sac off Spruce Street**, which is by the new playground, close to the trailer park or **"Willow Street"** on the side closest to the school.

4) **Monkman Way is not the safest spot to pick up or drop off your child, even if it is more convenient. Please find a different option.**

Please discuss the options with your child so they know where you will be.

STAFF PARKING is on the side closest to Monkman Way. Please refrain from parking there. Some support workers do not start until 9:00 and there should be a spot open for them.

Crosswalks-please remind your children to cross at the end of streets rather than 'j-walk'. Drivers are not expecting children to cut across our streets.

5) **With colder weather coming, we ask that vehicles are not idling in front of the school. The exhaust fumes come into the building and make it unpleasant. If you need to idle please park along Willow Drive or the cul-de-sac off of Spruce Street.**

OFFICE CALLS

In an effort to help Mrs. Dell at the office, it would be helpful if you planned with your child or children ahead of time about what they are doing after school. Often times, the office has anywhere from 10-15 messages to try to get to students within a span of 5 minutes as parents call 'just to remind them'. We understand that emergencies and changes come up so there is an absolute need for messages to be delivered, however, if non-emergency calls could be kept to a minimum, that would be extremely helpful!

OFFICE CHECK-IN vs CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS

For the safety of all our students, and to avoid interruptions in the classroom, we need parents to stop at the office, so we can help with the delivery of lunches, homework, clothes etc. If you need to speak to your child, we will gladly page them to come to the office, so you can see them.

MICROWAVES & LUNCHES

Please help us by limiting how many times you send food to be microwaved. The microwaves are intended for a "once in a while" treat to have a warm lunch. An item that only needs a little time in the microwave (1-2 minutes) is ideal.

Items such as Kraft dinner for example, that need 3-4 minutes CANNOT be sent to school. This type of an item needs to be made at home and then it would only take a minute or so to warm. Bags of popcorn would also need to be made at home and eaten cold at school, as this also takes too long.

Purchasing a thermos and using it to have warm soup or leftovers is another idea to enable your child to have something warm.

