



## Skeena Middle School

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# This Week at SMS - Oct. 28 to Nov. 1

## End of the First Exploratory

Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> is the last day of the first of five exploratory rotations for our Grade 7 and Grade 8 students.

Starting on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, all of our Grade 7 and Grade 8 students will start a new exploratory course. All CORE teachers will make sure that students know which class to go to on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.



## Band Fundraiser

Our Band Program is currently doing a Scoops Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser. All orders are due back to the school by Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> with orders ready for pick-up by Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached order form. Orders may be dropped off in the Band Room.



## Spirit Week – Oct. 28 to Nov. 1

This week will be our first Spirit Week of the year. The Spirit Days will be:

- **Monday, Oct. 28** - “Anything but a Water Bottle” Day - bring your water/coffee in something other than a water bottle. Must be appropriate for school.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 29** - “School Colors/SMS Day” - Blue and Yellow (gold)
- **Wednesday, Oct. 30** - Country Day – wear your cowboys hats, etc.
- **Thursday, Oct. 31** - Halloween Costume Day - there will be a costume contest, details will be out soon.
- **Friday, Nov. 1** - Pajama Day - Comfy and Cozy pajamas. All pajamas must be appropriate for school.



**All students are encouraged to participate in our Spirit Days**

## Happy Halloween at SMS

As in the past, students are welcome to wear a costume to school on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, for Halloween.

Students are reminded that costumes need to be appropriate for school including the safety of all students – **for example, nothing too violent or gory, no weapons of any kind and masks are NOT to be worn.**

**NOTE:** If a costume is determined by our staff to be inappropriate for school, the individual student(s) will be asked to change for the day.



## FamilySmart

FamilySmart is a resource for Parents/Caregivers through the Integrated Child and Youth (ICY) team. The ICY Teams are part of a provincial strategy for improved mental health and substance use care in BC. FamilySmart offers support for parents and caregivers of children and youth with mental health and/or substance use challenges. They can help by:

- Providing a safe space to talk, free of judgement and blame
- Listening and helping you find resources and services within the community
- Helping prepare for meetings with people working with your child

Peggy Sowa is our FamilySmart support worker. She can be reached at [peggy.sowa@familysmart.ca](mailto:peggy.sowa@familysmart.ca) or at 250-872-2415.

More information about FamilySmart is available at: [FamilySmart - Together-Centred™ for Child & Youth Mental Health](#)



## Colder Weather

The weather outside is getting cold and we are seeing more rain and may soon see some snow. Please make every effort to send your child to school dressed appropriately for the weather.

### Safety Reminders:

- Walk on the sidewalks, wherever possible
- Allow for extra time in the morning due to road conditions.
- Watch for students and adults in the parking lot.
- Stand away from where the bus stops. Buses need extra room to stop when there is snow and ice on the road.
- Please **do not** drive in the bus lane closest to the school.
- Please use the designated student drop off area.

## Remembrance Day Ceremony

On Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> after lunch, we will have our annual Remembrance Day Ceremony. All students and staff will participate in this assembly.



## No School – Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

There will be **NO** school on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> due to the Remembrance Day holiday.

## Visitors to the School

All visitors – including parents and caregivers - to Skeena Middle School must report to the office to check in/sign in.

If a visitor is going to a classroom or elsewhere in the school, they will be given a visitor badge to wear during their time at SMS.

**NOTICE**

**ALL VISITORS  
MUST REPORT  
TO OFFICE**

## Block Rotation - Oct. 28 to Nov. 1

Mon., Oct. 28 – 8-1-2-3-4

Tues., Oct. 29 – 5-6-7-8-1

Wed., Oct. 30 – 2-3-4-5-6

Thurs., Oct. 31 – 7-8-1-2-3

Fri., Nov. 1 – 4-5-6-7-8

## Lost and Found

We have begun to collect a number of items in our Lost and Found Bin.

If your child is missing a jacket or a hoodie, please ask them to have a look in our lost and found. It is located in the gym between the bleachers.