

This Week at QJS January 8, 2021

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Responsibility, Respect, Cooperation, and Kindness



Wearing Masks on Busses!



It's Time to Double Down ~

We are not out of the woods yet and it is time to be more careful than ever! This week Principals met with classes to go over key ways to stay safe:

- 1-Maintain Distance - where ever possible (hands to self- stay apart)
- 2-Masks carefully worn in common areas
- 3-Stay with your cohort!
- 4-Careful Hand Hygiene- sanitize or wash hands every time you enter/exit a room or building.
- 5- DO NOT share food/drinks

It is extremely important that your child continue to wear their mask for the duration of the bus ride. We want to be sure everyone is safe.

Students who repeatedly disregard this may be expected to arrange for alternate transportation to and from school.



Can you spare a small amount of time once a month? Join the QJS PAC

Parents, can you spare an hour or 90 minutes next Monday night, January 11, to join the virtual Parent Advisory Council meeting? Your support is needed (and a short amount of time) to get a PAC running for the next few months.

PACs at the junior school level have a simple role. Join us for monthly meetings that are less than an hour and a half. We apply for gaming grants, provide input on school policies, and support staff with initiatives, generally through funding requests. We have the opportunity to assist with legacy projects and other initiatives if we choose.

We are seeking a President and a Secretary. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend virtual meetings, and perhaps consider joining the executive. **More parents are definitely needed or we cannot get anything moved forward.**

Please join us Monday January 11, 6:30 - click here at 6:30 pm on Monday to take part.
meet.google.com/odm-odsv-weo

Next PAC Meeting January 11th 6:30 p.m.

**Register for the Virtual meeting by emailing
the school to get the link OR click the link.**

Email gjs@sd28.bc.ca or call the school (250-747-2103).

***Gr 9 Immunizations
Immunization days mid-January***



HOUSE 1: Get your orders in if you would like one of these fabulous hoodies. Also orders for House Masks being taken this week.

More Information from Ms. Fisher heatherfisher@sd28.bc.ca





NEW: IN THE PARENT'S CORNER Information for Parents

Struggling to understand your teenager?
What is normal?

Check out the resources from Teen Mental Health.org
<https://teenmentalhealth.org/the-teen-brain/>



PARENTING WORKSHOP

HELPING YOUR CHILD COPE WITH STRESS & ANXIETY

A presentation for parents / caregivers of children of all ages

You will learn:

- The signs of anxiety in childhood
- The difference between typical and atypical anxiety
- The role that you can play in helping your child manage stress & anxiety
- Coping strategies for stress & anxiety

DR. GABRIELA IONITA (R.PSYCH) & KARA MULLIGAN (R.C.C)

JAN 19, 2020 | 5:30 - 7:00

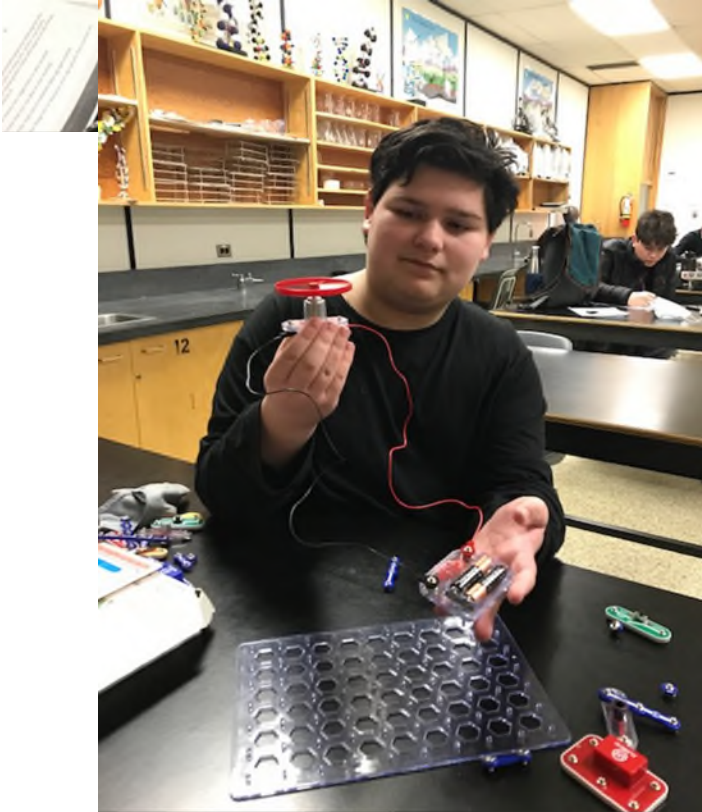
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Quesnel School District creates facility to compliment new era in learning

