



Tumbler Ridge Elementary
January Newsletter 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan 21 Primary (K-3) Breakfast @ 8:00 a.m.
- Jan 22 Intermediate (4-6) Breakfast @8:00 a.m.
- Jan 17** NID Day (No school for students)
- Feb 4 Next PAC Meeting @ 3:00

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.

POWER OUTAGES

In the past, many of you call the school when the power goes out. Just to be clear, we are **NEVER** allowed to close the school, however, we do not have lights. Flashlights are used if children have to use the washroom and in the winter months, if it is dark outside, it is dark inside making it difficult to do most schoolwork. If you are curious if the middle bench has power because you live on a different bench, it would be helpful to call a friend in the middle bench rather than us answer the question repeatedly as we also only have one active line in a power outage.

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!



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).

EMERGENCY PLAN

In case there is a need of a complete evacuation of the school, our muster point is the Community Centre. We would like to make sure we have your most accurate information in case of an emergency. So, can you please ensure that if you have changed your phone number (work or home), cell number or email address that you let us know. Also, that your emergency contact people are up to date.

We will post it on various town Facebook pages if we are evacuated and you need to pick up your child there.

In case of an emergency such as this, we have the following

"Emergency Pick up Protocol":

- 1) Parents or Legal Guardians
- 2) Emergency contacts as listed in our records
- 3) Student will stay with us unless we either speak or get a text or email from the parent that their child can go with someone else.

"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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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.

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.

