

**Skeena
Middle School**

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Principal – Mr. Phillip Barron
Vice-Principal – Mrs. Sonja
Donnan
Vice-Principal – Mr. Joe
Dominguez

Bell Schedule

8:40	Warning Bell
8:45-9:50	Block 1
9:55	Block 2
10:10-10:20	Grade 8 Break
10:20-10:30	Grade 7 Break
10:30-10:40	Grade 9 Break
11:05-12:10	Block 3
12:10-12:58	Lunch
1:03-2:08	Block 4
2:13-3:18	Block 5

Student Absenteeism

Please remember to contact the school whenever your son or daughter is going to be away from school. If you send a note with your child, please have the note delivered to the main office first. If the absence is going to be for an extended period of time i.e. more than one day, we can put a homework request out to teachers if your child is ill.

If you are choosing to keep your child at home for an extended period of time due to COVID 19 concerns, please notify the school immediately to avoid a daily automated call out. Should you wish to pursue Distance Learning, please contact Mr. McKay @ 250-635-7944.



February 2021 Newsletter

Dear SMS Families,

We, at Skeena Middle School, hope that this newsletter finds you well. As we approach Family Day, it is our hope that relaxation and reflection on the importance of family are a part of your weekend plan. With January behind us and Spring Break around the corner, there is much that we look forward to in the next few weeks.

We would like to thank all our students for their continued effort in making sure that our Covid-19 safety plan is being followed. As you may already be aware, there were recent changes regarding PPE's (masks) inside our school. We encourage you to take a moment to read the updated safety plan and have a discussion with your children regarding the importance of following the protocols in place.

Principal	Vice-Principal	Vice-Principal
Mr. Barron	Mrs. Donnan	Mr. Dominguez

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon. Feb. 15th	FAMILY DAY – NO SCHOOL
Feb. 16 th – Mar. 12 th	Foundational Skills Assessments (FSA's)
Mon. Feb. 22 nd	First day of 3 rd trimester
Wed. Feb. 24 th	PINK SHIRT DAY
	Last Day of Term 3 Essentials
Thurs. Feb. 25 th	First Day of Term 4 Essentials
Tues. Mar. 9 th	Report Cards Sent Home
Wed. Mar. 10 th	Early Dismissal – 2:18
Thurs. Mar. 11 th	Early Dismissal – 2:18
Fri. Mar. 12 th	Last Day Before Spring Break
March 15 th - 26 th	SPRING BREAK

Students Leaving the School

In the interest of student safety, any students who need to leave the school for any reason, i.e. an appointment, home for lunch – are required to sign out at the main office and to sign back in upon return. Thank you.

Visitors and Guests to the School

All parents/guardians, visitors and guests are required to call first. Please follow the COVID-19 protocol posted at the entrance after you enter the school. Wearing a mask is mandatory before entering. Thank you.

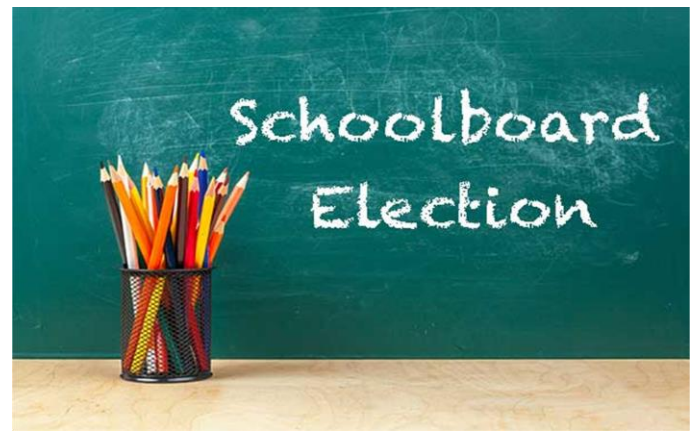
**YEARBOOKS ARE NOW \$20 until MARCH
BREAK!
GET YOURS before the final price
increase!!**

**Don't miss out on this great price and pre-
order your Yearbook now!**

****PLEASE HAND IN ORDER FORMS AT
THE OFFICE****

All orders are due by: March 12, 2021

If you have any questions about the yearbook
or would like to order it as gift (with a great
card included!), please contact Mrs. Cleveland
or Ms. Georgeson



Reminder that a School Trustee By-election for the
Board of Education of School District 82 to elect one
Trustee for Electoral Area 2 (Terrace) will be held on
Saturday, March 6, 2021. For further details please
go to www.cmsd.bc.ca.



