

This Week at QJS April 9, 2021

**Where we Live, Laugh and Learn the way of our Nations with
*Responsibility, Respect, Cooperation, and Kindness***



Revised mask wearing safety protocols in B.C. Schools:

Students and staff are now required to wear their masks indoors and on school buses, both within and outside of their learning groups (or cohorts). We recognize this is one more adjustment to make. We have families who appreciate those who wear masks consistently and properly; they have loved ones at home with impaired immune systems and send their children to school trusting that we do everything we can to maintain safe practices. Please encourage your child to work with staff in adhering to safety protocols.

Students are being asked to be outside whenever possible, thus limiting the contact time with out-of-cohort peers in the confines of the building.

We continue to need your help explaining why it is important not to share food and drinks; students still sometimes share the same straw or drink from the same drink. Risky at the best of times, and certainly an elevated risk these days.

We will continue to do our part to keep your children and our staff safe. Please help us by having conversations with your child to help them understand and appreciate the positive benefits when we all work together to protect each other.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at the office [250-747-2103](tel:250-747-2103), or directly Trish Simpson [250-255-6057](tel:250-255-6057).



Parking Options:

If the parking lot is too busy for your family, you might consider parking at Maple Park Mall and having your child walk to the crosswalk at the corner of Maple Drive and Mountain Ash.

Please be aware and courteous of our neighbors and their property as you pick up and drop off your children.

When dropping off or picking up, please drive to the North end of the parking lot. Stopping at the south end causes traffic to back up on the road with dangerous consequences.



Nuts & Scents
Free School



For some it is allergy season, if you have seasonal allergies you will be aware of predictable symptoms when you do the Daily Health Check; your child is able to come to school.

PAC UPDATE

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 28

Executive.

Melissa Pollock – President
Vacant – Kelly Olsen
Tania Fuccenecco – Treasurer
Nancy Lilienweiss – Secretary



Thanks to everyone who supported our PAC Purdy's Chocolates Easter Fundraiser. We raised over \$400.00. Hope you enjoyed them. Watch for our next opportunity. Stay Tuned...

Upcoming Dates

April 14 -Gr 8 Report Cards go home

April 16 -Gr 9 Third Term ends

April 23 –Pro-D Day (no school for students)



Looking for something for your kids to do for the summer? Join the SeaLions swim club! Learn swimming techniques and just have fun! Open to children 4 and up. Over 7 must have the ability to swim 50 m unassisted. Pups ages 4-7 must have an adult attend with them at this time. Registration will open up in mid-April with limited spaces. Follow us on Facebook – Quesnel SeaLions Swim Club for updated info or email quesnelaquaticclub@hotmail.com . See you in the pool!



Quesnel JOY

A big Thank You to Johnston Meier Insurance Agencies Group for Sponsoring the Quesnel JOY celebration. Students were asked to represent “What does JOY mean to you?”

Check out the entries in the store windows down town.



YOUR SCHOOL CAN WIN \$500

ART WORK MUST BE 4'X4' POSTER, COLLAGE, OR ANY WAY YOU SEE IT. YOUR JOY- YOUR CHOICE

MUST INCLUDE A SEPARATE HEADER 16" DEEP X 4' LONG WITH SCHOOL NAME

FOR BEST COVID PRACTICES, WE WILL COME TO YOUR SCHOOL AND PICK UP YOUR ART WORK

APRIL 1 - 15 QUESNEL JOY

What does Joy mean to you?

We want to showcase what JOY means to your students. This can be family, friends, summer time, pets, you decide...any feelings that the word JOY brings.

We will showcase your Art in one of our office windows. Quesnel residents will vote for their favorite. Two schools will receive \$500 ea. of Down Town Bucks Plus \$100 Down Town Bucks to one voter.



Johnston Meier Insurance Agencies Group

Email: quesnel@jamins.com

Joy is what happens to us when we allow ourselves to recognize how good things really are

Marianne Williamson

Lunch plan- Weekly Time Swap:

*for greater spacing and reduced numbers

Grade 8 Lunch April 12 – 16

In Café (eat/visit)		Outside Time
10:47 - 11:07 20 min PODs 3 + 4 (separate sections) -order and eat sit and visit		20 min PODs 1 + 2
11:07 - 11:10	Transition + Sanitize	
11:10 - 11:30 20 min PODs 1 + 2 (separate sections) -order and eat sit and visit		20 min PODs 3 + 4

11:30 - 11:40 Transition Time – sanitize between grades

Grade 9 Lunch April 12 – 16

In Café (eat/visit)		Outside Time
11:40 – 12:00 20 min House 2 (cohorts 3 and 4) (separate sections) -order and eat sit and visit		20 min House 1 – (cohorts 1 and 2)
12:00-12:03	Transition + Sanitize	
12:03-12:23 20 min House 1 – (cohorts 1 and 2) (separate sections) -order and eat sit and visit		20 min House 2 (cohorts 3 and 4)

CLOSED CAMPUS

Sign in and Sign out Procedures

Only your child. Parent pickup limited to your own families; sorry no trips out for lunch with a bunch of friends, even with a parent. Parents are welcome to deliver lunch or a treat for their own child 😊

Picking up your child? Please call the office (250-747-2103) to let us know you are here to pick up your child. We will give your child a **permission slip to show staff we have recorded them absent at the office.**



NEW: IN THE PARENT'S CORNER Information for Parents

Staying Active Helps Us Stay Well

This you tube link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYIQySv3v93Q3zRpD7TmQ9Q> is a great way to keep in shape and developed by ISPARC

Be Internet Awesome: Helping kids be safe, confident explorers of the online world. https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/

Categories of Supports

Communicate Responsibly: Good (and bad) news travels fast online, and without some forethought, kids can find themselves in tricky situations that have lasting consequences. The solve? Learning how to share with those they know and those they don't.

Don't Fall for Fake: It's important to help kids become aware that people and situations online are not always, as they seem. Discerning between what is real and what's fake is a very real lesson in online safety.

Secure Your Secrets: Personal privacy and security are just as important online as they are offline. Safeguarding valuable information helps kids avoid damaging their devices, reputations, and relationships.

It's Cool to Be Kind: The Internet is a powerful amplifier that can be used to spread positivity or negativity. Kids can take the high road by applying the concept of "treat others as you would like to be treated" to their actions online, creating positive impact for others and disempowering bullying behavior.

When in Doubt, Talk It Out: One lesson that applies to any and all encounters of the digital kind: When kids come across something questionable, they should feel comfortable talking to a trusted adult. Adults can support this behavior by fostering open communication at home and in the classroom.

****If you have concerns or would like support for your child please contact one of our counselors:**

Peterjespersen@sd28.bc.ca

Jenniferstevenson@sd28.bc.ca



**Know about something going on?
Please let us know.
We work with families and students to
resolve issues. Contact us: Mrs. Simpson
250-255-6057,
Ms. Withey 250-991-2173,
Office 250-747-2103**

School safety is a shared responsibility that requires cooperation, collaboration and communication.

For more resources on bullying, what it is and what to do.

Check out:

<http://www.sd28.bc.ca/content/bullying-concerns>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>

**Please, remember we are
nut and scent free due to
serious allergies.**

Absent or Away?

Let us know.

Call 250-747-2103, or

Email qjs@sd28.bc.ca

**You are able to enter an absence on
the form located on our website**

<http://www.qjs.sd28.bc.ca/>