

This Week at QJS June 2, 2023

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



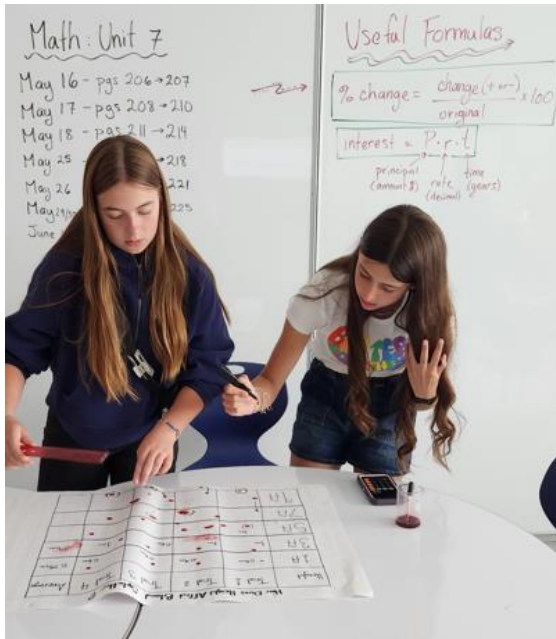
**Science is a hands-on experience!
Frog Dissections taking place in POD 8 this week.**



Every day here at QJS teachers create lessons and learning opportunities to suit a variety of learners. Some students did the dissection activity by watching a frog dissection on the computer, some wanted to be more hands on.

Science can also be an Inquiry Investigation:

Pod 8 investigated Mrs. Frayn's mysterious disappearance.
Photos for evidence...



QJS sports teams in action: Badminton, Golf, and Track and Field.



Congratulations Track and Field Athletes!!

QJS has 6 Track and Field athletes, plus a relay team that qualified for provincials. This is a tremendous outcome. Our grade 9s, they had to compete against grade 10s and place first in their event to qualify.

Landon Cherry, Noah Barry and Aubrey Williams have done such.

Grade 8s, must be in the top 24 athletes for each event to be invited to provincials.

Lexi Tresierra, Kali Forgrave and Colbie Silver-Adams are all amongst the top 24 athletes in their event.

We also have three additional athletes - Reese Hackney, Rome Borsato-Stobbe and Claire Barbosa - who qualified to race in the 4x400m relay at provincials.

Congratulations to all QJS Athletes who represent our school with dignity, pride, and great sportsmanship.

Thanks to all the coaches, teachers and parents who generously share their time with our students.

Out of School Learning Experiences, Place Based Learning and Field Trips

Valuable learning takes place in many formats. With the end of the school year fast approaching teachers work to organize dynamic and celebratory experiences for learning to continue.



Consult with your POD teachers regarding details for these out of school activities. Students must have the completed permissions to allow them to participate and also must meet the measure of trust necessary to leave campus.

This is also the time of year it is critical to demonstrate your learning, as final assessments are taking place in various formats. Attendance and a focus on learning is essential to finish the year in a strong, positive way.

POD CHALLENGE

SKIPPING CHALLENGE MAY 2023

Thanks Student Voice Members who organized and hosted this event.

Winner: POD 2 Colton Campbell

Three winners 😊



Check out the technique!



And impromptu strength challenges also...

Community Update:

Maple Park Mall had recently been purchased by a local businessman. They are working hard to refurbish and get it ready for new businesses. We look forward to seeing this local business thrive.

Vandalism has been an expensive problem recently at Maple Park Mall. Individuals trespassing or vandalizing on this property will be referred to RCMP. We expect that all QJS students are respectful of people and properties in our community.

Expected Behaviours For Students:

Schools have a responsibility to work with students and families to create safe, caring learning environments. Therefore, students are expected to know and follow the behaviours outlined in the District #28 and QJS Codes of Conduct. (In Student and Parent Handbooks located on our Quesnel Junior School website [Quesnel Junior School - Home \(sd28.bc.ca\)](http://sd28.bc.ca))

CLOSED CAMPUS : Designed for Student Safety

To avoid confusion please familiarize your family with the school Sign in and Sign out Procedures

Students are to remain on campus unless a parent/guardian picks them up.

Picking up your child? No problem 😊

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**.

QJS PAC Student Cell Phone Survey



Take our QJS PAC Cell Phone Survey and share your thoughts:
Please complete the following survey by clicking the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QGGHQ6Z>

While there are potential instructional benefits of using cell phones in schools and classrooms, there is also research revealing that improper use can negatively impact student behaviour, learning, and well-being.

