



Important Dates

September 2: First Day of School. Early Dismissal at 11:45 a.m.

September TBD: PAC Mtg 6:00 p.m. via zoom

September : Terry Fox Run (Date TBA)

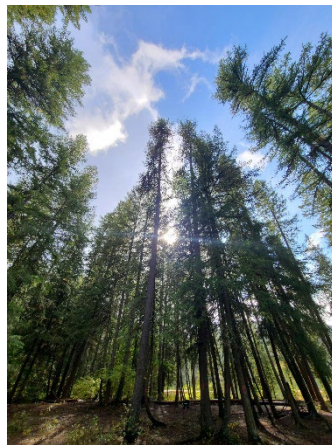
September 19: School Planning Day for Staff. School not in session

September 29: Orange Shirt Day and Assembly

September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. School is not in session

Welcome Back!

I am so excited to continue my role as Principal of W.E. Graham Community School! For those of you that don't know me, I was previously the Principal at Brent Kennedy Elementary for 4 years, and the Vice-Principal at Salmo Elementary for 2 years. I live in Castlegar with my two sons, aged 9 and 14. In my spare time I like to read, spend time on my deck, go for walks and spend time with my friends and family. The most important part of education for me is building relationships and caring for students as if they were my own.



I look forward with great anticipation to meet all of you and your children.

We have over 20 new families joining our school community this year! Staff, PAC and myself are currently working on plans to host a meet and greet event whereby you can visit with staff, or myself, and

take a look inside the school. This will take place on Thursday, September 11 from 3-4 p.m.

If you ever need to chat or discuss an issue, I am happy to have you visit. I just ask that you let me know in advance, if possible, as I do teach classes

on Tuesdays and Thursdays and support classes during the week. Please feel free to call the office or send me an email anytime. I will respond as quickly as I can. Jen.kooznetsoff@sd8.bc.ca

Every month, I will send home a paper copy of the newsletter as well as put it on the school website. Additionally, there will be a weekly blog on our school website for those of you online. Communication is a critical part of my work and I want to ensure parents are always kept in the loop. Please watch for emails, as information is also shared that way.

School Staff 2025-26

Administrator: Jenn Kooznetsoff
Admin Assistant: Shannon O-Hara

Grade K-3: Kathryn Rexin

Grade 4-6: Raina Gardener

Grade 7-8 (OELP): Leah Goldie, Signy Fredrickson

Grade 9-10 (VWP): Sean Marechal, Signy Fredrickson

Inclusion Support: Signy Fredrickson

Library: Crystal Robinson
Aboriginal Success

Teacher: Curtis Bendig
Educational Assistants: Erin Johnson and Teacla McGreal

Custodian: Craig Roussain



**W.E. Graham
Community School**



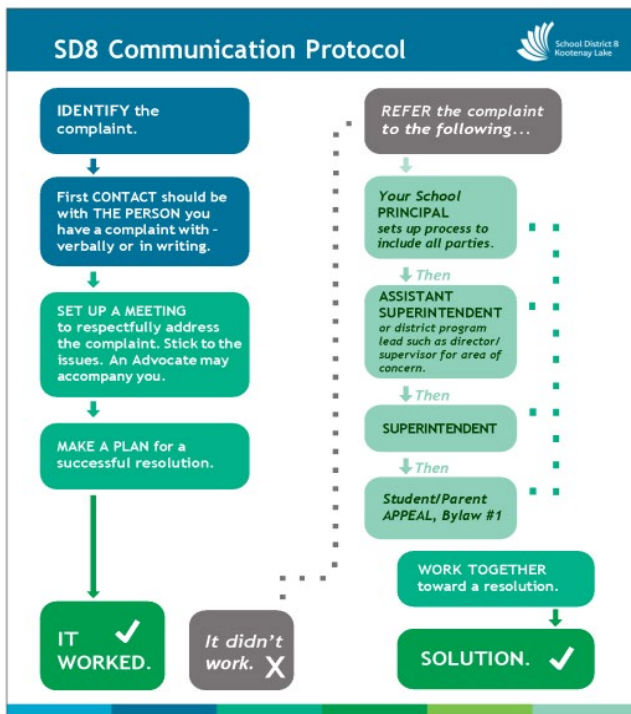
Just a friendly reminder that school fees are now due. Ms. Rexin's and Ms. Gardener's classes pay \$40 per student for school supplies. Ms. Goldie's class pays \$100 and Mr. Marechal's class pays \$150 for program fees. These students must bring their own supplies. We accept cash, cheque, online payment, or at the school via debit/credit. Thank you for getting these paid quickly. If you are experiencing hardship, please let Ms. Kooz know.

Our School Code of Conduct is available on our website as well as in hard copy should you require one. There is also a large copy on the wall outside the office. The purpose of this document is to ensure students and parents understand what expected and unexpected behaviour looks like. This year we will be working with the Positive Behaviour Supports and Interventions (PBIS) framework. Each month will As always, a phone call or a note home may be warranted depending on the offence. Please ensure you read over the document and let me know if there's any questions you may have.



Communication Protocol

Parents are encouraged to speak to the teacher first and if the issue/problem cannot be resolved, please seek assistance from the Principal.



Culture at the School!

We are an outdoor school, so our classes do spend time outside. POP goes out almost every Wednesday afternoon. WILD takes advantage of the outdoors when it fits their programming. OELP has numerous out-trips that take our kids exploring outdoor activities and camping. Of course, our well- recognized VWP is always outdoors somewhere.

We have access to the Skateboard Park and the Pump Track. If your child is capable of skating and biking in a manner that is safe, then we allow students to use these areas. All of the regular safety rules apply. Helmets are mandatory!



Please reach out at anytime!

Clerical.weg@sd8.bc.ca 250-355-2212



This year we will be rolling out phase two of our “no cell phone policy”. Students are welcome to bring their phones to school but they will be given to their teacher and stored safely for the day. If you need to get a message to your student, or vice-versa, each classroom has a phone as does the office. The number here is 250-355-2212 or alternatively, you may email Shannon or myself at clerical.weg@sd8.bc.ca or jen.kooznetsoff@sd8.bc.ca.

We thank you for your continued support in this matter. By removing the distractions from digital devices, students can focus on their education.

This leads to better learning outcomes and helps support their mental health and social connections.

If you are interested in reading further about this restriction and the Ministry of Education's policy, please visit the website:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/personal-digital-device-restrictions-in-schools>

If your child is late to school, please ensure they check in at the office with either the secretary or the principal. If your child needs to leave for an appointment, please have them check out at the office. You will need to meet them there as well. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe.

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