

CRESCENT PARK NEWS

Crescent Park Elementary School

School District #59 (Peace River South)

9300-17th Street

Dawson Creek, BC

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Mrs. S. McGrath, Principal

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*Respectful, Responsible,
Ready to Learn and Safe*

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to another great year at Crescent Park!

Here are some reminders for this year:

- Please note that students will be playing outside at recess and lunch every day. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed for the weather including rain, snow and cold temperatures.
- When the bell rings, students who are walking home should leave the school grounds immediately after the bell. If students would like to stay and play on the playground, we ask that they walk home, check in and then come back to the school and play on the playground.
- All school campuses have a non-smoking policy.
 - o Smoking or use of vapour products and cannabis/cannabis products on School District 59 property is prohibited.
 - o This ban includes public smoking, the use of vapour products or cannabis/cannabis products inside vehicles that are parked on School District 59 property.

BELL SCHEDULE

8:50	Warning bell
9:00	School in session
10:30 – 10:45	Recess
12:10 – 12:40	Lunch time
2:38	School dismissal

Parents and students are advised not to arrive at school before 8:30 a.m., when supervision begins. Unless involved in an after-school activity or supervised by a teacher, students are advised to leave the school premises as soon as dismissal occurs for the day. After school bus supervision is from 2:38 – 3:00 p.m.

Students arriving at the school late or leaving early must come to the office to sign in/out.

Meet the Teachers – Thursday, September 14 – 8:00 – 8:45AM

NO SCHOOL FEES

Crescent Park utilized affordability funds from last year to purchase supplies for the school year. This means there will be no school fees this year only.

NEWSLETTERS

Please make a habit of reading our newsletters completely. This is our most frequent method of communication with you. Newsletters are emailed to families, please let the office know if you would like a paper copy or would like a newsletter emailed to an additional email address.

RECONFIGURATION

Reconfiguration at the school can happen up until September 30th, based on increased or decreased enrollment

CHILD ACCESS AND CUSTODY

Please read carefully.

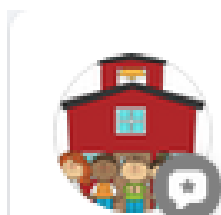
Increasingly, when custody concerns arise, schools must make some decisions regarding parental access to the child(ren), and parental access to school information.

In all cases where there is a legal change in custody of minor children, or legal changes in parental access to minor children in a home, it is essential for the school principal to be informed of and receive any order supporting those changes. In the absence of such information, schools will continue to provide access and information, based on past practice with that family and any court order on file. Parents can expect that where the principal of the school is not certain of the custody status of a minor child, the parents will be contacted. The guidelines that the school will use in dealing with custody or access concerns are as follows:

1. **When both the custodial and the non-custodial parents have access to the child(ren) it must be clearly defined in a joint-access or joint-custody court order provided to the school.** The school will routinely provide information to the custodial parent(s) described in the court order. Upon request the school may provide information to a non-custodial parent, providing such access is described in the court order.
2. **When a parent does not have access to the child(ren), or there is a restraining order in place, the conditions must be clearly defined in a court order and provided to the school.** Should the non-custodial parent in this case, attempt to have access to, or remove the child(ren) from the school, the custodial parent and the RCMP will be advised.

Again, in all cases where there are custody and access concerns, the school will need to be informed, and will require current copies of court order(s). Any changes in access or custody of the child(ren) will also need to be reported to the school.

Basically, the position of the school will be that an existing court order will inform the actions of the school, until a newer court order is provided that extinguishes the conditions of the existing court order. Schools will not accept verbal information describing a change in access and will wait for the written court order to be provided, before releasing the child, or information on the child, to any parent that has not had access.



Crescent Park PAC

Place · Community

9300 17th street, Dawson Creek, BC, Canada

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Attending a P.A.C. meeting enables you to:

- get involved with your School District,
- advise the principal on the school's education plan,
- recommend programs and events for the school,
- provide input into the school's budget.

Attend one meeting or many...have a say in your child's education and enhance your school community.

The next PAC meeting will be Tuesday, September 19 at 6:00 in Room 4

Upcoming meetings are also announced on the PAC Facebook page.

Childcare is available.