The purpose of this survey is to learn more about the use of student personal cell phones in our school and how to best support students with establishing healthy habits and choices surrounding technology usage in their school setting.

We would love to hear from you. Please feel free to send additional comments, concerns or suggestions to pacatqjs@gmail.com.



Nuts & Scents
Free School



***Special Note - Serious Health Risks:**

All School District buildings are scent free. Students intentionally disregarding the district scent free policy put others at risk and will be sent home. Students should leave scented products at home. Scented products at school may be confiscated and disposed of.



IN THE PARENT'S CORNER

Information for Parents

**links and information*

Parent Portal Access for Attendance or Report Cards: Contact the office if you need help getting access to the Portal.

250-747-2103

Next PAC Meeting June 12, 2023
QJS Library 7:00

2022-2023 Executive

- Melissa Gonzalez – President
- Philippa Murray – Vice President
- Kim Scott – Secretary
- Treasurer -



JUNE FINAL WEEKS AT QJS

Many people are already planning for the end of the year. POD activities and learning continue to take place regularly until Friday, June 16th. After that things look a little different. Here is an outline and more information will follow describing in detail.

<u>June 19</u>	<u>June 20</u>	<u>June 21</u>	<u>June 22</u>	<u>June 23</u>
Assessment Day	Assessment Day	Alternate Assessment Day	Project Completion - Make Up Day	Project Completion - Make Up Day
*classes in session	*classes in session	Indigenous Day (some classes or students attend)	* <u>only</u> students required (invited to finish up work) should attend	* <u>only</u> students required (invited to finish up work) should attend

<u>June 26</u>	<u>June 27</u>	<u>June 28</u>	<u>June 29</u>	<u>June 30</u>
<p>Grade 7 Orientation Day *No school for QJS 8/9s</p>	<p>Service Day *students who have signed up for specific service jobs attend</p>	<p>Report Card Day Students may attend via regular bussing – once assembly is over and report cards are picked up students are free to go</p>	<p>Administration Day (office open to pick up materials)</p>	<p>Summer Holiday ~see you in September!</p>

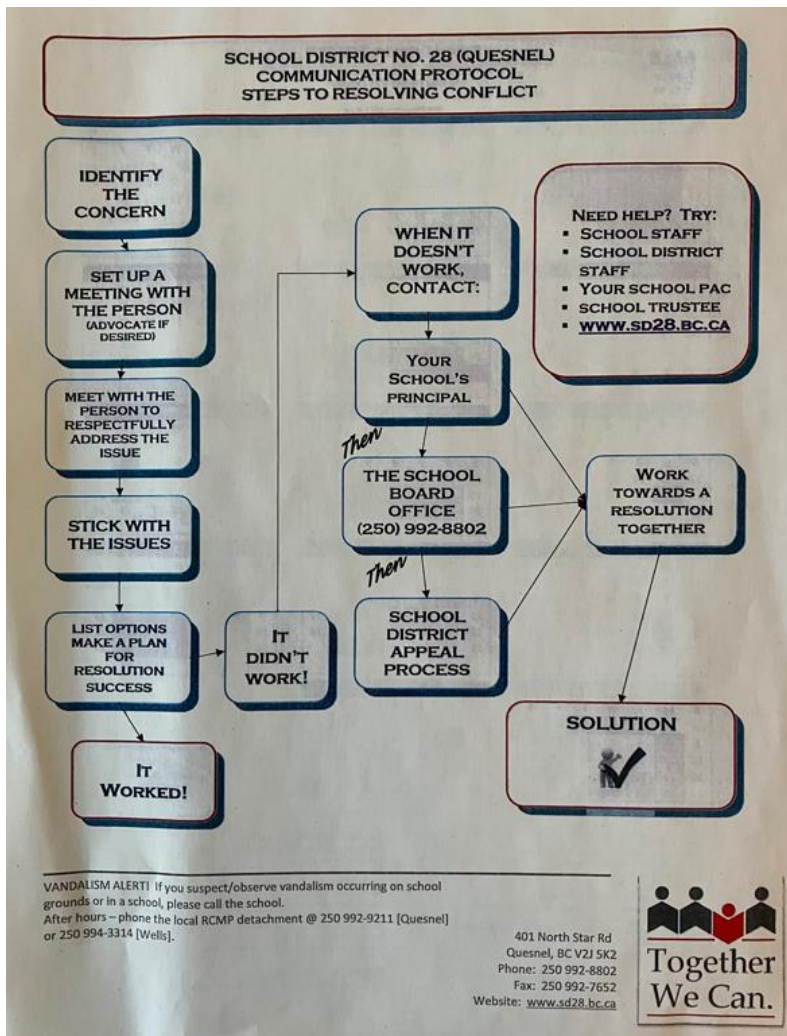
"Year's end is
neither an end nor
a beginning but a
going on, with all
the wisdom that
experience can
instill in us."

