

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT– APR. 2026

Recent Events:

1. Projector is almost installed:
 - a. The hope is that the new projector and screen will be completely installed by Monday, April 20th, 2026
 - b. Thank you to the School Council for making this possible! We're very excited!
2. Mural project on hold:
 - a. Due to family circumstances, we are in search of a new artist for our mural. We will look into a couple of options:
 - i. A new artist to render the current mural design
 - ii. A professional mural painter for the complete gym outer wall with a larger design incorporating aspects of current mural plan
3. Population next year:
 - a. Due to the fact that we have 53 grade 7's currently (heading to high school next year) and currently only 35 Kindergarten students registered for next year, there will be a slight drop in our overall population (currently 320, projection in September is between 295 - 305)
 - b. This year we only had a handful of students coming from Cameron but there has been an uptick as of late as Cameron is full in many grades
4. Staffing Update
 - a. There will likely be very little staff changes moving into next year:
 - i. Ms. Rudolph (Library) will be leaving on Mat Leave at the end of this school year, so we will need to find a replacement for next year...but she will be back.
 - ii. Undoubtedly there will be a couple more changes, but nothing confirmed yet.
5. Lunch clubs running right now:

a. D&D	c. Primary	e. Ukulele
b. Comic Club	Dance Club	f. Intermediate
	d. Chess	Dance Club

Upcoming Events:

1. An email will be going out soon to families regarding thoughts on class placement considerations for the 2026-27 year. Keep your eyes peeled.
2. Summer Session started last week for Southside Elementary Sessions...Northside Session registration starts tomorrow @ 10:00 a.m. with the closest school being Seaforth
3. Gr. 4 – 7 Track is well underway (first meet happens tomorrow @ Cariboo Hill)
 - a. Big thanks to Ms. Catungal, Mr. Stoffberg, Ms. Fong, Ms. Melan, and Ms. Perry for coaching
 - i. Overall, about 70 students participating (Hoping to retain our relay trophies we won last year!)
4. Pro-D Day on Monday, April 27th (no school).
5. SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (May 4th – 7th)
6. STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES (May 6th from 2:00 - 6:00 pm)

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- a. Please note that there is EARLY DISMISSAL at 1:50 pm this day to allow staff to get ready for conferences...please note this in your calendars.
- 7. SPORTS DAY (May 29th from 8:50 a.m. - 12:30 pm)
 - a. Please note that there is EARLY DISMISSAL at 12:30 pm this day. Please mark it in your calendar.

Other

- 1. Bell Schedule Change:
 - a. For the following reasons, and a few more, we are proposing a change in bell schedule starting in September 2026:
 - i. Due to contractual collective agreements, many Educational Assistants work 6 hour days, but our current schedule is over 6 hours (8:50 warning bell to 3:00 dismissal).
 - ii. Our lunch hour is one of the longest in the district and we notice issues usually arise at the very end of lunch
 - iii. We have noticed an increase in focus during morning sessions and less focus in the afternoon.
 - iv. Our first morning block is much longer than our 2nd morning block (100 minutes vs 70 minutes) with the afternoon block being 123 minutes)
 - b. The change would mean starting 5 minutes earlier (warning bell at 8:45 with classes starting at 8:50) and dismissal being at 2:50. The extra instructional minutes would be added around lunch so lunch would be shortened by 5 minutes...but **the part affecting families would be starting at 8:45 and ending at 2:50.**