



**Riverview**  
Elementary School

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# January 2026 Newsletter

## Hello Riverview Families!

- ♦ Breakfast Program is open @ 8:00 and is welcome to all students.
- ♦ Troll Ski Days for Grades 6 & 7 are March 2, 5 & 6,
- ♦ Booster Juice forms due Wednesday, January 13th.
- ♦ Kindergarten Registration opens Monday, February 2, 2026.
- ♦ Please remember we are here to help. If you have a question or concern, please reach out.

### Parking and Student Drop off / Pick up

Please do not stop or park in the bus lane. Student drop off can be done at the parking lot at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Harper Avenue and the school side of Hartley Street. Only staff and school district vehicles can enter the parking lot between 8:00 to 8:40 in the morning and 2:15 to 2:45 in the afternoon. We realize at times this can be an inconvenience but student safety is always our biggest concern.

Vehicles should not block the school bus between the above noted times.

**Thank you for your cooperation!**



### Student Supervision

Parents are reminded that there is no student supervision at the school prior to 8:00 am and no student supervision after the buses have left.



# Riverview Reminders

## Absent Students

Parents and guardians, please let us know:

- If your child will be late or absent from school
- If a different person will be picking up your child at the end of the day
- If your child will be walking to a different location after school
- If your child will be leaving during the course of the day

## Troll Ski & Snowboard Program

Students in Ms. Jaura's and Mrs. Hall's classes will be participating in the Troll Ski & Snowboard program this year. Our school's ski dates are Monday, March 2, Thursday, March 5 and Friday, March 6, 2026. Permission forms and information will be sent home at a later date.

## School Hours:

**8:30 am - 2:36 pm**

### Recess

**10:15 am - 10:30 am**

### Lunch

**12:00 pm - 12:59 pm**

### Secretary Hours

**Monday 8:00 - 3:15**

**Tuesday 8:00 - 3:15**

**Wednesday 8:00 - 3:15**

**Thursday 8:00 - 3:15**

**Friday 8:00 - 3:15**

## No School

*A reminder to parents/guardians; school will not be in session on the following date(s):*

- ◇ Friday, January 30th - NI Day
- ◇ Monday, February 16th - Family Day
- ◇ Monday, March 16th to Friday, March 27th - Spring Break



## ALLERGY NOTICE UPDATE

### **DUE TO SEVERE ALLERGIES**

### **RIVERVIEW IS A PEANUT, TREE NUT AND FAVA BEAN FREE SCHOOL**

These allergies are **life-threatening**. We appreciate your assistance in ensuring NONE of these foods are brought to the school.

**Fava Beans, Peanuts, tree nuts (this includes peanut butter)**



# Riverview Elementary

## Monthly Reminders



**Changing Weather:** Please remember to dress for the changing weather, especially with our mornings becoming colder! Students are expected to have a warm coat, gloves, a hat and proper footwear. Students will only be kept in on days where the temperature is below  $-15$ . It would be helpful to provide your child(ren) with extra clothing and ensure that all items are labeled with your child's name.

**ATTENTION PARENTS AND VISITORS:** Our doors are open between 8:00am and 3:30pm but all parents and visitors are asked to report to and sign in at the office when they come to the school. It is important for safety reasons that we know who is in the school at all times. Students must be checked out if they are leaving early.

**DISTRICT LUNCH PROGRAM:** The District Lunch Program offers daily free lunches to **students in need**. Please come to the office and fill out a form if you need your child to be on the district lunch program.

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** All students are welcome to enjoy a healthy breakfast snack starting at 8:00 am at the north entrance. **Once students are done breakfast, they head back outside until the bell rings.** Children can't learn on an empty stomach. Therefore, at Riverview we are committed to ensuring all students receive the healthy start they need in order to be successful learners. We are partnered with the Breakfast Club of Canada and local community groups to offer a universal breakfast program. Thank you to all for organizing this program.

**RIVERVIEW WEBSITE:** Please check out our new website for news about our school! You will find our Events Calendar, Announcements, News Stories, Transportation Information, School Supply lists and much more! <https://riverview.sd28.bc.ca/>

**HEALTH & WELLNESS:** Reminder to parents/guardians to please do a health check of your student before sending them to school if they are feeling unwell. Please have them stay home to rest and get better before returning to school.

Visit our website for current announcements and upcoming events!

<https://riverview.sd28.bc.ca/>

# Indigenous News

*Welcome back from  
Winter Break!*



**JANUARY 2026**

Sacho Bunun (sa) (cho) (bu) (nun) Translation: The time of the big moon



If you have any questions or concerns please contact Stephanie or Darlyn at the school or by email.

Indigenous Education Support Workers are here to support Indigenous students and their families within the school community. They provide cultural, academic, and emotional support to help students succeed and feel connected. This can include sharing Indigenous perspectives in the classroom, offering guidance, creating opportunities for cultural learning, and acting as a bridge between families, the school, and the wider community. Their goal is to ensure that Indigenous students feel valued, supported, and proud of their identities while helping all students learn about and respect Indigenous cultures.



# PAC NEWS



## Who Makes Up the PAC?

**President:** Sheena Christen

**Vice President:** Tess Larsen

**Treasurer:** Sierra Bird

**Secretary:** Shayna Diggins

**D PAC:** Sheena Christen & Lonnie Bidder

**Social Media:** Bethia Chermisnok & Layla Whitehouse

The PAC is an important voice for our students and our school. Without enough parents, the PAC cannot vote on important decisions such as supporting the performing arts performances, equipment purchases and much more. Please come out to a PAC meeting to see what you can do for your child and our school. PAC meetings are the first Monday of the month at 4:30 pm.

