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GRASSY PLAINS SCHOOL NEWS

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The purpose of Grassy Plains School is to enable learners to develop their individual potential as life-long learners and to acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to become responsible citizens in a democratic society.

September 15th, 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to another exciting school year at Grassy Plains Elementary School! It has been wonderful to see our hallways filled with the energy, enthusiasm, and smiles of our students. Whether you are joining us for the first time or returning as part of our school family, we are so glad you are here.

As we begin a new year of learning together, I am excited to introduce our school theme for 2026-2027: Growing into Greatness.

Just like a sunflower seed or a pinecone seed, every child carries something amazing within them. Given the right conditions, those seeds can grow into something remarkable, and our students are no different. When we look at the children in our school, we do not just see students. We see future leaders, friends, helpers, problem-solvers, and caring community members.

Throughout the year, we will focus on ways to grow as individuals by demonstrating qualities such as kindness, honesty, responsibility, courage, perseverance, and friendship. Being great and being successful in life is not about being perfect. It is about the choices we make each day and the positive difference we make in the lives of those around us.

We are looking forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and opportunities to celebrate the successes of our students.

Here's to a wonderful year of Growing into Greatness!

Staying Southside Strong,
Mrs. Moyah

KNIVES IN SCHOOLS

SD91 reminds families that knives are strictly prohibited at school and on school buses. We understand that many families in our region spend considerable time outdoors and often use these items. However, knives, including Leatherman tools, are not appropriate in a school setting at any time.

We ask that all caregivers and students check backpacks and jacket pockets, especially after camping, fishing, or hunting trips to ensure these items are not brought to school. The District Code of Conduct will be followed for these situations and appropriate consequences applied.

If you have any questions, please contact your school or the Safe School Coordinator at kevans@sd91.bc.ca.

We Are...

Grateful

Respectful

Accepting

Supportive

Successful and we

Yearn for Truth & Knowledge

REMINDERS TO PARENTS/ GUARDIANS:

Please remember to report your child's absence to the office, whether or not it is illness related.

Thank you.

*"No one belongs
here more than
you."*

-Brene Brown

Hot Lunch Menu

Mondays— Soup and bun

Tuesdays—Taco salad

Wednesdays—Casserole

Thursdays—Pasta

Fridays—Pizza

UPCOMING DATES:

Sept 17th—Fire Drill in afternoon

Sept 24th—Terry Fox Run

Sept 25th—NI Day-**NO SCHOOL**

Sept 29th—Orange Shirt Day

Sept 30th—National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. **NO SCHOOL**

Oct 12th—Thanksgiving. **NO SCHOOL**

Oct 20th—Lockdown Drill
@ 11:30am

Oct 21st—Talk about learning
1/2 Day of school

REMINDER TO PARENTS/ GUARDIANS:

The doors of the school will remain locked for the safety of staff and students. Please ring the doorbell and wait patiently for it to be answered. Students are NOT to answer the door for adults, so please do not ask them to do so.

Next PAC Meeting:

October 13 at 3:30pm in Room three or, if weather permits, in the back field.

**ALL PARENTS ARE
WELCOME**

WE WELCOME STAFF!

As we begin another exciting school year, we are pleased to welcome the newest member of our team, Velvet Hogarth, who will be teaching our Kindergarten/Grade 1 class. We are happy to have Velvet join our school community and look forward to the contributions she will bring to our students.

We are currently in the process of filling the teaching position for the Grade 5/6/7 class. We remain hopeful in finding the best fit for our school and are confident that the right educator will soon become part of our team. We appreciate your patience and support during this process.

WE WELCOME OUR SCHOOL COUNSELLOR!

Trevor Moyah, one of our SD#91 counsellors, will be working at our school this year on Wednesday mornings. Trevor will work alongside staff and students at Grassy in a variety of ways. These may include helping to facilitate programs in the classroom, working with small groups on topics such as dealing with anxiety, building healthy relationships, etc., as it is suitable for a specific child, as well as providing individual counselling. If you have any questions or concerns or you would like your child to be able to access support through our school counsellor, please contact Ginger Moyah or Rachel Reynolds at the school.

The SD#91 counselling team also has a website to help parents, guardians and caregivers as they support their children and youth. You can find it at:

<https://nechakowellness.wixsite.com/sd-91-counselling>

or by scanning the QR code.



If you are looking for other longer-term individual support for your child, the following community agency is available in the area:

Carrier Sekani Family Services

Phone: 250-692-2387 (Burns Lake)

MESSAGE ABOUT THE PAC

PAC Meeting Reminder:

The next **PAC Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, October 13 at 3:30 p.m.** If weather permits, the meeting will take place on the playground. In the event of poor weather, the meeting will take place in **Room 3**. We encourage all parents and guardians to attend and join the conversation about our school community. PAC is a great way to stay informed, share ideas, and help support opportunities for our students. We welcome new and returning members throughout the year and look forward to working together to make our school the best it can be.