Thank you to all who submitted an entry to the Art Contest and congratulations to JP Croot, Vanessa Smythe, Maggie Eyre, Ryler Haughland Kutenics, Wade Stewart, Collin Maillet, Milla Ivens, Annabel Allen, Mackenzie Lord Braid, Johanna Hecker, Ava Lee Webber, Keyaira Conway, Linda Stephens, Eva Davenport and Ethan Weidner for winning a cool SMS prizes. Shout out to Ms. Gill for organizing this event.

French Immersion Families

Looking for something to do on
Family Day? Free French movies
sponsored by Canadian Parents for
French-BC & Yukon - livestream
- **Avril et le monde truqué** at 3
p.m. PST, and **Louis Cyr:
L'homme le plus fort au
monde** at 7 p.m. PST.

Free for members of CPF and CPF
membership is free this year! Sign
up for the films and memberships
at: <https://form.jotform.com/210204815815246>

Take a screen shot of your
completed CPF membership and
message our Canadian Parents
for French - Terrace Facebook
page to get your name entered in
this month's CPF Terrace
membership draw. And, if you
are already a CPF member, your
name will also go into the draw
Feb 16 for a Family Movie Night
gift basket.

Reading Incentive Contest



The reading incentive was a big success. Many students participated reading their favorite books. Congratulations to Danielle Weary, Gregory Morrison, Kourtney Godfrey, Alexander Auriat, Roan Vigneault, Hannah Thomson, Brohwnyn Slack, Lukas Ames, Braydon Spencer, Braydon Spencer, Cylar Prevost, Laura Lincoln, Wade Stewart, Savanna Woods, and Jesse George.

SPIRIT WEEK

Students who choose to participate will receive tickets to enter a draw for a number of prizes, including SMS clothing, gift cards, and lift tickets donated by Shames Mountain.

Monday Feb. 22nd – Hat Day

Tuesday Feb. 23rd – PJ Day

Wednesday Feb. 24th – Pink Shirt Day

Thursday Feb. 25th – Wear blue or School Color day

Friday Feb. 26th – Sports Jersey Day



COVID – 19 Reminder

Thank you to all of you who continually monitor your child's health before sending him/her to school. It is expected that you will do your part and continue with this practice to ensure the safety of your child and everyone else. According to BCCDC document (Appendix C p. 23), it is also expected to conduct a daily health check before sending your child to school. Please use the table below to determine if you should send your child to school that day.

Daily Health Check

Key Symptoms of Covid-19	Circle	One
Fever	Yes	No
Chills	Yes	No
Cough or worsening of chronic cough	Yes	No
Shortness of breath	Yes	No
Loss of sense of smell or taste	Yes	No
Diarrhea	Yes	No
Nausea and vomiting	Yes	No

If a student is experiencing any of the key symptoms of Covid-19, they should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, the child may return to school if they feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

New Covid-19 Protocol for Middle Schools

Summary of the new Covid-19 safety protocols.

1. Masks must be worn in all indoor spaces in middle schools. However, there are exceptions, and they include:

If students can be seated independently with 6 feet between them and the next student, masks are not required. However, if they get out of their workspace, they must put their mask on. Otherwise, masks are required in all classes, as well as other spaces within the school.

If there is a physical barrier between students like a plexiglass shield, masks can be taken off.

When students are eating or drinking.

2. Staff are required to wear masks in classes when they are teaching. The exception would be if a teacher is at their desk and there are no students near them, or if they have a plexiglass barrier between them and their students. If students come to a teacher's desk for help, both student and teacher should have a mask on. The same is expected if teachers are circulating helping students.
3. Gym classes that involve high-intensity activity should take place outdoors if possible, and if indoors, ensure that there is appropriate physical distancing between students. If physical distancing cannot be maintained, students must wear masks.
4. Music classes now have a mask requirement when students are singing, and while playing instruments, students must be physically distanced.

Masks must also be worn when students are on a school bus. This includes students going on field trips.