To stay updated on future events & more, follow the Facebook Page called:

**"Riverview PAC"**

## PAC Fundraising Events

- ⇒ January 22 - PAC Booster Juice Day
- ⇒ February 2 - PAC Meeting
- ⇒ March 2 - PAC Meeting
- ⇒ April 20 to 23 - PAC Sucker Pull

**Riverview will receive 20% of all sales when you use the coupon code below!**





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———— Winter Break Week ————

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**School back in session**

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**Crazy Hair Day**



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**PAC Booster Juice**

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**PAC Meeting**

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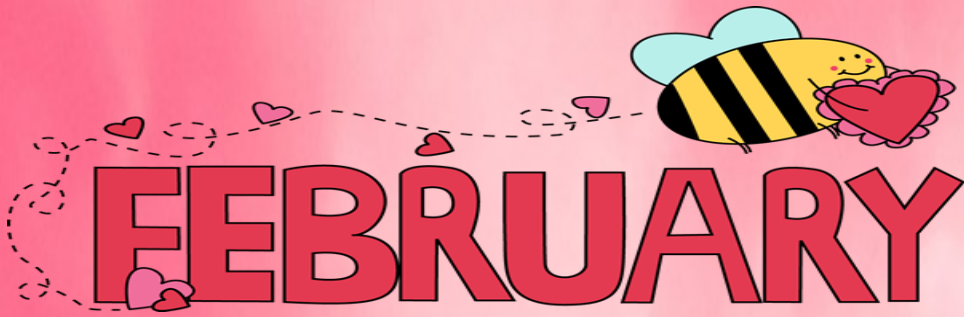
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**NI Day  
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**Pink Shirt Day**

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# School Bus Information

School District Transportation Department

250-992-8361 or email: [Transportation@sd28.bc.ca](mailto:Transportation@sd28.bc.ca)



## REMINDER

When bus runs are cancelled in the morning, they will be cancelled for the duration of the day. There will be no buses running that afternoon. Teachers will be in attendance at schools.

## School District Transportation Bus Safety & Rules

### Students:

- Use your bus pass to scan on and off the bus.
- Remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- Keep your hands, feet, head, hats, backpacks, etc. inside the bus and to your self at all times.
- Place your trash in the bins provided at the front and rear of the bus.

### Parents/Caregivers:

- If your student has misplaced their pass, please contact us and we will print a new pass.
- Students need to be registered for the buses they are riding.
- If your student is taking a bus other than the one they are registered for (to go to a friends house for example) please contact us and we will notify the bus driver about the approved change.

### Cold Weather: School Bus Operations

When the weather turns, SD28 works to ensure the safety of all our students and staff. Please review our policies and procedures at [the transportation department website](#).

# Memo

December 15, 2025



**TO:** All School District 28 Families  
**FROM:** Darren Mann, Manager of Transportation  
**RE:** Important Reminder Regarding Bus Cancellations and Student Transportation

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into the winter season, we would like to remind families of the procedures School District 28 follows regarding school bus cancellations. Please review the information below to ensure that you are prepared should service disruptions occur.

➤ **Check for updates**

Parents and students are responsible for checking official district communication channels for any bus cancellations. Notifications are posted on:

- The SD28 Website
- The SD28 Transportation Facebook Page

*Please note: The district is unable to make individual phone calls regarding bus cancellations.*

➤ **Types of cancellations**

- **Cold Weather Cancellation:** Quesnel schools remain open, but all school buses are cancelled for the entire day.
- **Individual Bus Cancellation:** A specific bus (e.g. bus XX) is cancelled for the entire day.

➤ **Individual Bus Cancellation Details**

If a bus is cancelled in the morning:

- It remains cancelled for the entire day.
- Families need to be aware of their assigned bus numbers for both morning and afternoon routes, including transfers.
- There is no replacement bus, including for transfer students.
- Students may only ride the bus they are registered on. They cannot switch to another bus.
- If you drive your child to school, please ensure you can pick them up after school.

➤ **Cold Weather Preparedness**

We ask that all students be dressed appropriately for winter conditions, including:

- Warm coats
- Winter boots or sturdy footwear
- Hats, mittens/gloves, and layers

While buses are heated, delays or emergencies are always possible. Proper winter clothing is essential for student safety.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in ensuring safe and consistent transportation for all students.

If you have any questions, please contact the Transportation Department at [transportation@sd28.bc.ca](mailto:transportation@sd28.bc.ca) or 250-992-8361.

# STUDENT ABSENCES

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

### Every Day Counts

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but ...

If your child misses ...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years of learning
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years of learning
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning

It is important to contact the school in the event:

- your student will be absent or late
- if a different person will be picking up your child at the end of the day
- if your phone number changes

We ask that parents/guardians contact the office no later than 2:00 pm to relay messages to students in a timely manner. Any changes can also be put in their planner as a reminder. Thank you.

Student absences can be reported three ways:

call the school 250.992.5421

email the school at [riv@sd28.bc.ca](mailto:riv@sd28.bc.ca)

or complete the online form at:

<https://riverview.sd28.bc.ca/>



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



# StrongStart



A **FREE** Parent & Child participation program for **0-5 yr olds**

**Join the fun at a StrongStart centre!**  
**You and your child will make new friends, play, create art, go to the gym, sing songs, engage with stories, and so much more!**

**Drop in available at:**

Baker StrongStart	Mon-Fri	8:30-11:30am
Barlow Creek StrongStart	Mon-Thurs	8:15-11:15am
Bouchie Lake StrongStart	Mon-Fri	8:15-11:15am

Dragon Lake StrongStart	Mon-Fri	8:30-11:30am
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Please contact Ms. Cari to learn which days have openings (250-747-2142)