

Chilcotin Road Elementary

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Home of the Road Runners

June Family Newsletter

A Message from Your Principal

June is a special time in our school community—a time filled with celebration, reflection, and a strong sense of accomplishment. As we approach the end of the school year, we are incredibly proud of the growth our students have shown in so many ways. From academic progress to social development and resilience, our students continue to impress us every day.

This final month brings many exciting events, opportunities to connect, and celebrations of learning. It is also a time to reflect on goals that were met and new ones to look forward to next year. I encourage families to take a few moments to talk with your children about what they are most proud of and the moments that made this year special for them.

Thank you for your continued support, kindness, and partnership throughout the year. It truly takes a team effort to create such a positive, caring, and inclusive school environment. We look forward to finishing the year strong together.

Mr. Doug Brown, Principal

Literacy at Home – A Key to Success

Literacy is the foundation for success in all areas of learning. When students develop strong reading, writing, and communication skills, they gain confidence and independence that supports them both in school and in life.

Families play an essential role in building these skills, and even small, daily activities can make a big difference.

Ways You Can Support Literacy at Home

- **Read together every day** – even 10–15 minutes builds strong habits
- **Let your child choose books** based on their interests to keep reading fun and engaging
- **Talk about reading** – ask questions, make predictions, and share opinions
- **Encourage writing** – grocery lists, notes, journaling, or labeling drawings
- **Share stories** – talk about your day, family traditions, or memories
- **Play with words** – rhyming games, word searches, or simple board games

💡 *The goal is to make literacy a natural and enjoyable part of everyday life.*

Important Reminders

- **Safe Arrival Program:** Please continue to report student absences using SafeArrival or by contacting the office. This ensures we can account for all students safely and efficiently.
 - **Attendance Matters:** Learning continues right up until the final day of school. Regular attendance helps students stay connected and engaged.
 - **Code of Conduct:** We encourage families to review the Code of Conduct together. Shared expectations between home and school help support a positive environment for all students.
 - **School Food Program:** We are committed to supporting all students. If a child is hungry, we will ensure they have access to food so they are ready to learn.
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Lunch Reminder

To help create a positive and inclusive lunchtime experience for everyone:

- Students are asked to **use short heating times in the microwave** so that all students have a fair opportunity to use it
- For students who prefer a quieter environment, **Room 136 and designated hallway tables** are available as quiet lunch spaces
- We encourage all students to **be mindful, respectful, and considerate of others** while sharing these common spaces

Thank you for reinforcing these routines at home—they help keep lunch a calm and welcoming part of the day.

Visitor Sign-In Reminder

For the safety and security of all students and staff, **all parents and visitors must check in at the office upon entering the school.**

Please sign in before going to any other area of the building, including classrooms or hallways. This helps us maintain a safe and organized environment for everyone.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Summer Heat & Air Quality

As we head into warmer temperatures and wildfire season, student health and safety remain our top priority.

Our school closely monitors conditions using the **Air Quality Health Index (AQHI)** for our region. Based on current conditions:

- Outdoor activities may be **modified, shortened, or moved indoors** on days with poor air quality or smoke
- During periods of high heat, we adjust schedules to **limit outdoor exposure and encourage hydration and rest**
- Students are encouraged to come prepared with **water bottles, hats, and sunscreen**

We will continue to communicate with families if there are any significant adjustments to the school day.

School Communication

Strong communication between home and school is essential for student success.

We encourage families to stay connected through the following:

- **Regularly checking email and school messages**
- Visiting the **school website** for updates and important information
- Connecting with your child's **teacher** when needed
- Following the **Chilcotin Road PAC Facebook page** for community updates and events

We value open communication and appreciate your ongoing partnership.

Family Fun Recipe

No-Bake Yogurt Berry Pops

A simple, fun, and healthy treat to make together!

Ingredients:

- 2 cups yogurt (any flavour)
- 1 cup fresh or frozen berries
- 1–2 tablespoons honey (optional)

Instructions:

1. Mix the yogurt and honey together in a bowl
2. Stir in the berries
3. Pour the mixture into small cups or popsicle molds
4. Insert sticks and freeze for 3–4 hours
5. Enjoy as a refreshing family treat

 *Let kids help with measuring, mixing, and pouring—it's a great hands-on learning opportunity!*

June Events – Mark Your Calendars

- **June 1–5:** Bike to School Week (Prizes for students)
 - **June 1 and 2:** Track and Field Columneetza
 - **June 4:** Class Photos
 - **June 5:** School Wide PowWow dancing
 - **June 9:** Grade 6 transitions to Columneetza 9:30- 11:30
 - **June 10:** Chilcotin Road Spring Play 10:30 and 12:45 (Pick one only please)
 - **June 11:** The Columneetza Band 10:50am
 - **June 23:** Fun Day
 - **June 24:** Grade 6 evening hang out till 9ish
 - **June 25:** Awards Ceremony and Graduation of Grade 6's (9:00 AM) Last Day for students
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Thank You

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our **families, PAC, and staff** for your continued support and involvement throughout the year. Your contribution helps create a strong, welcoming, and supportive learning environment for all our students.