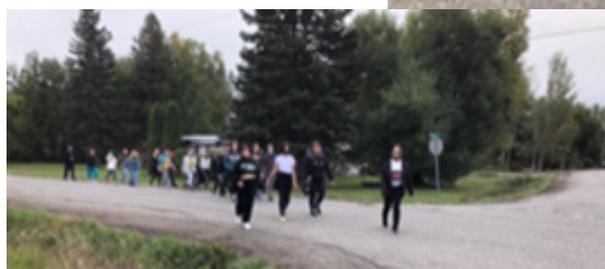


# This Week at QJS September 24, 2021

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



**QJS Celebrated Terry Fox with runners, walkers and fundraising. It is not too late to contribute. Please send your donations to school with your child.**





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**Reminder that your child should bring a mask to wear on the bus and at school.**



**Thursday, September 30  
The New Truth &  
Reconciliation Day  
(Orange Shirt Day)**

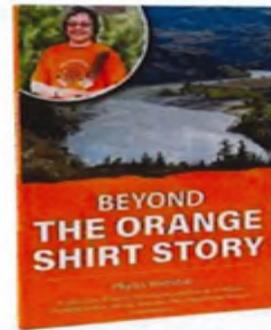
**New Stat- No School**

**Quesnel schools were part of the very first Orange Shirt Day recognition events, 13 years ago. This year we have our first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Statutory Holiday, September 30. We continue to work in classes and in our community to listen with open hearts to the stories of residential school survivors and to improve our understanding of the impact of the Residential Schools on individuals and communities.**



Proudly Presents

**Speaker Author Phyllis Webstad**  
**"Beyond the Orange Shirt Story"**



Every September 30<sup>th</sup> we wear orange shirts to honour residential school survivors. Orange Shirt Day grew out of Phyllis Webstad's story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at residential school told for the first time May 2013. Phyllis published her first children's book Orange Shirt Day which aims to bring communities together.

Phyllis' latest book "Beyond the Orange Short Story" is a unique collection of truths that articulate the lives and experiences of some Residential School Survivors and their families. Compiled by Phyllis Webstad, Residential School Survivor and Founder of the Orange Shirt Day movement, this book will give readers an up-close look at what life was like for many Survivors — before, during, and after their Residential School experiences. These personal Survivor accounts, relayed in a number of one-on-one interviews, are authentically shared in their own voices.

**Come meet Phyllis and purchase her latest book!**

**When:** October 7, 2021

**Where:** The Den by Moonshine Coffee  
690 Gray Ave  
Quesnel, BC  
V2J 0C9

**Time:** 5:30 pm to 8 pm

**Food, Coffee, tea, snacks, etc. will be available for purchase**

**COVID-19** safety measures currently in place are based on the recommendations in Step 3 of BC's Restart plan.

- Stay home if you are ill.
- Respect personal space.
- Wash your hands and/or use hand-sanitizing stations.
- The wearing of masks is mandatory for everyone age 12 and over.
- From September 13, 2021: Proof of partial vaccination (1st dose) is required.

For more information on Orange Shirt Day visit <http://www.orangeshirtday.org>



Nuts & Scents  
Free School







**Gr. 8 students gathering for safety training in wood work with Mr. Gerich.**

## **Science Labs in Action**

**Science is very hands on learning: creating models and designing experiments.**



# Fair Notice Statement: Some things cannot be said at school, even as a joke. When a student makes threats we have an obligation to investigate. Please read the following notice with your child so everyone understands.



## Notice to our Students and Parents/Guardians/Caregivers Quesnel School District Threat Assessment Protocol

The Quesnel School District and our community partners are committed to having safe, caring and inclusive schools. In the event that a student makes a threat of violence or harm to other students, staff or the school community, the school will initiate the Quesnel School District threat assessment protocol.

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### *Violence, Threat and Risk Assessment Protocol*

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**In the event of a serious threat to the wellbeing of students or staff, A Violence, Threat and Risk Assessment Protocol will be initiated.**

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. They may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the internet or made by gesture. Threats must be taken seriously, investigated and responded to.

#### **What is the purpose of a threat assessment?**

- to ensure the safety of all students, staff, parents and others
- to ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat
- to understand factors contributing to the threat makers' behaviour
- to be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat maker
- to promote the emotional and physical safety of all

#### **What behaviours initiate a VTRA?**

A VTRA will be initiated when behaviours include, but are not limited to, serious violence with intent to harm or kill, verbal/written threats to harm/kill others, Internet website/social media threats to harm/kill others, possession of weapons (including replicas), bomb threats, and fire setting.

