

January 14, 2022

## [2022/2023 Kindergarten registration now open](#)

Kindergarten registration for the 2022/23 school year is now open. Children who turn 5 by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 are eligible to register. To register, you need to fill out a student registration form, available at the school office or at the link found here: <https://www.sd8.bc.ca/kindergarten-registration> . Also required is the child's birth certificate, MSP carecard, proof of residence (ie utility bill, passport, driver's license) and up-to-date immunization records.

## [2022/2023 Late French Immersion registration now open](#)

Late French Immersion registration for the 2022/23 school year is now open. All students who have completed Grade 4 and are residents in Kootenay Lake School District 8 are eligible. The program is located at Canyon-Lister Elementary school for Grades 5-7 as a multi-age language program for the 2022-23 year. The current class size configuration is up to 27 students. More info and link for registration found here: <https://www.sd8.bc.ca/programs/French> .

## [Breakfast program volunteer needed](#)

We are in need of a parent volunteer to help prepare and serve breakfast on Thursday morning. The task is preparing and cooking pancakes from approx. 7:45 to 8:45 am. If you are able to help, please contact the office at [clerical.cle@sd8.bc.ca](mailto:clerical.cle@sd8.bc.ca) . All volunteers will follow the safety protocols set by the district.

## [Reporting absences](#)

Under the Safe Arrival Program, it is important for schools to know that all children have arrived at school safely. In order to guarantee this, we request that parents contact the school when their child is unable to attend.

There are several ways to report a student absence. You may call 250-428-4161 to speak with office staff, or to leave a voice message. You can also email [clerical.cle@sd8.bc.ca](mailto:clerical.cle@sd8.bc.ca) . The newest feature to report absences is on the updated CLES website, link found here: <https://canyon.sd8.bc.ca/absence-late> . You can also report for vacations or planned absences weeks in advance

## [Bussing during inclement weather](#)

A gentle reminder from everyone at SD8 that bus cancellations or delays of 15 minutes or more are reported to schools and the SD8 School Bus Information Line (1-855-352-0008), in addition to being posted on our [website](#) and [Twitter](#). During inclement weather, please tune in to your information source of choice to ensure the bus is running as scheduled.

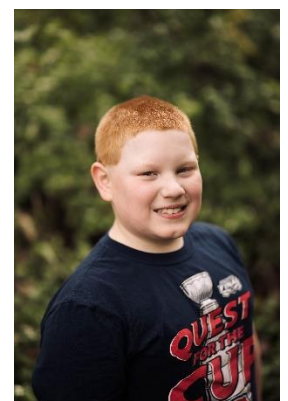
When weather conditions are such that the buses may be significantly delayed or cancelled, parents should ensure that their children do not wait for extended periods of time at the stop. If parents leave home before the student(s) have been picked up by the bus, parents are to ensure alternate care arrangements are in place.

## [Daily Health Check](#)

With new health concerns surrounding us, please be extra diligent in completing the Daily Health Check, link found here: <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1> . Please be sure to keep your student home if they are feeling unwell or showing any causes for concern.

## [CLES student wins contest](#)

Congrats to Shane Smith, a Grade 4 student in Mr. Ewashen's class, for winning the Grade 4-level contest in the Kootenay Contraption Contest through Kootenay Association for Science and Technology. Shane designed a contraption, named The Everything 2.0, that would theoretically help reduce heat, restore water, stop floods, and keep plants alive. Click the link to find more details: <https://kast.com/2021-kootenay-contraption-contest-winners-announced/#toggle-id-14> . Way to go, Shane!



[Mental Health and Wellness for Families](#)

**WE Well-being**

Free online resource for students, parents and educators to support social and emotional well-being as they navigate the new world of remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. <https://www.we.org/en-CA/get-doing/activities-and-resources/wellbeing/we-well-being-playbook-and-resources/>

**MindUp For Life**

There is a free membership for those that have a demonstrated financial need. The link below has a fillable form that people with financial hardship can apply for a free membership and resources.

<https://member.mindup.org/register/member/>

[Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement](#)

This is an invitation to several upcoming Zoom opportunities for students and families to have input on the **Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement**.

This agreement guides our work within this school district. The existing Agreement is available for viewing on our School District Website, link found here: <https://aboriginal.sd8.bc.ca/> . On this same site, there are newsletters, resources and explanations of the many existing programs within our district.

Gail Higginbottom, S.D. 8 Aboriginal Education District Principal, and Danica Weager, S.D. 8 Indigenization Coordinator will be leading these Zoom sessions. Please contact the office to sign up for the Zoom session.

[Thank you](#)

- Thank you to the CLES PAC for providing funds for treats on Holiday Fun Day. The students all enjoyed making and decorating yummy gingerbread cookies.



**CLES CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

DATE	DESCRIPTION
Weds, Feb 2	Two's Day Spirit Day- 2/2/2022- wear two of everything
Fri, Feb 4	Report cards home
Weds, Feb 9	PAC Pizza Lunch
Fri, Feb 18	Pro-D Day, school not in session
Mon, Feb 21	Family Day stat holiday, school not in session
Weds, Feb 23	Pink Shirt Day