

École Red Bluff/Lhtako Elementary

January 2026 Newsletter

Dahooja Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back and Happy New Year from École Red Bluff Lhtako Elementary!

Troll Ski Trip

Students in Mr. Colgate, Mme Bird and Ms. Lowndes/Younker classes have the opportunity to downhill ski/snowboard at Troll Ski Resort. The three ski dates are: **January 19, 22 and 23, 2026**. The forms were sent home with students on November 24th. **Payment is due by January 9, 2026**



We will be away from the school from 8:45 am until 4:30 pm. We will be travelling by School District 28 bus to and from Troll Ski Resort. Families will need to arrange to pick up their child(ren) at the school at 4:30 pm.

Students will need to bring winter clothing including a toque, gloves, boots, snow pants and a winter jacket. Students should also bring a lunch and additional snacks; students may also access the concession.

Students wishing to bring their own ski/snowboard equipment may do so at their own risk with the knowledge that School District 28 Quesnel will not be held responsible for any lost or damaged equipment.

Kindergarten & Student Registrations

Kindergarten registration for the 2026/2027 school year opens Monday, February 2, 2026. Registration packages will not be available until this time. On December 18, 2025 School District 28 sent out a memo regarding changes to the Catchment Boundaries and the Registration Processes. With the exception of students enrolled in the French Immersion program, **ALL STUDENTS** are required to register at their designated catchment school. Registration at the catchment school begins February 2, 2026. Families who wish for their child to attend a school other than their catchment school must complete an Out-of-Catchment Request Form during the application window, which closes March 31, 2026. Please note that submitting a request does not guarantee placement, as decisions are based on available space and will begin in April 2026. The link below offers Important Information regarding Catchment Areas, Important Dates, and How to Register.

<https://www.sd28.bc.ca/plan-ahead-catchment-areas-important-dates-and-how-register>

PLAN AHEAD: CATCHMENT AREAS, IMPORTANT DATES, AND HOW TO REGISTER

Information about our changing catchments in SD28 Quesnel can be found at:
<https://www.sd28.bc.ca/plan-ahead-catchment-areas-important-dates-and-how-register>



Questions about catchments can be direct to: catchment@sd28.bc.ca





CATCHMENT INFORMATION SESSION #1

 Wednesday, January 14, 2026

 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

 School District Office

If you have questions or would like to learn more about the changes to elementary school catchment boundaries, please feel free to attend.



Swim for Life Program

Thursdays

Ms. Leblanc & Mme. McTavish Classes

Time: 10:00 to 12:00pm

Ending March 12, 2026



Skating

Group A:

French Primary Classes: Feb 2, Feb 4, Feb 10

(Mme. Suzie, Mme. Sturt/Braun and M. Smith)

10:00- 11:00am



Group B:

English Primary Classes: Feb 3, Feb 9, Feb 11

(Ms Mackay and Ms Mayden)

10:00 - 11:00am

Basketball

Boys Practice: Monday & Wednesday at Lunch

Girls Practice: Tuesday & Thursday at Lunch



Game schedule TBA!

Winter Clothing

Students are 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. Parents and students are encouraged to check the lost and found as our collection is growing.

****Please write your child's name on their clothing****



Library Book Exchange Days



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

Important Upcoming Dates

Jan 08,15,22,29	Ms. Leblanc & Mme. McTavish classes go swimming
Jan 12	PAC Meeting @ 6pm in the Library
Jan 19,22,23	Ski/Snowboard @ Troll Ski Resort
Jan 20	Full day of Adapted Sports
Jan 21	French Immersion Open House from 5:30pm to 7pm
Jan 30	Non-Instructional Day – No School

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

- Primary students outside to play
- Intermediate students eating lunch

2:28 End of Day

Student Supervision

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

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

Please contact Ms. Cari to learn which days have openings (250-747-2142)

We would also like to thank:

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for their continued support of our
Breakfast Club!