



Nicholson Elementary News

"Home of the Nicholson Nighthawks"

School District No. 6 Rocky Mountain

October 2, 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.

Nicholson Parent Advisory AGM

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Thurs. Oct 10

3:30pm

HOT LUNCH FORMS DUE

OCT 16TH

**FIRST LUNCH
Monday OCT 21st**

Pizza Subs

GF and Vegetarian options available

Welcome to Fall – the most beautifully colourful time of year. It is starting to be nippy in the mornings and has not warmed up by the recess break, please check that your children are dressed for the weather and coming to school with socks and a coat every day.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to make drop off and pick up of the students a safe experience by entering the access road at the south end (by the store) and exiting through the north end (nearer the school). This greatly improves the flow of traffic. Please continue to come over and pick up your child on the school side of the road so that they are not walking thru traffic without a parent or guardian.

We were a 'sea of orange' on September 26th, with all of the community wearing orange to acknowledge Orange Shirt Day. The classrooms having been learning about the meaning of Orange Shirt Day and our hope is for this generation to pass on their knowledge around Residential Schools and continue to support the spirit of reconciliation.

During the Early Dismissal Days on October 22, 23, 24, some form of student conference will be taking place. Your child's teacher will be sending home an email to let you know the format for this time whether it is a student led conference, interview or an Open House and how to schedule a time to participate.

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

Strong Start

ALEXANDER PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday to Friday 9:15-11:45am

Ages Birth—5yrs

Call or email to register or book your spot:

Jennifer.elliott@sd6.bc.ca

250-344-5513

**WORLD
TEACHER DAY
OCTOBER
5TH**

**WHEN DROPPING OFF STUDENTS IN
THE MORNING**

DIRECT THEM AROUND THE RIGHT OF THE
SCHOOL

AND NOT THROUGH THE STAFF PARKING LOT.

Please do not drop off students before 8:30 am.



RETAKES

**Tuesday
Nov. 5th**

Pro-D Day

**Friday October
25th**

SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR

OCTOBER 22-24th

PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE WELCOME

**TO COME SHOP IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY
DURING OUR EARLY DIMISSAL**

DAYS FROM 2:15PM UNTIL 3:30PM



Tuesday Oct 22– Thursday Oct 24th

EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15pm

AFTERNOON BUSES WILL RUN AN HOUR EARLIER

ON THOSE 3 DAYS

Interviews/ conferences / open house—planned during these days.

Look for an email from your child's classroom teacher



Rocky Mountain School District is looking at the possibility of offering after-school care at Nicholson School. There are several steps to take in this process and the first one is to determine if there is enough interest to make it a sustainable service. To do this we are asking families to complete a short survey that can be accessed by clicking on the survey link below. The survey will be open from October 1– 11th.

After-School Care Survey [Link](#)

Nicholson Elementary Code of Conduct

NICHOLSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S CODE OF CONDUCT OUTLINES OUR BASIC EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS WHILE AT SCHOOL, WHILE GOING TO AND FROM SCHOOL AND DURING SCHOOL ORGANIZED OR SPONSORED ACTIVITIES AT ANY LOCATION.

Nicholson Elementary School is a community of learners supporting future leaders. All community members are expected to contribute towards building a safe, caring and orderly school environment. We support, promote and celebrate positive student behaviour and positive educational experiences. Students may be subject to discipline under our school and/or our District Code of Conduct disciplinary policies for any conduct which has the effect of negatively impacting the school environment. Whether that conduct occurs on or off School District property, at a school sponsored function or activity, or in other circumstances where engaging in the activity will have an impact on the school environment.

Students shall not discriminate against others on the basis of the race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, marital status, family status, age, religion, sex or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression or physical or mental disability, or for any other reason as set out in the Human Rights Code of British Columbia.

Students shall not create or display anything that would indicate an intention to discriminate against another, or expose another to contempt or ridicule on the basis of these grounds.

