



# 150 Mile Elementary



## September School Newsletter

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On behalf of the school staff, I'd like to welcome all students and parents back to school this year, with a special welcome to our new Kindergarten students and their families.

At 150 Mile Elementary you are always welcome in the school. If you wish to have a meeting with a teacher please phone ahead to book a convenient time. Just a reminder, please check in at the office when visiting the school.

### First Day Procedures

Students and parents, to start the school year we will plan to get student into their classes with their assigned teacher right away. TENTATIVE class lists will be posted at the main doors the Thursday prior to school starting so if you have a moment stop by and check out your child's teacher and classroom number. I say TENTATIVE class lists due to the fact that conditions may arise at the beginning of the year that requires a rebalancing of classes due to unknown shifts in student numbers.

On the first day of school **all students will meet at the back of the school** and be moved to into each of their classes. Once each teacher has their class, they will take them into the school and get them settled in. If the weather is rain, we will bring all students into the gym to organize them. Class lists will be posted and called out to help students find their teachers.

### Important Dates

- Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Planning Day – no students
- Wednesday, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>  
School Opens ½ day
- Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>  
PAC Welcome Back  
BBQ 4:00-6:00pm
- Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>  
Pro-D Day - no school
- Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>  
Orange Shirt Day
- Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>  
Terry Fox Run
- Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>  
Pro-D Day no school
- Tuesday, Sept 30<sup>th</sup>  
National Day for Truth  
and Reconciliation – no  
school
- Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Photo Day (morning)

The September 3<sup>rd</sup> is a ½ day. School starts at 8:05am and will dismiss is 10:35am.

Buses will depart the school starting at 10:42am

# Regular School Schedule

8:05am	School Starts
9:35-9:50am	Recess
11:20-12:05pm	Lunch (students play outside first, then eat in their classes at approximately 11:45am)
2:05pm	School Ends

## News Letters

All school newsletters will be sent home by email please ensure you have provided the school with your current email addresses.



## Picture Day



**Picture day is Friday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> in the morning.** In the weeks prior notices will be sent home with suggestions as to how to dress for best results. Individual portrait photos are first, class photos will be later in the Spring. If your child is away for any reason, **Retakes are scheduled for Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> in the morning.**

## Calling in Absences

At 150 Mile Elementary we feel regular attendance is a crucial component for school success. If students are ill or cannot attend for any other reasons, parents or guardians need to notify the School Messenger system at 1 (833) 582-6944, using the phone app, or calling the school. <https://go.schoolmessenger.com> Poor attendance can be directly linked to poor school performance, please do everything possible to ensure your child attends school regularly.

## Terry Fox Run

This year the annual Terry Fox Run at 150 Mile is scheduled to be held on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> @ approximately 12:30pm. Our school goal is to raise \$500. A link to the Terry Fox School Fundraising Page is below, cash donations can also be made directly in the school office. When donating please select the classroom option [150 Mile House Elementary - 150 Mile House, BC | Terry Fox School Run](#)



Parents and community members are welcome to come and join us on the run/jog/walk. I'd like to thank everyone in advance for their participation and support for the run.

## Parents Advisory Committee (PAC)

A strong relationship between the school and parents is very important in a child's education, and one way of being involved with the school is to be a member of the PAC. Through a PAC's dedication and hard work they are able to provide many "extras" for students throughout the year. We are hoping that the same will be true this year, The PAC always welcomes new members, come join the 'family'!



**The date and time for the first PAC meeting of the year, is Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Library @ 5:30pm**

# Class Configurations

Many parents and students may be wondering why class configurations are the way they are, for example: why so many split grades when a whole class could be made, or I want my child in a different class? Some reasons are: there is contractual language that limits class sizes to certain numbers as well contractual language that regulates class composition (how many students with special learning needs can be in a class). Combining the above-mentioned factors with our personal knowledge of specific students we have tried to build classes that will provide a positive learning environment that meets the academic, social-emotional and physical needs for everyone.



