



ÉRBL
ÉCOLE RED BLUFF LHTAKO

École Red Bluff/Lhtako Elementary October 2025 Newsletter

Dahooja Parents/Guardians,

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 30

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation took place on September 30 and Orange Shirt Day took place on September 29, 2025 at ÉRBL. 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) participated in a number of activities the week leading up to The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation including a traditional drum session in which students sang the Men's Warrior Song, the Women's Warrior Song and Ms William and students sang the Eagle Song in Chilcotin.

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.



ASSAI/DASH PROGRAM**GRADE 4, 5 and 6 Students**

- The After-School Sports and Arts Initiative is available for students in grades 4-6 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from September 23 – October 24, 2025. 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.

**HOT LUNCH PIZZA FUNDRAISER!**

This month's Hot Lunch is a fundraiser for Grade 6/7 students. The hot lunch dates are October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

**VOLLEYBALL**

Grade 6/7 Girls Volleyball is Mondays and Wednesdays during lunch.

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LIBRARY BOOK EXCHANGE DAYS

Monday Lundi	Tuesday Mardi	Wednesday Mercredi	Thursday Jeudi	Friday Vendredi
M. Smith grade 1/2	Mme. Suzie Grade K	Mrs. Mackay Grade 1/2	Mr. Colegate Grade 6/7	Mme. McTavish Grade 3/4
Mrs. Kishkan Grade 2/3	Mme. Sturt & Mme. Cathy Grade K/1	Ms. Mayden Grade K/1	Mme. Bird Grade 6/7	Mrs. LeBlanc Grade 3/4
	Mrs. Lowndes & Mrs. Dawson Grade 5/6	Mr. Jaura Grade 4/5	Mme. Presley Grade 4/5	



CHANGING WEATHER

Students are reminded to dress for the changing weather. On rainy and wet days, please bring a change of clothes, socks etc.

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.

**** PLEASE LABEL YOUR STUDENTS CLOTHING!! OUR LOST & FOUND IS OVERFLOWING! ****

STUDENT SUPERVISION

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

School Hours:

8:00 to 8:20 - Breakfast Club

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

Important Upcoming Dates

Oct 6	PAC meeting at 6pm in the Library
Oct 13	Thanksgiving – Stat Holiday
Oct 17	Student Picture Day
Oct 24	Pro D Day - No School
Oct 31	Halloween Parade *Please see attached costume guidelines*
Nov 5 & 6	Early Release both days (Bells rings at 11:28am)
Nov 11	Remembrance Day – Stat Holiday
Nov 28	Non-Instructional Day – No School

Please check our website regularly for all Upcoming Calendar Events, Activities, Meetings, Information and much more!

<https://redbluff.sd28.bc.ca/events/calendar>

We would like to take thank:

ZELDA FENCING AND LANDSCAPE

<https://zeldaquesnel.ca/>



for their continued support of our
Breakfast Club!



Halloween Costume Guidelines

- Costumes should be worn to school the morning of October 31st so that changing will not cause disruptions in the classroom;
- all make-up should be done before your child arrives at school;
- costume masks should allow proper visibility and cannot be worn during class time;
- costumes should be age appropriate and follow our school district dress code (no revealing clothing or questionable logos);
- costumes should be culturally respectful;
- no replica weapons will be permitted (swords, staffs, knives, axes or guns, etc.);
- no costumes that glamorize "gangster," "pimp" or sexualized lifestyles will be permitted;
- staff will not be able to take responsibility for students' costumes so it may be advisable to wear an older costume, or only the part of the costume that may not be damaged;
- students will be going outside for recess and lunch breaks so coats should be able to fit over costumes.

By following these guidelines we hope to have safe and fun celebrations.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school at 250-747-2634.

Thank you for your cooperation
École Red Bluff Lhtako Elementary



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A more specific school supply list will be provided by teachers, however if you need support with purchasing supplies, please let the school know. Please visit our website for the full list:

<https://redbluff.sd28.bc.ca/school-supplies/red>

LUNCH PROGRAM

Please come to the office and fill out a form if you wish your child to be on the district lunch program.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is available between 7:50am and everything is packed up in the gym by 8:20am. We encourage students to be here at early to get something to eat before it's all gone. No sign up required.

ÉRBL WEBSITE

Please check out our new website for everything ÉRBL! You will find our Events Calendar, Announcements, News Stories, Transportation Information, School Supply lists and much more! Please bookmark this page: <https://redbluff.sd28.bc.ca/>

FACEBOOK PAGE

Please note, we will only be using our Facebook page to direct parents/guardians to our new website where all ÉRBL information is located.

ALLERGIES

At this time, ÉRBL is not aware. There will be certain classrooms that need to be nut free, if your child is in one of these classrooms, you will be notified.

SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT

Reminder that ÉRBL Elementary is a Scent Free environment.

STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING: <https://redbluff.sd28.bc.ca/absence-late/red>

BEAR AWARE

This is a good time to have regular conversations with your children about bear and wildlife awareness. Some tips are for kids to walk directly home after-school to check in with you, to walk in groups, make noise and to not eat snacks while walking or riding. Children should not approach any wildlife.

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 stay home to rest and get better before returning!

TRANSPORTATION

Please ensure students have their bus passes ready when they are getting on the bus. We are still waiting on replacement passes for some students but if you require one, please call 250-992-8361 or email transportation@sd28.bc.ca to have a replacement card printed.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN SCHOOLS

The *Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order* has been amended to require Boards of Education to ensure their codes of conduct include statements about restricting the use of personal digital devices to:

- Reduce distractions in classrooms and support focused learning environments

- Foster online safety, and
- Promote provincial consistency.