A NEW ERA OF LEARNING

The Quesnel Junior School



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The new Quesnel Junior School is set to be a significant upgrade to buildings in the Quesnel School District, and it

aims to help foster in a new era of learning. The \$52.2 million project, which broke ground in September, is the first major school capital proj-

ect in the region since 1997 and has been designed by CHP Architects and will be constructed by Jen-Col Construction.

The school will hold 550 grade eight and nine students and has been designed to incorporate 21st Century Learning. This type of learning focusses on teaching students competencies and skills that are best suited in an updated learning environment, one that is open, flexible, and promotes collaboration and interaction among students.

"This new school is uniquely positioned to benefit most students in the Quesnel School District," says school board chair Dave Chapman. "All of our grade eight and nine students will have the opportunity to enjoy this new facility and its modern equipment and resources."

The original school, which was located in downtown Quesnel and built in the 1950s, has been demolished. The students were moved into the former Maple Drive Junior School which was a district-owned school located in South Quesnel. The new school will be built on the same site and, once the new school

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is complete and the students are moved in, the temporary school will be torn down to make way for a parking lot and field.

"It is a bit complex when you have an active construction site on the same property as an active school," says Scott Thomson, operations manager of the Quesnel School District. "Grade eights and nines are curious people. We prepared a stringent safety plan that we developed along with the contractor, the school district, and the principal."

He says the plan includes fencing around the construction site, monitoring, and making updates to the plan as construction and the school year move forward.

In 2017, the Province announced \$1.5 billion in school capital projects for new and expanded schools, seismic upgrades, and land purchases for future schools. Budget 2019 includes \$2.7 billion for school capital funding over the next three years to continue expansion.

Thompson says that when presenting their request to the Ministry of Education, they presented three business cases: renovate the existing downtown site, renovate and add an addition on to the Maple Drive site, or build a brand new school.

"And through our project definition report, we gained the support of the Ministry of Education that the low-cost option was to build a new school, and it made the most sense."

The new QJS will be a two-storey facility built in alignment with LEED Gold standards and will include a new parking area and a pickup/drop-off area for buses along with a neighbourhood learning centre that will offer infant-toddler and before- and after-school child care.

Some environmental elements that will help promote the 21st Century Learning style include outdoor learning areas, flexible furniture, and small learning "communities"

that include learning nooks, a commons area, and maker spaces varying in size.

"It was a good process," says Thomson, "I was glad to be involved then, and I am excited to be involved now and continue to watch the progress."

Students are expected to be welcomed into the new Quesnel Junior School in September 2022. ■



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Know about something going on? Please let us know.

We work with families and students to resolve issues. The problems that continue are usually the ones we don't know about yet! Contact us: 250-255-6057, 250-747-2103

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

Take Action

You have the power to stand up for what's right and stand up for each other. Someone showing bullying behaviour loses their control if they don't have an audience watching them.

If you see bullying, you can stop it within 10 seconds of getting involved. You could try:

- Saying something like, "leave him alone," or "cut it out."
- Defending the victim
- Directing attention away from the bullying
- Getting support from friends to stand up against bullying
- Reporting the bullying to adults

Don't be a bystander and encourage bullying behaviour by:

- Laughing, cheering or recording it
- Forwarding bullying photos or texts
- Visiting websites that target a specific person
- "Liking" mean comments or photos on social media
- Joining in on the bullying

For more information check out

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

CONFUSED?

Sign in and Sign out Procedures

If your child is arriving at school late please have them check in at the office.

Picking up your child? (Only your child!)

Please call the office (250-747-2103) to let us know or send your child with a note to bring to the office.

We will give your child a little **green permission slip to show staff they have checked out.**

Please Remember



Upcoming Dates

Jan 13-14 Gr. 9 Immunizations

Jan 20-21 Gr. 9 Immunizations

Jan 28 Semester 1 ends

Jan 29 NI Day-

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/>**