# Strong Start

This free drop in program for children 0 – 5 years of age will be up and running by mid-September, from 8:15am to 11:15am. Our start schedule is finalized, we will be open starting Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>, drop in to see what this fun and dynamic program is all about! Tara Flanagan is our coordinator!



# After School Care

Please call the school and we will direct you to Karlee to pass along a message, or you can call her directly at 778 267 1504.

# Allergies

If your child has an allergy of some type, and we're not aware of it, please let us know as we will need to plan.



For parents of students with anaphylaxis, Public Health now recommends that 2 EpiPens be always kept at school. Please check with the office to make sure that we have an EpiPen for your child and that it is up to date. Lastly, if your child is supposed to be wearing a Medical Alert bracelet, please make sure we know about it and that they wear it at school.

# Staffing

Mr. Munroe – Principal  
Mrs. Benedet – Secretary  
Mrs. McKimm – Grade 5-6  
Mrs. Vath – Grade 5-6  
Ms. Parkin – Grade 4-5  
Mrs. Donaldson – Grade 4-5  
Mrs. Davis – Grade 3-4  
Mrs. C. Neufeld – Grade 2-3  
Mrs. Bowers – Grade 1-2  
Mrs. Macdonald – Grade 1-2  
Mrs. Coulombe – Kindergarten - Grade 1  
Mrs. Fofonoff – Kindergarten – Grade 1  
Mrs. Knevel – Learning Support Teacher  
Mr. Kovach – Teacher Librarian

Ms. I. Charley – Shuswap Teacher  
Ms. S. Charley – Shuswap Teacher  
Mrs. V. Neufeld – Music Teacher  
Mrs. Rosborough – Educational Assistant  
Mrs. Gentles – Educational Assistant  
Mrs. Graham – Educational Assistant  
Mrs. Hewlett – Educational Assistant  
Mrs. Guimond – Indigenous Support Worker  
Ms. Hoyer – Indigenous Support Worker  
Ms. Flanagan – Strong Start Coordinator  
Mrs. Peach – Youth Engagement Worker  
Mr. Turner – Custodian  
Mrs. Schwabe – Custodian  
Mrs. Trenzek – Library Aide

# Bus Schedule 2023-2024

## 150 Mile School

### Morning Buses

BUS #	AREA	ARRIVAL	DRIVER
21	Pigeon Rd, Brouse, Moore, Typar,Wise Pl	7:34 AM	Rick F
1	Knife Cr, Enterprise, Maze Lk, 140 Mile, Rodney, Rodeo	7:42 AM	Sis
2	Allpress Rd, Frontier Sub, Valley, Huston	7:52 AM	Gayle
13	Spokin Lk up to Jackpine on Spokin Lake	8:00 AM	Lise
15	Valley Rd/Spokin Lk, all stops to Horsefly Rd, all stops to 150 on Horsefly	7:58 AM	Karen
7	Horsefly Rd, Jessica Lk, Tonka, Branch Dr, Rose Dr	7:58 AM	Nola
16	Big Lake, Likely Rd into the 150	7:56 AM	Maria
21	Luy's ,Redeau,Picnic Tables, English Co,Sesame	8:00 AM	Rick F
20	Marie Sharpe Grandfathered Children , N Lakeside, Sutton, Sugarcane, Mission	7:50 AM	Ron

### Afternoon Buses

BUS #	AREA	DEPARTS	DRIVER
23	McGregor, Call's, Valley, Alpress, Rose, Tonka, Jessica Lk	2:12 PM	Les
13	Junction Rd, Horsefly Rd, Spokin Lk Rd	2:12 PM	Lise
1	Rodeo, Rodney, 140 Mile, Enterprise, Maze Lk, 137 Mile	2:12 PM	Sis
10	Frontier Sub, Ferguson, Patenaude,Kengin, Pioneer, Skulow Lk	2:12 PM	Mandy
15	Valley, Huston, Borland, 150 Town Bus for Grandfathered Children	2:12 PM	Karen
30	Mission, Sugarcane, Lexington, White	2:12PM	Kristen

## School Supplies

Parents, guardians and caregivers are required to purchase your own child's school supplies for the year. For gym - runners, backpacks and the re-useable water bottle, please put their names on these items in permanent marker. If you cannot afford to purchase school supplies, please contact the school. Lists provided below.

