



Nicholson Elementary News

"Home of the Nicholson Nighthawks"

School District No. 6 Rocky Mountain

September 13, 2024

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

**Wednesday Sept 25th
3:30pm**

NICHOLSON SCHOOL LIBRARY

Any Parent or Guardian may attend these meetings.

You are welcome to bring your children.

WATER FOUNTAINS ARE OPERATIONAL

Please bring a LABELLED water bottle

I would like to welcome back the Nicholson School Community to the 2024-2025 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 27th will be our Terry Fox Run. Our goal is to raise \$184 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.

Monday, September 30th is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. During the prior week, students will be learning about the history of Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada. Thursday, September 26th will be Orange Shirt day at Nicholson and we ask everyone to wear an orange shirt.

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 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.

Sincerely, Ms. Margo Reinders

Personal Technology

Cell phones, laptops, 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

School Hours of Operation:

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

SCHOOL ENDS: 3:17 PM
SCHOOL ENDS: 12:03PM

Morning Drop Off: Please drop off at the bottom of the stairs, no earlier than 8:30am, children are to walk around the school to the playground and not through the parking lot.

Late students : Please come in the front door and let the office know 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.

Dropping off lunch or backpack: please bring it to the front office to be delivered by staff to the classroom.

Picking up your child for an appointments or illness: Feel free to park in the designated handicap parking spot beside the schools front door. You must come to the front office for pick up. Children are not let out to meet at the bottom the stairs.

After school 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.



WE ARE A NUT FREE AND SCENT FREE SCHOOL
We do have 2 community members with



Fragrance Free Zone
Please help us to accommodate those who are chemically sensitive to fragrances and/or essential oils.

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 THEIR OUTERWEAR, SHOES AND WATER BOTTLES

This allows ease for identification when items are found on the playground or in the classroom. We do not have a 'Lost and Found'.



Terry Fox Run

Friday September 27th



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



Truth and Reconciliation Day

Friday, September 30th National Holiday (No School)



Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30th) is a day when we honor 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 Sept 26th. We encourage all students and staff to honor 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 CHILDS 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

MON OCT 14—THANKSGIVING **NO SCHOOL**

FRI OCT 25— PRO-D Day **NO SCHOOL**

OCT 22—24: **Book Fair starts at 2:15pm-3:30pm**

TUES OCT 22—EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15PM

WED OCT 23— EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15PM

THUR OCT 24— EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15PM

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



PICTURE DAY

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER
25TH

Smiles

Strong Start

Monday-Friday @ Alexander Park Elementary 9:15–11:45am

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



Thank you

Rotary Club of Golden



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

VOLUNTEERING

If you would like to volunteer to go on field trips or be in your child's classroom you are

required to complete the **Child Abuse Protocol Training** ONLINE

<https://www.sd6.bc.ca/parents>

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 and links to complete this process.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We have again received funding from Feeding Futures for our Breakfast Club

Everyday the kitchen is open at 8:15am–8:45am

where students will have access to a snack for breakfast

All students are welcome to come in through the side door, remove their shoes and go into the gym. They then leave through the side door and walk around the school to the playground.

SEPTEMBER

2024

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
		First day of school				
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
	Kindergarten whole day starts					
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
	Pro-D No School		 <p>Picture Day PAC MEETING LIBRARY 3:30</p>	 <p>Orange Shirt Day</p>	 <p>Terry Fox Run</p>	
<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>Oct 1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	Truth and Reconciliation Day NO SCHOOL					