



September 6, 2018

Silverback News

Mapes Elementary School: Home of the Silverbacks!

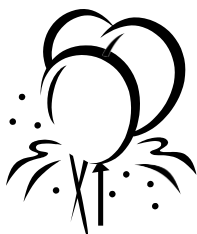
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Happy Birthday!

Best Birthday wishes to our students celebrating a birthday in September:

Sept. 5 - Bailey Ophus
Sept. 7 - DaniLyn Yliruusi
Sept. 21 - Lyla Skiffington
Sept. 24 - Owen Skiffington
Sept. 26 - Zachary Askeland



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 12 - Welcome Back BBQ

5:00 - 6:30

(please RSVP)

Sept. 14 - Terry Fox Run @ 1:00

Sept. 18 - PAC Meeting @ 2:00

Sept. 21 - Pro-D Day (No School)

Sept. 27 - Photo Day 😊

Sept. 28 - Orange Shirt Day

"Every Child Matters"



Seeing the smiling faces, hearing the excitement in conversations and catching up on the summer adventures has been the highlight of the week at Mapes. The 2018-2019 school year has begun! We extend a special welcome to new families, teachers and support staff while sending a warm hello and welcome back to those returning for another year of thinking, learning and growing together. I am privileged to be a part of the Mapes school community and look forward to working with you as the Principal.

Mapes is delighted to welcome two new teachers this fall, Mr. Jose Han in the Grade 4/5/6 classroom and Mrs. Anne Geddes as Head Teacher. You will find both to be approachable, kind and professional. We are thrilled to have Mrs. Desmarais (K/1) and Ms. Bennett (Grade 2/3) returning along with the support of Mrs. Solmonson, Mrs. Warkentin and the newest support staff, Mrs. Fergusson.

The cheerful voice of Mrs. Wheeler will continue to be the first greeting when you walk through the doors and Mrs. Douglas will ensure that everything is neat and tidy at the end of the day. Mapes Elementary School is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of individuals working together for the success of every learner.

We invite all families to stop in next Wednesday, September 12th at 5:00 for a welcome back BBQ. Please bring your families and join us for hamburgers and hot dogs, visit with teachers and meet other parents and students at Mapes. The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will have information on how you can be involved as a parent volunteer. We are looking forward to an exceptional year.

~Ms. Stacey Soffel

Newsletter via Email

Would you like to go paperless?

If you would like to have the Mapes Elementary newsletter emailed to you and are currently not on our distribution list, please contact the office.

Attached to this newsletter:

- Student Accident Insurance
- Violence Threat/Risk Assessment
- Field Trip Permission Form - Please complete and return to the school
- Student Photo Consent Form - Please complete and return to the school

Bell Schedule:

- 7:55 am - Warning Bell
- 8:00 am - School Begins
- 9:30 am - Recess Bell
- 9:45 am - End of Recess Bell
- 11:30 am - Lunch - Eating Time
- 11:45 am - Lunch - Playground Time
- 12:05 pm - Lunch Ends
- 1:48 pm - Dismissal



Nechako Figure Skating Club



2018-19 Registration is now open. Certified professional coaching for Pre-Can, Canskate, and Figure Skating Programs. Registration dates: Sept.12th @ 6:45pm, Vanderhoof Ice Arena & Sept.15th 10am - 2pm, Vanderhoof Rec Fair. Please see Nechakofsc.com for schedule and additional information. If you have any questions about registration, please contact Andrea Grady 250-567-7869.

StrongStart!

At Mapes Elementary School

Please Join Us for a fun filled morning full of art activities, books, dramatic play, block play, gym time, outside play, and much more!!

Best part about it... It's a free program!!

Hours of Operation: 9am-12pm (Mon-Fri)

Gym time every day!!

Healthy Snack Provided around 11 am ☺

Parents must attend with their child/children

Contact:

Sydney Siemens

[StrongStart Facilitator](#)

ssiemens@sd91.bc.ca

Facebook Page - (Mapes Strong Start)



FREE Pro-D day bike camps!

- Ages 6 – 8 * 10:00 – 12:00
- Ages 8 – 12 * 1:00 – 3:00



Please Email sbarr@sd91.bc.ca to register.

Space is limited so please register early.

Mapes PAC

Welcome back! I would like to invite all parents to join us at our very first PAC meeting of the 2018/2019 school year on September 18th @ 2:00. There has been some downsizing in our PAC over the last few years but I think this year will be different ☺ PAC is not a huge commitment and it is a great opportunity to get a little extra information about what is going on in your child's school. We run a few fundraisers to help purchase equipment and/or make contributions to field trips. Hope to see you all there!

Marilyn Wheeler
Mapes PAC President

MEDICATIONS

If your child needs medication administered to them at the school there is a permission form that needs to be signed.

Student Absenteeism

If your child will be away, please notify the school at 250-567-4341.

School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) does not provide any accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. You may purchase coverage for your child at www.insuremykids.com or by calling toll free at 1-800-463-KIDS (5437).

Important notice!



If you are making new or alternate bus arrangements for your child(ren), you **must** contact the bus garage at **(please add your local garage number here)** before 1:30pm on the day of the change. Some of our busses are full to capacity and we cannot add students who do not normally ride them without prior approval.

RE: POOR VISIBILITY /ROAD CONDITIONS

On occasion we experience low visibility and or poor road conditions that compromise our ability to stop safely on public roadways. This can be as a result of dense fog, heavy snow or icy conditions. In these situations our drivers use their best judgment to determine if the stop can be done safely in accordance with, *Motor Vehicle Act and Regulation*. In these situations parents will need to make alternate arrangements for their children. If you suspect these conditions exist you can contact us to make alternate arrangements by contacting your Transportation Coordinator in your area.