## Intermediate (Grade 4 – Grade 6)

- 1 Package thick tip markers (12 – pack)
- 1 Package fine tip markers (12 -pack)
- 1 Package pencil crayons (24 - pack)
- 1 Package wax crayons (24 pack)
- 1 Scissors – 7”
- 2 Erasers – white
- 2 Glue Stick – large white 40g
- 1 Liquid glue
- 3 packages HB Pencils (10pk)
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Pencil case - soft
- 10 Blue/black pens
- 5 Red pens
- 2 black sharpies (fine tip)
- 1 Ruler 30cm/12-inch (if possible)
- 1 Duotang paper - red
- 1 Duotang paper - blue
- 1 Duotang paper - green
- 1 Duotang paper - yellow
- 1 Lined paper (400 sheets)
- 1 Binder 1.5-inch
- 2 Dividers for binders (5 pack)
- 2 highlighters
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 calculator
- 1 headphones
- 1 Indoor Shoes (gym)

## Primary (Kindergarten – Grade 3)

- 2 ½ & ½ Inter-lined exercise book
- 2 Fully interlined exercise book
- 2 Hilroy 72 pages plain exercise book
- 1 Crayola 24 package wax crayons
- 1 Crayola WASHABLE markers fine tip
- 1 Crayola WASHABLE markers wide tip
- 1 Pencil crayons (24) pack)
- 1 Scissors – 5" blunt
- 4 Erasers – white
- 4 Glue Stick – large white 40g
- 1 Glue – large bottle white 120ml
- 2 HB Pencils (12pk)
- 1 Plastic box pencil case
- 4 highlighters
- 1 Duotang paper - red
- 1 Duotang paper - blue
- 1 Duotang paper - green
- 1 Duotang paper - yellow
- 1 Duotang paper – orange
- 1 Duotang paper - black
- 1 Duotang paper – purple
- 1 Backpack Pouch / fabric zipper bag
- 1 headphones
- 1 box Kleenex
- 1 Indoor Shoes (gym)
- 1 Spill proof water bottle

# SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026



DATE	DESCRIPTION
<b>September 1, 2025</b>	<b>Labour Day Holiday (School Closed)</b>
September 2, 2025	Planning / Administration Day ( <i>Students do not attend</i> )
September 3, 2025	First Day of School (Shortened By 2.5 Hours)
September 29, 2025	Pro-D / Non-Instructional Day (Students Do Not Attend)
<b>September 30, 2025</b>	<b>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</b>
October 13, 2025	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
October 21 & 22, 2025	Parent Teacher Interviews (School day shortened by 1 hour)
October 24, 2025	Pro-D / Non-Instructional Day (Students Do Not Attend)
November 11, 2025	Remembrance Day Holiday (School Closed)
November 24, 2025	Pro-D / Non-Instructional Day (Students Do Not Attend)
<b>December 22, 2025– January 2, 2026</b>	<b>Winter Break (School Closed)</b>
January 5, 2026	First Day Back After Winter Break
February 13, 2026	Pro-D / Non-Instructional Day (Students Do Not Attend)
February 16, 2026	Family Day (School Closed)
<b>March 16 – 27, 2026</b>	<b>Spring Break (School Closed)</b>
March 30, 2026	First Day Back After Spring Break
April 3, 2026	Good Friday (School Closed)
April 6, 2026	Easter Monday (School Closed)
April 14 & 15, 2026	Parent Teacher Interviews (School day shortened by 1 hour)
April 24, 2026	Pro-D / Non-Instructional Day (Students Do Not Attend)
May 18, 2026	Victoria Day Holiday (School Closed)
<b>June 25, 2026</b>	<b>Last Day Students Attend School</b>
June 26, 2026	Planning / Administration Day (School Closed)