PARKING LOT

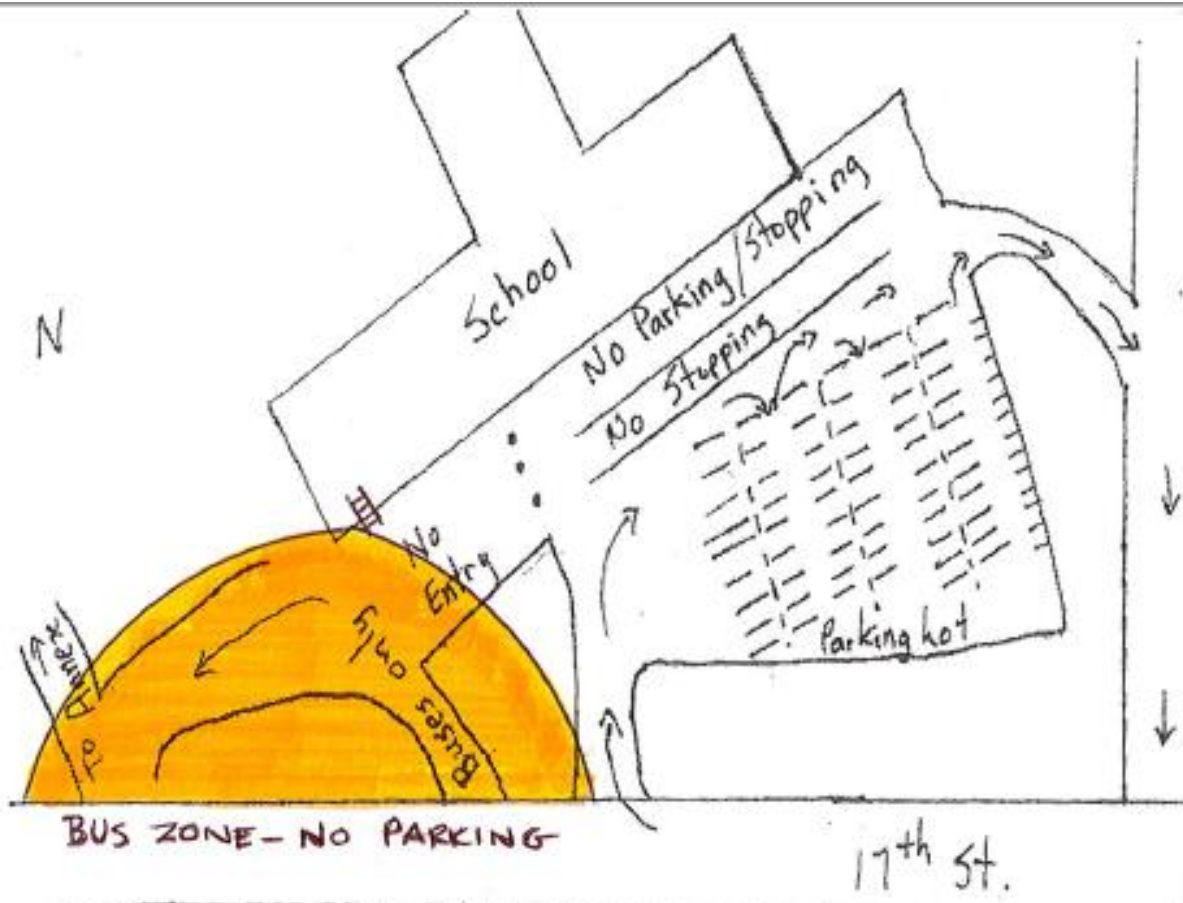
Follow the directions of the posted signage.

Sidewalk – these spaces are for *staff only* – please don't park here – even for a moment

Bus loading zone – from the stairs over -please don't park here so the busses can enter

Emergency Vehicle Parking – for emergency and school district vehicles – please don't park here

When picking up or dropping off your child, please park in the parking lot in the front of the school.



SCENT AWARE

Crescent Park is scent aware. Please note this includes all special events, parent/teacher interviews and when dropping off or picking up your child. Everyone entering the building is asked not to wear scented products, including essential oils.