Hot Lunch Reminder:

A friendly reminder to sign up for our **Hot Lunch Program**. The registration and ordering link is: <https://munchalunch.com/login>. If you need assistance with setting up an account or placing an order, please feel free to contact April Fleming and she will be happy to help.

September Hot Lunch Menu:

Please see the **September Hot Lunch Menu** in the attached calendar for upcoming meal options. Thank you for supporting this program, which benefits our students and school community!



REMINDERS FOR PARENTS/ GUARDIANS

- The doors of the school will remain locked for the safety of staff and students. Please ring the doorbell and wait patiently for it to be answered. Students are NOT to answer the door for adults, so please do not ask them to do so.
- Please make arrangements for “play dates” outside of school hours.
- Personal digital devices of students (cell phones, smart watches with communication features, tablets, etc.) must be:

Powered off and safely stored away for the entire school day, which also applies during field trips and other school activities

Devices may only be used for instructional purposes or digital literacy activities, and only with teacher permission and direct supervision

Students are responsible for the safe storage of any device they bring to school. Exemptions may be approved by the principal for documented accessibility, medical, health, or learning needs.

BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

We are excited to share that our school is currently undergoing renovations to upgrade the washrooms located across from the gym. This project will provide improved facilities for our students, staff, and visitors, and we look forward to seeing the finished result. As construction is taking place during the school year, we ask that everyone remain mindful of the active work area. Please take a few moments to remind your student(s) about the importance of following all safety guidelines, respecting barriers and signage, and staying clear of designated construction zones. Your support in helping maintain a safe learning environment for everyone is greatly appreciated.



HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO NEE TAHI BUHN BAND

A heartfelt thank you to the members of the Nee Tahi Buhn Band for their generous support in providing every one of our students with beautiful new backpacks and school supplies. This kindness and commitment to our students' success is deeply appreciated.

We are incredibly grateful to be part of a community that cares so deeply about the well-being and education of our children. Your generosity helps ensure that all students are equipped and ready for a successful school year. Thank you for your ongoing support and for making such a meaningful difference in the lives of our students. We are truly fortunate to have such wonderful community partners.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TIMES

Morning supervision starts at 8:30 am. Therefore, student drop-off **will not be accepted** before then. School dismissal is at 2:55pm. If you are picking up your child, please be sure to be at the school by then. If the buses do not run in the morning and you drive your child (ren) to school, please remember and make arrangements to pick them up at the end of the day as well. If buses do not run in the morning, they will not run in the afternoon.



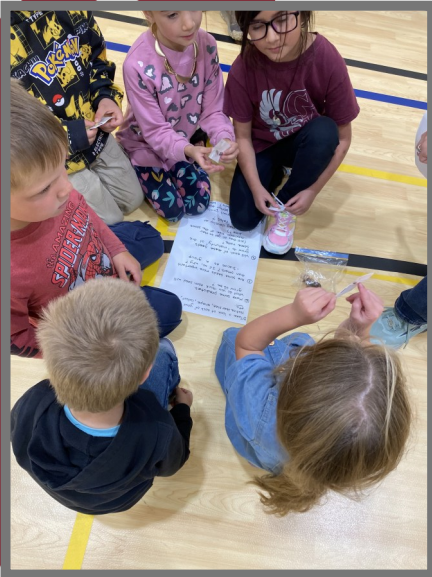
MYED FAMILY PORTAL



All schools are now transitioning to MyEd BC Family Portal for the first report card distribution this fall. Paper copies will still be available by request. To ensure a smooth launch in October, we require that all students' and guardians' contact information in MyEd BC be as accurate as possible. We are sending home student verification forms that will need to be reviewed, signed and returned as soon as possible to help with this process. This process is hoped to significantly reduce paper consumption, mail expense, and office workload, while giving families convenient, real-time access to report cards and attendance updates.

MyEd Family portal information for parents and families is available on the SD91 website.

<https://www.sd91.bc.ca/parent-resources>



GRASSY PLAINS SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Here are the dates of events that we have agreed upon. Please note that last-minute changes may be needed.

