

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.

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.

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.



September 2020 Newsletter

Relationships

Respect

Honesty

Responsibility

Perseverance

WELCOME TO SKEENA MIDDLE SCHOOL

We would like to welcome all our students, parents and guardians to the Skeena Middle School Family. We are excited to have everyone back and see many familiar faces these past few weeks. We want students and parents to know that we look forward to reconnecting with all of you. It is our desire to work with the entire SMS family to ensure that everyone feels safe as we strive to create a positive learning environment. It is said that “it takes a village to raise a child”, and we look forward to partnering with you in your child’s journey towards learning.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your son or daughter’s teacher, Mr. Barron, Mrs. Donnan, or Mr. Dominguez

New Staff at SMS

We would like to welcome new teaching and support staff this year at SMS. Our new teaching staff include Ms. Mailhot, Mrs. Greaves, Ms. Blohm-Gagne, Ms. Georgeson, and Ms. Bell. Our new educational assistants and support staff are Sharlene Barger, Tracey Bjorgaard, Colleen Reid and Alyssa Jackson. We are thrilled to have all of them join the SMS family!



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL - WELCOMES YOU!

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Executives for this **2020-2021** School Year will be determined on our next meeting.

Chair: Jennifer Kenny **Vice-Chair:**
Treasurer: Chris Simms **Secretary:**
DPAC: Terri Edmonds

Next meeting; September 30 @ 7 pm. via Zoom.

To learn more about what PAC is all about and how you can get involved, please join us on our next meeting.



NOURISHMENT
+ EDUCATION
BRIGHTER FUTURE



Our school's nutrition program is proudly funded by Breakfast for Learning. Thanks to their support, we are able to offer our students a healthy meal or snack during the school day.

Breakfast for Learning

Breakfast for Learning is a national charity that is committed to helping children across Canada realize their full potential in life by ensuring that all children attend school well nourished and ready to learn, giving them the best chance of success in life.

As Canada's first charity focused on child nutrition, Breakfast for Learning has been helping support school based nutrition programs in every province and territory for almost 24 years.

In the 2015/16 school year, Breakfast for Learning funded 1,900 breakfast, lunch and snack programs, served 241,485 children and youth, and provided more than 41 million nourishing meals and snacks.

Since 1992, Breakfast for Learning has helped 3.8 million children enjoy over 594 million healthy meals and snacks.

For more information, please visit
breakfastforlearning.ca.

FOUNDRY

Walk-in counselling available Monday - Friday 10 am to 3:30 pm.

Main Phone Line/General Inquiries:
Call: 250-635-5596
Email: foundation@tdcss.ca

Walk-in Counselling: Lana
Call or Text: 250-641-2395

Peer Support Workers: Paige, Keira, Joey
Call or Text: 250-615-8661

Clinical Lead: Lindsay
Call or Text: 250-631-7204
Email: lindsaymcgregor@tdcss.ca



Mr. Midgely is excited to start a chess club this year. For more info. please reach out to him in room 153.



A message from Ms. Georgeson - our new band teacher....

"I'm Ms. Georgeson, your new band teacher for the year. I'm very excited to be in Terrace, and to make music with all on the land of the Tsimshian people. Band will be a fun space filled with smiles and laughter, and to be an opportunity to get creative while learning through music.

Would you like to join band? I promise it is super fun and cool! Make friends, go on trips, play in a jazz band, join a community, perform for others, and so much more. Come find me if you have questions about band at SMS"



SHOP EQUIPMENT



Students in woodwork and metalwork are required to bring their own personal safety glasses to class. They can be purchased from Mr. Sydor or Mr. Levecque for \$2.

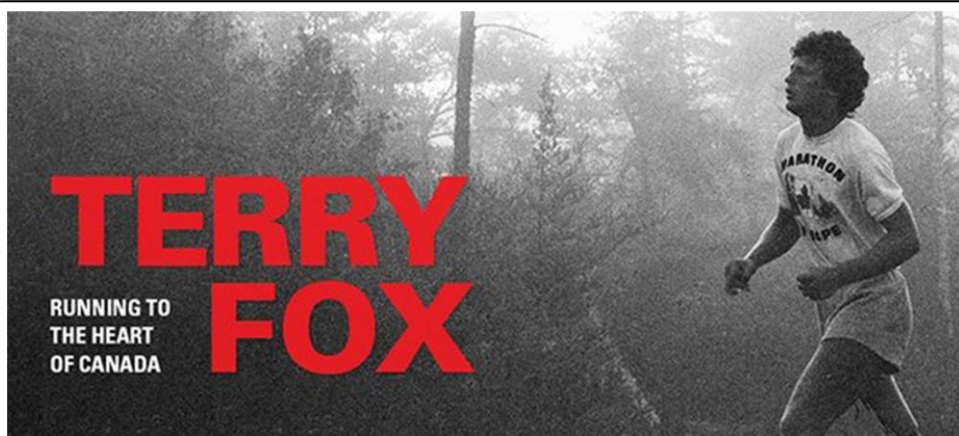


PHOTO DAY - OCTOBER 1ST
RETAKES - OCTOBER 29th



Events will begin starting Monday, September 21st to Wednesday, October 21st. This is an excellent school wide event to have fun and raise funds towards a great cause. Events for this cause include...

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| 1. Toonies for Terry | 4. Terry Fox Trivia |
| 2. Class Run/Walk Challenge | 5. Terry Fox Poster Contest |
| 3. "What's your 40?" Classroom Activity | |

REPORT CARDS AND TERMS THIS YEAR

This year we will have three terms and three reporting periods, much the same as in the elementary schools in our school district. The term dates are as follows:

Term # 1 - September to November



Term # 2 - December to March

Term # 3 - April to June

EXPLORATORY TERMS

Term 1 - September 10 - October 29

Term 2 - October 30 - December 18

Term 3 - January 4 - February 24

Term 4 - February 25 - April 30

Term 5 - May 3 - June 24

FIRST TERM REPORT CARDS

The Early Dismissal days are November 25 and 26 - students will be dismissed one hour early both days.

Report cards will be sent home with all students on

Parent/Teacher interviews will also take place on

All of our Teaching Staff will be in their classrooms - we will post maps and lists of Teachers' names with room assignments to assist

COVID - 19 Screening Protocol

To increase safety measures for students and staff at SMS, we are putting an illness tracking program along with a communicative strategy for parents and students when an illness is reported to the school. If you call to inform the school that your child is sick, we advise parents to use the following chart below.

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 "YES" is circled to one of the questions included under 'Key Symptoms of Illness' (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered "YES" to two or more of the questions included under 'Symptoms of Illness' or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved. When a COVID-19 test is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is positive, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is negative, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- If a COVID-19 test is recommended but is not done because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.



SMS has a new facebook page. This page is dedicated to bringing updated information from the school and school district. It is important to answer the questions in order to be approved. This is for security reasons ensuring that you have a child in our school. Click on the link below to be directed in the correct group.. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2381935658782159/>