TERRY FOX RUN

Crescent Park will hold a Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 22 from 1:45 – 2:25 PM. Staff and students will walk around the school grounds, weather permitting. Terry Fox started to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research. His dream was for every Canadian to donate \$1. If possible, could each student please bring \$1 for donation? Or each student could bring a “Twoonie for Terry”.

Thank you for your support.



EMERGENCY LUNCHES

If a student forgets their lunch, we will give you a call. We have granola bars available if necessary.

LUNCHES

Please ensure that students bring the necessary utensils, such as forks, spoons and water bottles, with them.

INCLUSION CLUB

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At Crescent Park Elementary School we take pride in having various students, teachers, and parents enter our school. We encourage everyone who enters our school to be caring, supportive and kind towards all people. This year, we are continuing with our Inclusion Club to embrace our differences and celebrate what makes us unique. The purpose of this club is to create a safe space for every student, regardless of how they identify. It's about finding new friends and developing leadership skills within our students. All students from grades four to seven are welcomed to join us and are encouraged to stop in. This group is designed to promote conversations about various grade-appropriate topics and provide our students with a safe and inclusive environment. This SD59 SOGI initiative is welcoming all students to be part of an inclusive school community that is focused on creating an environment in which all students, especially those who identify as LGBTQ2S+, feel safe. If you have any questions or need clarifications, please contact the school, and we will be happy to help you: (250) 782-8412.

We will be meeting on Fridays at lunch in the library.
(12:10 to 12:40)



STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING

It is your responsibility to phone the school if your child(ren) will be away. Someone is at the school by 8:00 a.m. each school day. Please call before 9:00 a.m. if your child will not be attending or email Betty at the office at bkirtzinger@sd59.bc.ca. If the school does not receive a phone call, someone will be calling your home to see if your child is safe. **It is important you let us know when your child will be away.**

SHOES OFF

Students and visitors/parents are expected to remove outdoor footwear in the mud rooms. Mud rooms are for storage of footwear only. Please discourage your child(ren) from leaving valuables or clothing in the mud rooms. Slippers, indoor or gym shoes should be worn inside the school. This enables us to keep our school floors clean for a longer period as well as eliminating dust for students with allergies and wet spots which could cause a slip hazard.

TECHNOLOGY

Students are not permitted to use cell phones or other forms of technology for any reason within the school and on the grounds during the day. If a student is using technology within the school, the student will be asked to put it away and reminded of the policy. If the student uses the technology a second time the phone will be confiscated, brought to the office and returned at the end of the day. If the student uses the technology a third time, parents will be contacted in order to come up with a plan to ensure that this does not continue.

Students may use classroom phones to speak with parents as needed. Please call the office if you need to speak to your child.

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are 8:00 – 3:30 Monday – Friday.

If you have any questions or concerns about the school you would like to discuss, please call 250-782-8412 to set up a time to meet.

BUS STUDENTS

If students wish to ride the SD59 bus home with a regular bus rider, they must follow this process:

- Parent of the regular rider must contact the bus garage and provide permission
- Parent of the student catching a ride must contact the bus garage and provide permission

If this does not occur, the drivers have been directed not to let the non-bus students ride until we receive permission.

This applies to all grades and ages of students.

If your child is not riding the bus after school, please call the office and let Betty know, or the bus garage at 250-782-2106. It is **very** important we know if students are not riding to make sure everyone gets home safely.

Upon dismissal, bus students must quickly gather their belongings and go straight to the School Bus Loading Zone. The busses are on a tight schedule and cannot be kept waiting for students.

The bus garage has a recorded message to let parents know if the busses are running. Please call 250-782-1061 for the recorded message.

SCOOTERS/BIKES

After school students are expected to walk their scooters/bikes to the crosswalk and walk them across the crosswalk. They are then free to scooter/bike away. Before school students need to walk their scooters/bikes when they step into the parking lot or onto school property.



HOME READING CLUB

Did you know?

Crescent Park has a Home Reading Program to promote love of reading with our students. Goal: to encourage reading every night.