September:

- 17th—Fire Drill in the afternoon
- 24th—Terry Fox Run
- 25th—NI Day **NO SCHOOL**
- 29th—Orange Shirt Day
- 30th—Day of Truth and Reconciliation. **NO SCHOOL.**

October:

- 2nd—Custodial Appreciation Day
- 5th—Teacher Appreciation Day
- 12th—Thanksgiving Day **NO SCHOOL**
- 13th—PAC Meeting at 3:30pm in Rm 3. Back playground weather permitting
- 20th—Lockdown Drill @ 11:30am
- 21st—Talk About Learning Day. **NOON DISMISSAL**
- 23rd—Pro-D Day. **NO SCHOOL**

November:

- 9th—PAC Meeting at 3:30pm in Rm 3. Back playground weather permitting
- 10th—Remembrance Assembly at 1:00pm
- 11th—Remembrance Day. **NO SCHOOL**
- 20th—Pro-D Day. **NO SCHOOL**



GRASSY PLAINS SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS, CONTINUED

December

- 11th—First Term Learning Updates go home
- 14th—PAC Meeting at 3:30pm in Rm 3.
- 17th—Christmas Assembly at 1:00pm
- 18th—PJ Day
- 21st—Winter Break Starts **NO SCHOOL**

January

- 4th—**School in Session.** First day back from Winter Break
- 11th—PAC meeting at 3:30pm in Rm 3.

February

- 1st—Counsellor Appreciation Day
- 1st—Kindergarten Registration Week.
- 8th—PAC Meeting at 3:30pm in Rm 3.
- 11th—Valentine Exchange
- 12th—Pro-D Day **NO SCHOOL**
- 15th—Family Day **NO SCHOOL**
- 24th—Pink Shirt Day

March

- 1st—Green Thumb Theatre
- 5th—Second Term Learning Updates go home
- 8th—PAC Meeting at 3:30pm in Rm 3.
- 10th—Talk about Learning. **NOON DISMISSAL**
- 12th—Comfy Cozy Day
- 15th—Spring Break Starts **NO SCHOOL**
- 30th—**School in Session.** First day back from Spring Break

April

- 12th—PAC Meeting at 3:30pm in Rm 3.
- 16th—Pro-D Day **NO SCHOOL**
- 21st—Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 28th—Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day
- 30th—Principal Appreciation Day

May

- 5th—Red Dress Day
- 10th—PAC Meeting at 3:30pm in Rm 3. Back playground weather permitting
- 14th—Pro-D Day **NO SCHOOL**
- 24th—Victoria Day **NO SCHOOL**

June

- 3rd—Support Staff Appreciation Day
- 8th—Kager Lake Field Trip
- 14th—PAC Meeting at 3:30pm in Rm 3. Back playground weather permitting
- 18th—Third Term Learning Updates go home
- 25th—Sports Day
- 28th—Year End Assembly at 1:00 pm
- 29th—Last day of school. **NOON DISMISSAL**



Grassy Plains School September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 First Day of School! ½ Day	9 Hot Lunch: Ham and potato soup and bun	10 Hot Lunch: Chicken Alfredo pasta	11 Hot Lunch: Pizza	12
13	14 Hot Lunch: Cheeseburger soup and bun	15 Hot Lunch: Taco Salad	16 Hot Lunch: Ham Casserole	17 Hot Lunch: Pasta with meat sauce	18 Hot Lunch: Pizza	19
20	21 Hot Lunch: Ham and potato soup and Bun	22 Hot Lunch: Taco Salad	23 Hot Lunch: Chicken Noodle Casserole	24 Terry Fox Run Hot Lunch: Pizza	25 NI Day NO SCHOOL	26
27	28 Hot Lunch: Cheeseburger soup and bun	29 Orange Shirt Day Hot Lunch: Taco salad	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation NO SCHOOL			

APPROVED 2026-27 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Approved by the Board of Education for School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes)
on Monday, June 23, 2025.

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JULY						
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GOVERNMENT APPROVED HOLIDAYS	
July 1	Canada Day
August 3	BC Day
September 7	Labour Day
September 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
October 12	Thanksgiving
November 11	Remembrance Day
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	New Years Day
February 15	Family Day
March 26	Good Friday
March 29	Easter Monday
May 24	Victoria Day

SEPTEMBER						
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START & END DAYS	
September 8	Opening Day (morning only)
June 29	Closing Day (morning only)
June 30	Operational Day (no students)

NOVEMBER						
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EXTENDED BREAKS	
Summer	June 29 - September 4
Winter	December 21 - January 1
Spring	March 15 - March 29

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PRO-D & PLANNING DAYS	
September 25	District Planning Day
October 23	Provincial Pro-D Day
November 20	Pro-D Day
* February 12	Pro-D Day (new date as of August 2026)
April 16	Zone Pro-D Day
* May 14	District Pro-D Day (new date as of August 2026)

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BOARD MEETING DAYS	
September 22	Vanderhoof
November 17	Vanderhoof
December 8	Vanderhoof
January 19	Virtual via Teams
February 23	Virtual via Teams
March 30	Fraser Lake
April 20	Fort St. James
May 18	Vanderhoof
June 22	Burns Lake

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION DAYS	
TBA	Share the Love Day/Week
February 24	Pink Shirt (Anti-bullying) Day
April 28	National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job
May 5	Red Dress (MMIWG2S) Day
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day

Instructional Non-Instructional Vacation Period Statutory Holiday

