
TELKWA SCHOOL NEWS

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Welcome back to school! We have had a very busy start up this week and it has been wonderful to see all our students again after the summer break. We also have a number of new students and staff so I would like to also welcome you – Telkwa is an amazing school! As you may have noticed, renovations continued over the summer and our school is looking great. Renovations will be continuing in the school for at least another month or so. Not only is our school being renovated but we have also received a grant to enhance and upgrade our playground. Our maintenance crew is busy prepping the area for the arrival of some new equipment. Unfortunately, we will not have access to the playground area for at least a few weeks but we will be putting out some additional equipment so the students have more play options. Newsletters will go out the first Friday of each month and we will also be emailing parents from time to time with other information pertaining to school. I would also like to remind parents that we do have a Telkwa Elementary FB page where a variety of school and community information gets posted.

Mrs. Delany

Meet the Teacher

We invite all parents to come and meet your children's teachers. This event will take place on **Wed., Sept. 18 from 6:00 – 7:00**. We hope to see you all there.



Telkwa Elementary Staff

Ms. Janna Delany, Principal	Ms. Dash, Secretary
Ms. Lester, Grade 6/7	Ms. Hamelin, Special Education Assistant
Mr. Rode, Grade 5/6	Ms. Palmer, Special Education Assistant
Ms. Vaughan, Grade 3/4	Ms. Peters, Special Education Assistant
Ms. Bowman, Grade 2/3	Ms. Koudelkova, Special Education Assistant
Ms. Kluss, Grade 1/2	Ms. Johnson, Special Education Assistant
Ms. Jakubec, Grade K/1	Ms. N. Rousseau, Indigenous Support Worker
Mr. Hennig, Learner Support	Ms. Mellroy, Food Service Worker
Mr. Anderson, Music	Ms. T. Rousseau, Custodian

Contact Information If any of your contact information has changed (address, phone numbers, emergency contacts, e-mail address) please let the school office know so that we can update our student information system. You can email the details to teloffice@sd54.bc.ca or call us at (250) 846-5851.

Safe Arrival

Regular, consistent attendance is important for your child's learning. However, if your child is ill, it is important they stay home until they are feeling better as we do not want to spread around sicknesses. To assist with our Safe Arrival procedures, parents are requested to email (teloffice@sd54.bc.ca) or phone (250-846-5851) the school after 8:00 am if a child is going to be absent or late. In doing so, we can be sure all children are accounted for. In the event that your child is absent and we have not received a call, the secretary will attempt to telephone your home, your workplace, and your emergency contact(s) to confirm the whereabouts of the child.

Supervision

Morning supervision begins at 8:00am and afterschool supervision of the playground ends at 3:30pm. At this time the supervisor will be asking remaining students to head home or they will be brought to the office to wait for parent pick up.

After School Time

Last year we experienced numerous issues after the students were dismissed at the end of the day. I would like to remind families that students should be going straight home after school. Bus students, of course may hang around until the bus bell and they need to be within sight of the supervisors – playing in the trees on the hill or being in the undercover area is not permitted. Students are welcome to come back after 4:00 when they have gotten home safely and checked in with their parents.

School Supply Fees

The School supply fee for all students this year is \$35. You can either send in the funds with your child or pay at the office. Payments can be made by check, debit or cash.

Terry Fox Hike

Get your hiking boots ready as we will once again be climbing Hudson Bay Mountain to Crater Lake in order to raise money for cancer. Our goal this year is to raise \$3000 and Ms. J is confident we can do it as we almost met that amount last year. The link to donate is <https://schools.terryfox.ca/TelkwaElementary> so please share and encourage your family and friends to support your child's effort in accomplishing the hike. We will also have a Terry Fox jar at the office if you would rather donate that way. We are doing the hike much earlier this year so we don't run into snow again. If you can, please join us as we could really use your support in helping to supervise and support our students in this goal. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to help out.



Student Photo Day

Students will have their photos taken on **Thursday, Sept. 26th**. Retakes will occur but we do not yet have a confirmed date.

Bus Students

If your child is a bus student, please ensure you have checked on the district website at www.sd54.bc.ca for pick up and drop off times of your child's bus. Please be at the bus stops at least 5 minutes before the pick-up time and drop off time. There is also a bus status app that you can use for updates & current info on your child's bus. Students riding the bus 23 need to go straight to the bus stop after school and all other bus students must go to the bus stop right after the bus bell so we can ensure students load onto the correct buses and are accounted for.

Dressing for the Weather

Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for various types of weather as we know the weather can change throughout the day. A change of clothes in their backpack or stored in the classroom would be beneficial. Please ensure all clothing and footwear is labeled with your child's name. If they do not yet have a pair, all students will need a pair of indoor runners with non-marking soles.

Volunteer Coaches or Clubs

As a small school we often have difficulties finding coaches and running extracurricular clubs (knitting, crafting, chess, board games, etc.). We are particularly looking for a soccer coach for our intermediate students (district soccer tournament is tentatively set for Friday Oct. 4 from 1:00-5:00) and a volleyball coach for some time later in the year. If you think coaching or leading some kind of club during lunch is something you could help us with, please contact the office. If you are unable but know someone who may be interested, please encourage them to contact the office.

Music

Mr. Anderson will be starting choir in the week of Sept, 23 for Remembrance Day and Carol Fest performances. He is also looking ahead to the holiday show in December and is seeking parent volunteers to help with set and costume design. He is also seeking parent to join him in class during music time. You can email him @ brennan.anderson@sd54.bc.ca or stop by the school if you may be able to help.

Gently Used Toys

Mrs. J is looking for gently used toys and stuffies that are appropriate for 4-6 year olds. If you have anything that you would like to donate, please give directly to Mrs. J.

News from the PAC

The Telkwa PAC is looking forward to the 2024/2025 school year and we have many big plans in store. We are excited to see all of our existing members and hopefully some new faces at **our first meeting at 12:15pm on September 9th in the multipurpose room at the school**. Younger children are always welcome! There are no huge time commitments if you come out to join PAC just share your input and get the inside scoop on what is going on at the school! If you have any questions, you can reach PAC President Nicole Murray at 250-876-8664

Strong Start

Strong Start classes will begin Oct. 1. Please watch for posts on the Telkwa Strong Start Facebook Page.