Here's how it works:

Students who read at home for 20 minutes can earn prizes. (If your child reads more than 20 minutes a day that's awesome, but please only complete one line per day on the reading sheet.) Students take a reading sheet home and when it is complete, bring it back to school. Then they will get to choose a prize. Each level (ie. 25 books) has a prize (ie. a pencil, a certificate for pizza or ice cream, a book). When they bring back a reading sheet, they will get the next reading sheet to take home.

If a student reads one book every night, in the school year they will read 178 books this year! If they read every night, including weekends and holidays, they will read 365 books. Last year some students reached the 300 book level!

Reading at home builds reading and comprehension skills as well as vocabulary and imagination. It is one important way that parents can help their students grow as learners.

When the first reading sheet comes home, you can start the reading sheets as of September 1. If you have any questions, please contact me or your child's teacher at school, 250-782-8412.

Thank you for your participation in building your child's reading and love of reading.
Karen Fraser

POLICE INFORMATION CHECKS

Police information checks must be completed to participate in any school activities, volunteer at the school or go on field trips. Forms can be picked up in the office. Information checks are valid for three years.

STAFF

Principal	Mrs. S. McGrath
Vice Principal	Mrs. H. McInnis
Secretary	Ms. B. Kirtzinger
K	Ms. S. Graham
K/1	Ms. L. Krossa
Grade 1	Mrs. S. Fradette
Grade 1/2	Ms. N. Keizer
Grade 2/3	Miss K. Fraser
Grade 3/4	Mrs. A. Bricker
Grade 4	Mrs. M. McClarty
Grade 4/5	Mrs. H. McInnis/Mrs. G. Ziemnicki
Grade 5/6	Mrs. J. Gibson
Grade 6/7	Ms. T. Bouchard
Grade 6/7	Mr. R. Russell
Teacher Librarian/Coach Mentor	Mrs. M. Parks
Prep Teacher	Mrs. G. Ziemnicki
LRT/RR Teacher/Prep Teacher	Mrs. L. Harris
LA Teacher	Mrs. T. Schilds
Support Staff	Mrs. L. Linley
Support Staff	Mrs. K. Smith
Support Staff	Ms. A. Marion
Support Staff	Mrs. L. Berg
Support Staff	Mrs. L. Eckel
Support Staff	Mrs. A. Tom
Support Staff	Mrs. S. Selbach
Support Staff	Mrs. A. Gold
Support Staff	Miss A. Johny
Support Staff	Mrs. R. Quanstrom
Custodian	Mr. K. Kawada

SD59 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PLAN

Health awareness

- Staff, parents, caregivers, and students should not come to the school or workplace if they are sick and unable to participate fully in routine activities.
- Everyone should do a daily health check.

Illness practices/What to do when sick

- **STAY HOME:** Staff, students, or other persons in the school setting who are exhibiting symptoms of illness, such as COVID-19 or gastrointestinal illness, should stay home until they are well enough to participate in regular activities.

Staff, children, or other persons can attend school if their symptoms are consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition (e.g., seasonal allergies) or symptoms have improved enough to where they feel well enough to return to regular activities and any fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication (e.g., acetaminophen, ibuprofen).

The BC Daily Health Check Tool is a simple and effective means of checking and reminding people of their obligation to stay home if sick. If you are unsure or concerned about your symptoms, connect with your health care provider, or call 8-1-1 (<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/more/contact-us/8-1-1>).