Hal Borland

Look below for

[Community Information](#)

~following the usual end of the newsletter (Expected Behaviours for Students – Handbooks and Code of Conduct links)



Got Questions or Concerns?

We always want to know and try to help resolve issues. Our most effective resolutions come from working together with those directly involved with the concern.

At QJS we work as a team to support your children.



Please let us know if your child is having difficulties with other students at school, so that we can help support them. They can also report using the anonymous link below. Each report is followed up by the school identified.

[Anonymous reporting tool for students | Report It Erase \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

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

Grade 8 Peterjerspersen@sd28.bc.ca

Grade 9 Jenniferstevenson@sd28.bc.ca



Do you 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,
Mr. Loewen 250-991-9681,
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: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>

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

Questions?

Classes? If you have question or concerns please email your child's classroom teacher(s).

Other problems? Email school counselors for help

Gr. 9 Ms. Stevenson jenniferstevenson@sd28.bc.ca,

Gr 8 Mr. Jespersen peterjespersen@sd28.bc.ca

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FIRST SHIFT PROGRAM

In partnership with Bauer, Hockey Canada and the NHL Players Association

Registration Opens June 1st

REGISTER AT:
FIRSTSHIFT.CA/LOCATIONS

Program Cost: \$299

Players Receive new head to toe Bauer equipment & On-ice instruction

Program Starts November 6 and runs through to March

More info: qdmha@shaw.ca



SCHOOL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PHYSICAL LITERACY PROJECT



ISPARC
Indigenous Sport,
Physical Activity & Recreation Council

Upcoming Online Workshops for Educators Working with Indigenous Students

Looking to learn more about Indigenous Ways of Knowing when it comes to physical activity and physical literacy? Join us for one, two or all three of these **free** Zoom workshops through May and June – choose the date for each workshop that works best for you!



An Indigenous Approach to Getting Started with Physical Literacy Workshop
Brings local Indigenous storytelling that honours the First Peoples' Principles of Learning to basic physical literacy theory. 90 minutes

Tuesday May 16th, 12:00-1:30 p.m. PST
Tuesday May 23rd, 3:00-4:30 p.m. PST
Monday June 5th, 12:00-1:30 p.m. PST
Friday June 9th, 3:00-4:30 p.m. PST



Holistic Model for Educators

Based on the medicine wheel's core values and teachings, learn to further the physical literacy of Indigenous learners by teaching beyond the physical to the emotional/intellectual, cultural and spiritual. 90 minutes.

Thursday June 1st, 3:00-4:30 p.m. PST
Tuesday June 6th, 3:00-4:30 p.m. PST



Motivation Strategies for Indigenous Learners

This new workshop works towards an understanding of what physical literacy is, how building confidence and competence increases motivation for physical activity, and how educators can build supports for students' motivation. We look at challenges and barriers, consider ways to support students where they are at, understand their needs in a holistic manner, and discuss strategies to meet those needs. 2 hours.

Thursday May 18th, 3:00-5:00 p.m. PST
Friday May 26th, 12:00-2:00 p.m. PST
Thursday June 8th, 12:00-2:00 p.m. PST

Information and Booking

Contact **Alex Dolen**, Project Manager, School Physical Activity and Physical Literacy project at adolen@isparc.ca.



ISPARC
Indigenous Sport,
Physical Activity & Recreation Council



QUESNEL

- Let's go play on our bikes!
- Skill-Focused group rides
- Safe & supportive environment
- Bring your own equipment
- NCCP Club-trained and certified coaches

For children 7-12 years old (skill levels 3 and 4) who wish to make new friends and learn basic mountain bike skills.

**WEST FRASER
TIMBER PARK**

5x Tuesdays
May 23, 30, June 6, 13
3:30 - 5:30 PM

\$80 + HopOn Membership
30 Spots Available



LEARN MORE AT CYCLINGBC.NET/HOPON