



Nicholson Elementary News

"Home of the Nicholson Nighthawks"

School District No. 6 Rocky Mountain

September 12, 2022

Principal's Perspective

Nicholson Elementary is a welcoming, happy place to be.

We are a community of life-long learners who connect, synergize, and positively influence each other and the world around us.

We strive for success today and prepare for success tomorrow.

Parent Advisory

Meeting

NICHOLSON SCHOOL

LIBRARY

Sept. 16th 12:30pm

Any Parent or Guardian may attend these meetings. You are not required to sit on the PAC board to be involved or volunteer, but it is a great place to be active in your child's school career!

STUDENTS NEED TO BRING A WATER BOTTLE EACH DAY

I would like to welcome back the Nicholson School Community to the 2022-2023 school year. The school staff were very excited to see all of the students return and re-engage in learning together. There is a bit of a nip in the air in the mornings, please check that your children are dressed for the weather as they leave for school as many of our classes enjoy spending extra time outside during this beautiful time of year.

Friday, September 23rd will be our Terry Fox Run. Our goal is to raise \$200 to support cancer research and we are asking each student to donate \$2 if they are able. The whole school will be outside walking or running to continue to support the Terry Fox Foundation.

The beginning of the year is the best time to establish the expectations and routines for the school year. Supporting your children in arriving to school ahead of the school day starting, helps them to transition into the classroom and highlights the importance of being on time and ready to learn. Our first bell rings at 8:40 am. We ask that students being dropped off, riding their bikes or walking, arrive at school after 8:30 am.

I would like to welcome our new staff members this year. Ms. Genevieve Allen, who is teaching in the Grade 3/4 classrooms until Spring Break and Mrs. Theresa Gelette who is temporarily in the Administrative Assistant position.

I believe that every child holds a greatness within them and our role is to help them to discover their gifts. My role as the principal is to help create and support an environment where every child feels safe, happy, connected and supported so that their learning can continue to grow. As principal I will do all I can each day to support the journeys of our students, staff, and families. If there is anything, I can do to support you or your child along the way please let me know.

The best place to find up-to-date school information is our website: <https://nes.sd6.bc.ca/> as well as the school district website <https://www.sd6.bc.ca/> You will find a calendar of events (with the option to link our calendar to your phone or other device), our code of conduct, permission forms, and newsletters to name a few.

Please continue to assess your child's health before coming to school. Visit [Public Service Daily Health Check \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www.gov.bc.ca/public-service) and [COVID-19 safe schools - Daily Health Check](https://www.gov.bc.ca/covid-19-safe-schools) for more information. If your children are feeling ill, we want them to stay at home and re-assess their health prior to returning. This will help in keeping all of our school community healthy.

Sincerely,
Ms. Margo Reinders

Personal Technology

Cell phones, gaming devices and Tablets

We ask that students put any personal technology devices into their backpacks from the time they enter school property, until they leave school property. They are not to be left in clothing pockets or their desk. Students are not to use any personal technology devices during lunch or recess. We ask if there is a message to be given to your child, that you phone the school and we will deliver the message at appropriate times. Thanks for your support in this matter.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

The office hours have changed a bit from previous years:

Mon-Thurs 8am –3:30pm Fri: 8am-12:00pm

250-344-2370

Late students need to come in the front door and let the office know that they have arrived.

Please remember to call the office if your child will be away ie: sick, holidays, appointments or going to be late. Sometimes sicknesses may go on for a few days, please remember to call each day, or send an email. The Administrative Assistant will be calling if your child hasn't been accounted for.

Please have your child arrive **no earlier than 8:30am**

If you are **picking up your child** for an appointment, please feel free to park in the designated handicap parking spot beside the schools front door. You can come to the front office for pick up.

If your child is **being picked up by someone other than the regular pick up person**, please let the office and or teacher know.

If you are **dropping off lunch or backpack**, please bring it to the front office.



WE ARE A NUT FREE AND SCENT FREE SCHOOL



Fragrance Free Zone
Please help us to accommodate those who are chemically sensitive to fragrances and other scented products.

School Hours of Operation:

MONDAY—THURSDAY SCHOOL BEGINS: 8:45AM
FRIDAYS SCHOOL BEGINS: 8:45AM

SCHOOL ENDS: 3:15PM
SCHOOL ENDS: 12:04PM

With colder and wetter weather on the way, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather both inside and out. Please **label outdoor and water bottles** for easier identification This allows ease for teachers when collecting items to give to the appropriate student.