#### **Duty to report**

Staff, parents, students and community members have a duty to report all threat-related behaviours to keep our school community safe.

#### **VTRA Team**

Our school has a multi-disciplinary threat assessment team. The team includes principal, vice-principal, district staff, school counsellors and police.

#### **What happens in a student threat assessment?**

After a report, the principal will activate the protocol for initial response. The team is activated and interviews may be held with the student(s), the threat maker, parents and staff to determine the level of risk and develop an appropriate response to the incident. Intervention plans will be developed and shared with parents, staff and students as required.

#### **Can someone refuse to participate in a threat assessment process?**

It is important for all parties to participate. If someone is reluctant to participate for some reason, the threat assessment process will continue in order to keep our school safe.

## BREAKFAST CLUB AT QJS



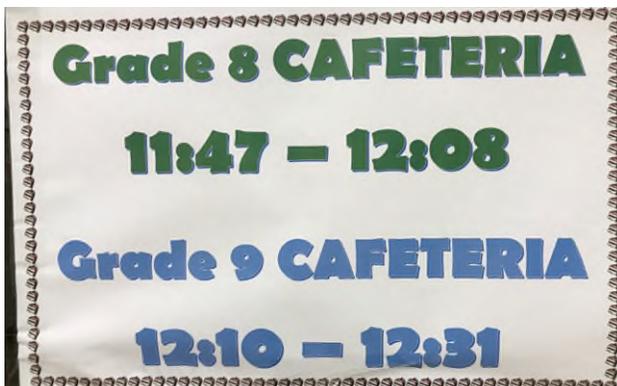
Your child is greeted every day by Melinda Nazuruk our Breakfast Club Coordinator Extraordinaire!

We are need of:

- 1) Two grade 8 students to help daily. (early risers who can get to school before the buses arrive is ideal)
- 2) Donations of \$ always welcome (receipts available). We feed many hungry students daily. All students are welcome!

## School Lunch – CAFETERIA

Students will be welcome to eat the lunch they bring in the cafeteria.



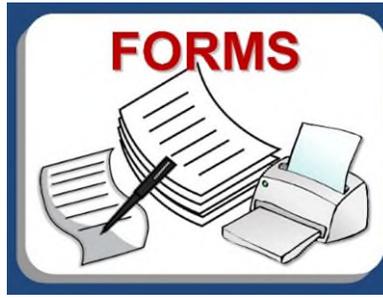
\*Students are able to eat outside, in the cafeteria or in the library.

## LUNCH ACTIVITIES:

Mon/Wed/Fri - Gym open for shooting hoops

Tues: Indigenous Voice Leadership Group - Port 5

Wed: Rainbow Club - Room 201



## Please Return Forms

Please update and return student verification forms. Throughout the year, if your information changes, please contact the school.

**PAC UPDATE: Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00**



All parents/guardians are members of PAC and are welcome to attend the meetings. The group usually meets once/month for approx. 1 hour.

2021-2022 Executive: TBA

## Safety Reminder: Careful Hand hygiene keeps you and others safe.



Masks are to be worn by everyone, when inside (unless eating or drinking - designated times and places). If your child requires a mask exemption, contact the school so a safety plan can be agreed on and put in place.

## Upcoming Dates

September 29 – School Orange Shirt Day

September 30 – TRC: Orange Shirt Day **New Stat Holiday** (no school for students)

October 11 – Thanksgiving Monday

October 13 – **PAC Meeting 7:00 in Library**

October 19 – Photo Retake Day

October 27 & 28 – Early Release Days for Parent Teacher Interviews



## **NEW: IN THE PARENT'S CORNER** **Information for Parents**

*\*here we post some links and information we hope you find helpful (always open to suggestions for topics)*

## 3 Questions to Ask Your Kids about Suicide Prevention

Three questions to ask your kids or teens:

1. Do you think schools should teach about suicide prevention?
2. What does your school have in place that includes educating about suicide prevention? A mental health club? A wellness center? A health class? If not, what would you like to see?
3. Do you think it could be useful to have students teach other students about suicide prevention?

Ideas to get the conversation started:

1. The questions above are the key questions for this week.

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

Grade 9 [Peterjespersen@sd28.bc.ca](mailto:Peterjespersen@sd28.bc.ca)

Grade 8 [Jenniferstevenson@sd28.bc.ca](mailto:Jenniferstevenson@sd28.bc.ca)

## **CLOSED CAMPUS**

### **Sign in and Sign out Procedures**

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

**Picking up your child? 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. Returning or late? Come to the office and let us know you are here.**

## **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](http://www.quesneljunior.bc.ca)**

**[sd28.bc.ca](http://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>**