



Skeena Middle School

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Relationships - Respect - Honesty - Responsibility - Perseverance

This Week at SMS - Sept. 30 to Oct. 4

Traffic Flow and Parking Information

As you are probably well aware, we often have trouble with the flow of traffic in our parking lot especially in the morning when students are being dropped off and at the end of the day when students are being picked up. We have multiple buses in the morning and after school and considerable time and effort has gone into establishing safe and effective traffic measures. Please review the outlined information and follow the processes we have in place. This will help ensure that our students and staff members are safe and that traffic will flow through the parking lot as efficiently as possible:

1. There should be no parking, drop off, or pick up on Munroe St. This slows down traffic significantly and causes more congestion.
2. The first section of parking spaces when you enter our parking area is being used by staff – as such, we are asking parents/guardians to park in the second section of parking spaces when picking up or dropping off students.
3. We have a crossing guard/bus monitor at the front of the school in the afternoons – please ensure that you watch for her and follow her directions.
4. **Vehicles may not drive in the bus lane closest to the school, especially during these two busy times of the day.**
5. We are requesting that when picking up your child after school, please proceed to the second parking area so as to allow vehicles behind yours to enter.

*** Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us to keep our students, staff and family members safe at all times.**

PAC Meeting

The first Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting of the 2024/2025 school year will be on **Thursday, October 3rd** in the Skeena Middle School Library. This is the PAC Annual General Meeting and Elections.



All parents/caregivers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Terry Fox Run

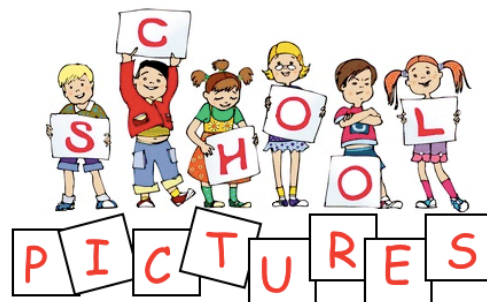
Unfortunately, we had to postpone our Terry Fox Run last week due to the weather. It has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 1st. We will be making use of our track and school grounds for this run. A number of classes have fundraising plans up and running. Families can make an on-line donation at [Skeena Middle School - Terrace, BC | Terry Fox School Run](#)

Open House

Our Open House was on Thursday, October 26th. If you were unable to make the Open House and would like to connect with your child's teacher, please contact the school at 250-635-9136.

Photo Day

Our Photo Day will be on Wednesday, October 9th. All students will get their photo taken on October 9th. Students will bring home a notice this week as a reminder.



Attendance Reminders

Our warning bell rings each morning at 8:45 AM with our second bell to start classes ringing at 8:50 AM. Any students arriving after the second bell **must** go to the main office for a late slip. If your son/daughter is going to be away, please let the main office **and** their teacher(s) know.



Lates during the day

If your child is late for class throughout the day, they must go to the office to check in. Lately, we have had a number of students who are not arriving to class on time during various times throughout the day (after break, between classes, after lunch, etc.).

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)

From October 1 to November 8, 2024, all the Grade 7 students at Skeena Middle School, along with all Grade 4 and Grade 7 students throughout British Columbia, will complete the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA). The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of all B.C. students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7, and provides parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the ministry with important information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Literacy and Numeracy.

Shoes in the Gym

Please remind your child that outdoor shoes **CANNOT** be used in any of our gym spaces (gym, dance room, weight room). If your child does not have indoor shoes, please remind them that these are needed. Students should not be in the gym in sock feet.



Vaping

Electronic Nicotine & Non-nicotine Delivery Systems (also called vaporizers, vapes, or e-cigarettes) are considered to be cigarettes – and, as such, are not permitted to be used at anytime in or on the grounds of SMS. Students who are found to be vaping or smoking on grounds, in the school, on school buses, etc. will face serious consequences.

The use of vapour products has been on the rise with youth. A recent Health Canada survey showed that 17% of students in grades 7 to 12 have tried an e-cigarette or vape. “Vaping” is the act of inhaling and exhaling an aerosol, often called vapour, which is produced by heating a liquid with a battery-powered device known as a vape, electronic-cigarette or vapour product. The liquid is often referred to as e-juice, and comes in a variety of flavours which youth may find appealing. Vapour products do not produce smoke or steam, but rather an aerosol consisting of fine particles, containing varying amounts of propylene glycol, glycerin, flavourings and other chemicals. Some of these have been linked to cancer, respiratory and heart disease. People who use vapour products may be reassured by “nicotine-free” labels on the liquids. Tests performed by Health Canada found that about half of e-juices that were labelled “nicotine-free” actually contained nicotine. It can be difficult for parents to know if their child is vaping. Some liquids are odourless and devices can mimic the look of common objects such as USB flash drives, pens and flashlights.

More information is available at <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/smoking-tobacco.html> or [Vaping - what you need to know | Canadian Lung Association](#)

Block Rotation - Sept. 30 to Oct. 4

Mon., Sept. 30 – No School
Tues., Oct. 1 – 3-4-5-6-7
Wed., Oct. 2 – 8-1-2-3-4
Thurs., Oct. 3 – 5-6-7-8-1
Fri., Oct. 4 – 2-3-4-5-6

Volleyball

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to coach our volleyball teams this year. We now have coaches for all of our teams. All our teams have or will soon be starting practices. Good luck to all our teams throughout the volleyball season.