Terry Fox Run

Friday September 23th



We have always had a very successful Terry Fox Run here at Nicholson. Our students have the opportunity to learn about Terry and his foundation in the classroom before going outside for their walk.

We have 100 students here this year and our goal, once again, is \$2 per student. For each donation, the student gets an entry into the Terry Fox t-shirt draw.

Truth and Reconciliation Day **Friday, September 30th (No School)**

Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30th) is a day when we honour and remember the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada. Giving us the opportunity to learn more about the history of those schools.



Truth and Reconciliation Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.



Orange shirt day: Thursday September 29th. We encourage all students and staff to honour those Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools, by wearing an orange shirt or any orange clothing.

SCHOOL AGENDA'S (Grades 1-7)

YOUR CHILD'S AGENDA IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL IT CONTAINS:

- *correspondence between yourself and the teacher
- *notices and forms from the office to fill and return back
- *important reminders of upcoming events
- *the front pages have information about Nicholson Elementary

*****PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD REMEMBER TO BRING IT HOME EVERY EVENING SO YOU CAN CHECK IT, AND THEN ENCOURAGE THEM TO BRING IT TO SCHOOL EVERY MORNING*****

OCTOBER IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW

MON OCT 10—THANKSGIVING **NO SCHOOL**

FRI OCT 21—PRO-D **NO SCHOOL**

TUES OCT 25—EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15PM

WED OCT 26—EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15PM

THUR OCT 27—EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15PM

Afternoon buses will run an hour earlier than usual on those 3 days.



**PICTURE
DAY**

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 4

Smiles

Strong Start

**Monday/ Tuesday/ Thursday/ Friday @ Alexander Park Elementary
9:15–11:45am**

Wednesday @Nicholson Elementary School 9:00– 11:30am

Strong Start is a free Program for caregivers and their children age birth to 5 years

Registration is required with Birth Certificate and medical number.

Call or email to register or book your spot:

Alexander Park Elementary School

Jennifer.elliott@sd6.bc.ca 250-344-5513

To learn more, contact

Melanie Myers, Community Literacy Outreach Coordinator—Golden mmyers@cbl.org 250-290-0102

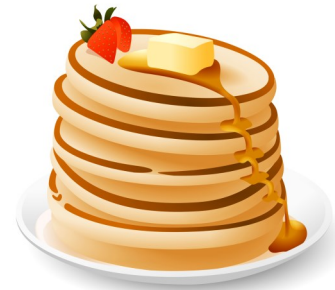


Thank you to the:

Rotary Club of Golden

**Who graciously came out and cooked a scrumptious
pancake breakfast on our first day of school.**

**The staff, student and
parents thank you.**



VOLUNTEERING

If you would like to volunteer to go on field trips or be in your child's class room you are
required to attend a :

Child Abuse Protocol Training held on: **THURS. SEPT 22 3:30PM NES GYM**

You are also required to have a **Criminal Record Check** done with the RCMP.

This will be valid for 5 years. Please contact the Administrative Assistant for more information

Ready, Set, Learn

Sept. 28, 2022 from 4:00-6:00

Sky Bridge

503 Golden Donald Upper Rd

Free Event

Pre-schoolers aged three to five and their parents/caregivers are invited to attend Ready, Set, Learn! Ready, Set, Learn is a Ministry of Education and Child Care funded fun, family-oriented event. Families who attend will be able to walk around and receive information about **FREE** early learning programming and services available to you and your child. Families will also

receive a **FREE** gift bag with books and activities to take home. Come visit us outside for this community event!

FOR FAMILIES WITH PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN 3-5



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SEPTEMBER

2022

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
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<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
			STRONG START 9-11:30AM			
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<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
	Kindergartens Full Day Starts 8:45-3:15pm		STRONG START 9-11:30AM	CHILD ABUSE PROTOCOL TRAINING 3:30PM NES Gym	Terry Fox Run	
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	
			Ready Set Learn Golden Sky Bridge 4-6pm STRONG START 9-11:30AM	Orange Shirt Day 	Truth and Reconciliation Day <u>NO SCHOOL</u>	

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WEEK Sept. 26—Sept 30th