



ÉRBL
ÉCOLE RED BLUFF LHTAKO

École Red Bluff/Lhtako Elementary October 2023 Newsletter

Dahooja Parents/Guardians,

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 30

Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day take place on September 30. Our staff and students learn about indigenous ways of knowing and doing as part of our growth as learners throughout the year and beyond. Students and staff of École Red Bluff Lhtako (ÉRBL) are participating in a number of activities the week leading up to The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation including a traditional drum session on Friday September 29, 2023.

Lhtako Dene Nation will be hosting events at Lhtako Dene Park on the waterfront trail system; all are welcome to attend.



No School October 2, 2023

- Monday October 2 will serve as the statutory holiday in BC to observe The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of “Every Child Matters”. The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

On September 29 we encourage all students and staff to wear orange to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools.

GRADE 5 and 6 Students



- The After-School Sports and Arts Initiative is available! On Mondays and Wednesdays from September 25– November 1. This program starts at 2:28-4:30. The Program will include 45 minutes of a physical sports activity and a 45-minute art activity, with two short breaks and a snack provided. This program is first come first serve while spots last.



School Photos October 3, 2023

- Clark Action Photography company uses an online ordering system. After photo capture, proofs will be online the next day and ready for ordering.
- Each student will have at least 3-5 proofs to select a large variety of photo packages.
- All students will be photographed against a green screen.
- **Students are requested not to wear green-tinted clothing or camouflage as it will affect their overall product in the end**
- Students do not have to bring any money to school for picture day as we operate a proofing program.
- Each student will go home with a detailed information sheet on how to access their photographs within 24 hours.
- Using a personal online access code; information on how to get to the link to access their photos for ordering will be on that sheet of paper.
- Students will have over 40 backdrops to complement their photos.
- Once parents place an order from the credit-card secure website, photo orders will be mailed directly to their door from the lab in Edmonton, Alberta.
- There are no forms to fill out before or after photo capture
- If any students need retakes or they were absent on opening day, all they have to do is alert their teacher on retake day and come in for another set of photos
- If you have any questions before or after (if the access code gets misplaced for example), please don't hesitate to contact Lorne @ Clarke Action Photography in Prince George via info@clarkeaction.com
- He will be more than happy to assist you.



Changing Weather

Students are reminded to dress for the changing weather. As the days become colder it is important for students to bring a warm coat, gloves and a warm hat. Students will play outside most days except for when the temperature falls below -15 degrees Celsius.

Student Supervision

- Families are reminded that there is no student supervision before 7:55 am and no student supervision after 2:45 pm

Reporting Student Progress

The K-12 Student Reporting Policy (the “Policy”) outlines the requirements for communicating student learning: it requires concise Descriptive Feedback in clear and accessible language to ensure students and families understand where the student is at in their learning, and areas for further growth. The Policy also requires Student Self-Assessment of Core Competencies and Student Goal Setting as part of the reporting process. For Grades K-9 the Policy requires use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale.

Provincial Proficiency Scale – is a scale used to communicate a student’s progress in relation to the learning outcomes, with the following 4 indicators:

- Emerging;
- Developing;
- Proficient;
- Extending.

All learners benefit from individualized descriptive feedback and personal involvement in the assessment process. Meaningful and flexible communication of student learning in clear and accessible language enables parents/guardians, students, teachers, and administrators to proactively work together to enhance student learning. This Policy ensures the student and parents/guardians are partners in the dialogue about the student’s learning and the best ways to support and further learning. Students benefit when they and their parents/guardians are made aware of their strengths and areas of needed growth and are provided support early.

More info:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/english-communicating-student-learning-information-for-parents-and-caregivers-package.pdf>

Early Release Days October 25, 26, 2023

- Students will be dismissed at 11:28 on October 25 and October 26, 2023 so that teachers may meet with families to provide an educational update and discuss the year to come
- Students will be dismissed at 11:28
- Buses will arrive three hours early so families with students who take the bus should expect their children to arrive home three hours earlier than normally scheduled

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct 2-6	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Observed No School	School Photos			
Oct 9-13	Thanksgiving No School				
Oct 16-20					PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY No school
Oct 23-27			EARLY RELEASE DAY: STUDENTS RELEASED AT 11:28a.m. Parent/Teacher Interviews	EARLY RELEASE DAY: STUDENTS RELEASED AT 11:28a.m. Parent/Teacher Interviews	
Oct 30-Nov 3		Halloween			

Upcoming Important dates:

November 9th– Remembrance Day Assembly

November 10– Remembrance Day observed, No School

December 20th– Report Cards go home

December 22- Last day before Winter Break

School Hours:

8: 25 Warning Bell

8:30 Start of Instruction

10:00-10:15 Recess

12:00-12:25

- Intermediate students outside to play

- Primary students eating lunch

12:25-12:49

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2:28 End of Day