Nicholson Elementary strives to provide an environment where students are free to speak to adults about the Code of Conduct and their experiences at school. The school and the Board of Education will take all reasonable steps to prevent retaliation by a person against a student who has made a complaint of a breach of the Code of Conduct.

At Nicholson Elementary all cell phones, iPod's, iPad's and gaming devices (unless permitted specifically for health tools), must be turned off and safely stored from the time they enter school property until the time they leave school property. If a student is deemed to be contravening the technology rules, the device will remain with the teacher or the administration until a parent or guardian can come and pick it up. Schools will also not be responsible for any misplaced, lost, stolen, or broken items that are brought to school by students.

Nicholson Elementary Dress Code

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO DRESS APPROPRIATELY, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION AND PREPARATION FOR THE WEATHER.

- Students are required to ensure that their dress exhibits appropriate language and logos. Further, students' clothing should appropriately cover their bodies (including their torso) for a school setting.
- Students arriving with clothes not meeting this guideline, as determined by staff, will be asked to change into appropriate attire, be allowed to call home for a change of clothing, or be provided with alternative clothing.
- Students are required to have two pairs of footwear; one for indoor use and one pair for outdoor use. Students are required to have footwear on their feet at all times.
- Students are required to dress appropriately for the weather (e.g., raingear on rainy days, winter clothing such as hats, mitts, boots and snow pants for cooler weather).
- We recommend labelling all clothing and belongings with students' names.
- Consequences for inappropriate dress will be consistent with school discipline policy.

Nicholson Elementary Discipline Policy

WE SUPPORT, PROMOTE AND CELEBRATE POSITIVE STUDENT BEHAVIOUR. OUR PHILOSOPHY FOR DEALING WITH BEHAVIOUR THAT NEGATIVELY IMPACTS THE SCHOOL INVOLVES FIXING MISTAKES, “MAKING IT RIGHT”, AND BEING THE KINDS OF PEOPLE WE ENVISION OURSELVES TO BE.

We support positive behaviour by:

- Establishing a common school culture that guides our decision making and behaviours.
- Teaching and modeling expectations and responsibilities in classrooms and the school.
- Understanding inappropriate behaviors.
- Learning self-discipline which is being accountable for choices made.

If behaviour warrants referral to the office, consequences will depend on the severity of the behaviour, the number of incidents, and the age and maturity of the student. Unacceptable behaviour includes, but is not limited to, ongoing classroom disruption, ongoing conflict, swearing, bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, intimidation, threatening or violent behaviour, lack of respect towards others and their property, use of illegal drugs, possession and/or use of weapons.

Special considerations may apply to students with special needs if these students are unable to comply with a code of conduct due to having a disability of an intellectual, physical, sensory, emotional or behavioural nature.

Consequences for unacceptable behaviour may include any or all of the following:

- Discussion with teacher and/or administration regarding inappropriateness of behaviour, and a restorative action plan is put into place.
- Notification of parents by phone or letter.
- Involving parents with teacher, student and administrator to create a behaviour and/or restorative action plan.
- Removal from the classroom and or playground for a period of time.

It is our aim to have every child in school and to teach appropriate behaviour. In extreme cases, the following may need to be implemented:

- In-school or out-of-school suspension for a determined period of time.
- Notification of the Superintendent of Schools.
- Referral to the RMSD Board of Education’s Student Conduct Review Committee.

Oct 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4	5 World Teachers Day
6	7	8	9	10 NES PAC Meeting AGM 3:30 Library	11	12
13	14 Thanksgiving Holiday NO SCHOOL	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Hot Lunch Pizza Sub	22 Book Fair 2:15-3:30pm Early Dismissal 2:15pm Student Conferences	23 Book Fair 2:15-3:30pm Early Dismissal 2:15pm Student Conferences	24 Book Fair 2:15-3:30pm Early Dismissal 2:15pm Student Conferences	25 PRO- D Day NO SCHOOL	26
		BUS RUNS 1 HOUR EARLIER				
27	28	29	30	31		