



Tumbler Ridge Elementary  
March-April Newsletter 2020

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Mar. 11/12 Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Dismissal @ 1:30
- Mar. 11/12 Book Fair 1:30-4:00
- Mar. 16 Start of Spring Break (school is closed)**
- Mar. 30 First Day Back (school re-opens)**
- Mar. 31 Primary Breakfast @ 8:00
- Apr. 01 Intermediate Breakfast @ 8:00
- Apr. 10 Good Friday (no school)**
- Apr. 13 Easter Monday (no school)**
- Apr. 21 Primary Breakfast @ 8:00
- Apr. 22 Intermediate Breakfast @ 8:00

## BRIDGE BREAKING COMPETITION

The Engineers of Northern B.C, come to our school with a compression machine and load test the intermediate student's popsicle stick bridges. On Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 10:30, the bridge breaking will begin with the grade 4 students, followed by the grade 5's, and finishing with the grade 6's. The Primary students have also teamed up to create bridges and the engineers will judge these but there is not enough time to break them all. You are invited to come and watch the action

## SPIRIT WEEK (APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> TO 9<sup>TH</sup>)

MONDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> : Wacky Hair Day

TUESDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> : Wear Easter colors day

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> : Wear Tie Dye day

THURSDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> : Wear your Easter Bonnet



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FOUNDATION

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

We had tremendous support from our community again this year. Through your generosity our students have raised \$3962.00 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. This in turn allows us to order new products from a school supplier of gym and school items. In the past, these funds have allowed the Heart and Stroke Foundation to place two AED's within our community. Thank you once again for your generous donations. The prizes generally take a couple weeks to come in.



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](mailto:cdell@sd59.bc.ca)

## 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.

## 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"*

## 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.

## SPARE CLOTHES PLEASE!

If spring decides to come over spring break, we will be experiencing puddles in our fields, and these puddles have been known to attack children at their recess breaks.

To save yourself a trip to the school, you could keep a spare pair of pants, socks and undies in your child's backpack for those moments.

## 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).



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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.