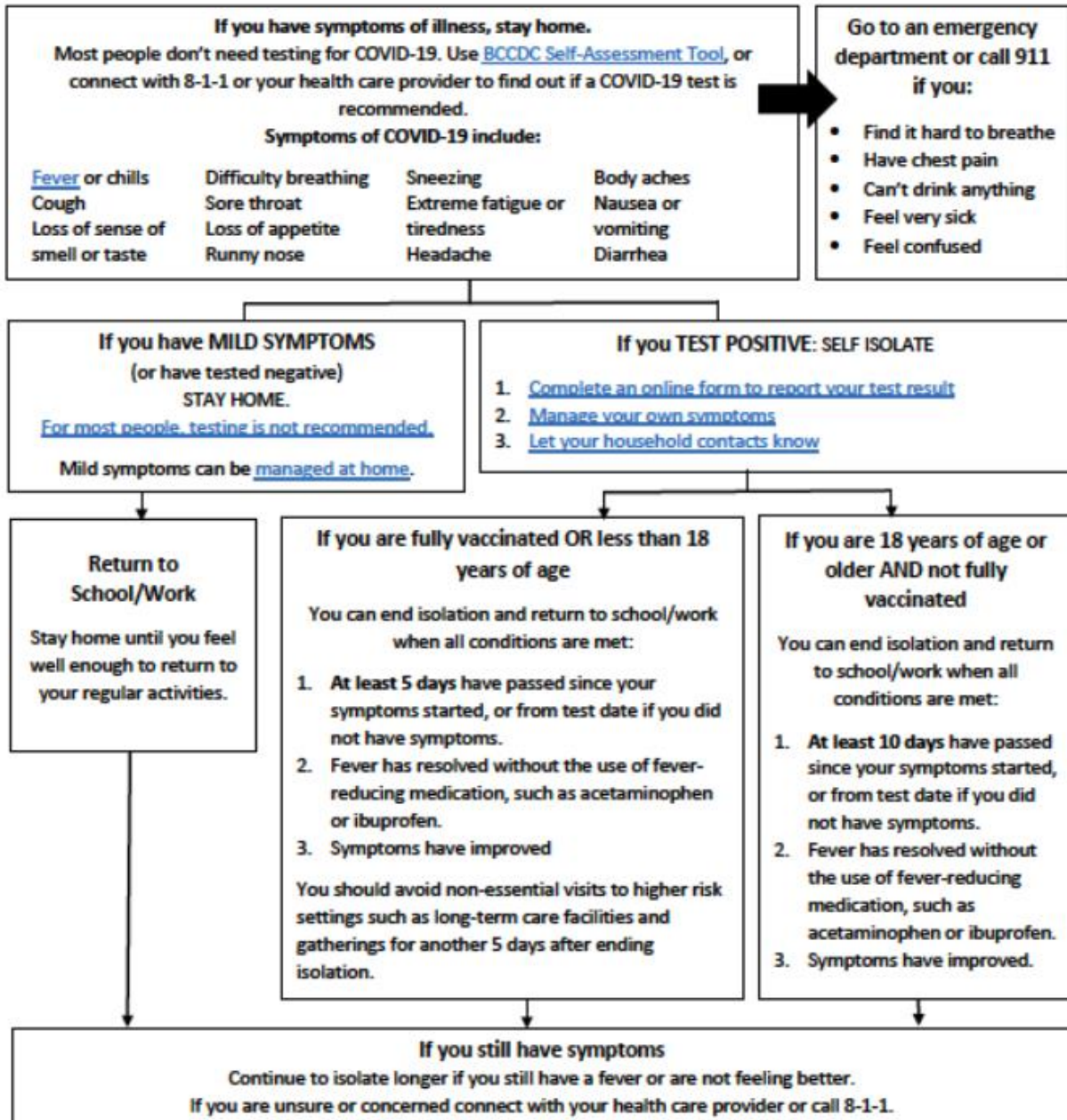
DONATION

We would like to thank Rob Terry and the non-profit community support group for the donation of backpacks and supplies to our school. If your student needs a backpack and could use supplies at home, please contact the school.

UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, September 14	Meet the teacher 8:00 – 8:45
Tuesday, September 19	PAC meeting 6:00
Friday, September 22	Terry Fox Run 1:45 – 2:25
Friday, September 29	Orange Shirt Day
Monday, October 2	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School
Tuesday, October 3	School photos
Monday, October 9	Thanksgiving – No School
Friday, October 20	NID – No School
Tuesday, October 31	Halloween Parade 1:00
Wednesday, November 15	Class photos/Retakes/School Photo
Wednesday, November 15	Early dismissal
Thursday, November 16	Early dismissal

WHAT TO DO WHEN SICK



What to do if someone is sick in your household:

You can continue to attend school if someone in your household is sick and/or self-isolating as long as you do not have any symptoms of illness and feel well. This includes if they have tested positive for COVID-19. Ensure you closely monitor yourself (or your child) for symptoms of illness and stay home if you feel unwell. The best way to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. Vaccines are available for anyone ages 5 and up. Register now at: Getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca