



SEPTEMBER 2024 Newsletter

"Learning Without Limits"

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Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School
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Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School

Coming up @ TeN!

September

10th - PAC Welcome Back BBQ! 5-6:30pm
20th - Terry Fox Run
25th - Half Day
27th - TeN Orange Shirt Day
30th - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

October

3rd - District Cross-Country Meet
9th - Picture Day
14th - Thanksgiving (No School)
17th - District Soccer Meet
(Girls @ TeN, Boys @ OSE)
22nd - Grade 6 Immunizations
23rd - Family Conferences (1-4 & 5-7)
24th - Half Day
25th - Pro-D Day (No School)
30th - Half Day
31st - Halloween

A Message from the Principal

Welcome to the new school year!

The first few days have been great! Classes are already doing lots of great work. I love watching students head on nature walks, beach visits and spending time in our school garden!

We had our welcome back assembly on Tuesday and talked about all the exciting activities coming up in September.

Next Tuesday is our first TEN Tuesday. I can't wait to see our school sporting their Eagle Blue! Both cross country and soccer will start up next week and our Terry Fox Run is on Sept. 20th!

Our Welcome Back BBQ, sponsored by our PAC is on Tuesday, Sept. 10th from 5-6:30 and will have great food from Oliver Eats. lots of fun activities and an opportunity to visit your child's classroom.

We will recognize National Truth and Reconciliation Day by wearing our Orange Shirts on Sept. 27th and on the 30th there will be no school.

I want to thank our amazing PAC for everything they do to support learning at TEN! Please consider joining our PAC, more hands make lighter work.

The PAC AGM is on Tuesday, Sept. 17th @ 6:30 in the library.

It's going to be a fantastic year and I couldn't be more grateful to be a part of it!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Welcome Back BBQ on Tuesday.

Sincerely,

Shannon Miller

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

-For bus students: If your student will not be taking the bus after school, please notify the office.

-Drop Offs/Pick Ups: Please use the parking available in front of the school. The parking lot is for staff use only.

BELL SCHEDULE

8:25 Warning Bell
8:30 Classes Start
10:40 to 10:55 Recess
12:15 to 1:05 Lunch
2:27 Dismissal
2:30 Busses Leave



Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 to 3:30pm

Messages received after 2:15pm may not be delivered.

Absent or Late? Phone 250-498-3415 or email our office lsanders@sd53.bc.ca We are carefully tracking absences.



TeN Staff 2024-25

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Mr. J. Tabios & Mr. G. Venditti	Custodian		



WHY JOIN PAC?

Many trips, activities and educational programs don't run without the support of the PAC

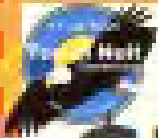
It's an opportunity to contribute to your child's education!

Without a PAC, school fees would need to increase to provide the educational experiences, technology and school events that we currently enjoy.

Ways to be involved with PAC

Not everyone needs to give 100%





TUC-ELNUI T ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

\$5 LUNCH MENU

September 9th – Oct. 4th
NO LUNCH on Sept. 25th & 30th

Order online - tenpac.parentcouncil.net

Monday's

6 inch Veggie or Turkey & Cheese Sub from Subway

Tuesday's

A pork or veggie burrito from Taco Rienda

Wednesday's

Homemade pasta from Crownest bakery in Cawston

Thursday's

Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza from Marco's Pizzeria

Friday's

Freshly made soup and homemade buns from Crownest
Bakery

Hot Lunch Order Link

This month's lunch program starts on Monday, September 9th & ends on Oct. 4th. You can order lunch for the month or choose specific days of the month.

We know this is a quick order period so you can order for the month until
Thursday, Sept 12th at noon.

If you need support with the cost of the program or have any questions, please contact the school 250-498-3415.

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We are excited to offer to your child the Starfish Pack Program. This program is supported by Buy- Low Foods, The Rotary Club of Oliver and many community donors and volunteers. The purpose of the program is to support families in need with food over the weekend. Each student is provided a pack with sufficient food (2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners and snacks) and it is completely free.

If you have any questions concerning this program, please feel free to contact: Sam Marsel at starfish@eastlink.ca or your school directly.

Cell phones and Electronic Devices:

Students may not use cell phones, hand-held electronic games, etc., at school during school hours, including recess and lunchtime, unless used in the classroom for educational or medical purposes – approved by the teacher. If students are found using these devices for any other purposes, they will be asked to put them away and then potentially confiscated and kept at the office until the end of the school day for repeat offences. Further offences may require calling parents to collect the device from the office. Teaching digital citizenship, when it is appropriate to use phones and devices is ultimately our goal at school.



Declaration of Aboriginal Ancestry

Are your children descendants of First Nations, Metis or Inuit Peoples?

If yes, they qualify for additional services through funding from the Ministry of Education. This funding is used by the district to provide programs and services which include cultural, academic, social and emotional support for students as well as district wide cultural events, resources, leadership opportunities, and celebrations. Parents/guardians only need to self-identify to qualify for this funding, status is not a requirement. If your child is of Indigenous Ancestry, please contact the school and we will provide you with the required forms.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- ✓ **No Parking in the staff parking lot please**
- ✓ **We encourage everyone to bring a reusable water bottle to school**
- ✓ **Breakfast program runs from 8a.m. to 8:30a.m. daily**
- ✓ **Tuesdays are TeN spirit days. Wear your school colours!**

TEAM INQUIRY MODEL

The Team Inquiry Model (TIM) is time for TeN staff to study and learn together in order to improve their practice, and learn new ways to meet student needs and increase student success. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 noon on the last Wednesday of the following months: September, October, November, February, April & May. In January, the early dismissal is on the third Wednesday, Jan. 24th. The first early dismissal is on Wednesday, September 27th. Buses will arrive just after 12:00 to take students home.



Welcome back Boone!!

Boone is a male Labrador Retriever Cross and has been certified as a therapy dog. He will be returning to Tuc el Nuit again this year.

He has an excellent friendly temperament and is surprisingly calm even when surrounded with chaos in the music room with Ms. Ante.

🐾 Boone absolutely loves working with the students and staff at our school!

🐾 If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ante. 🐾



If your child(ren) will be riding the bus, please ensure they are registered. This needs to be done at the beginning of every school year.

<https://op.sd53.bc.ca/bus/busreg.html>



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is coming up on September 30. This day honours First Nations, Inuit and Metis Survivors and their families and communities and ensures that public commemoration of the tragic and painful history of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

On September 27th, for Orange Shirt Day at school, we wear orange to honour the thousands of survivors of residential schools and to reaffirm that they matter, and so do those that have been affected.

Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on.



Terry Fox Run

Terry's Marathon of Hope has continued to raise cancer awareness and money for cancer research.



This year our run has an extra special meaning as we celebrate one of our Eagles and her successful fight against cancer.



All students and staff will be participating in the Terry Fox Run on Sept. 20th. All students are encouraged to donate a Toonie for Terry to support Terry's dream of finding a cure for cancer. You can also donate online @



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Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School 2024-2025 School Fees

Total Fees

Primary:	
KG - 3	\$60 (school supplies, activity fee)
Intermediate:	
Gr. 4-7	\$65 (school supplies, activity fee)

Fee Breakdown

Activity Fee:	KG-3	\$20
	4-7	\$35
The activity fee covers all activities and field trips		

School Supplies

KG-3	\$40
4-7	\$50
** Fees cover all school supplies**	

Payment be made at the Office by cheque or cash or by e-transfer to:
tenoffice@ed53.bc.ca Password: TENOFFICE
If you use the e-transfer option, please make sure you put the student's name in the message.

Although school supplies are provided from the school, your child's teacher may request some supplemental supplies for their class.

All students should bring:
- a refillable water bottle
- indoor shoes (appropriate for Physical Education)
- nutritious snacks

Please ensure all your child's items are labelled.

Staff Changes

GOOD -BYE MR. NEWSON!

Mr. Newson has officially retired! We're happy for him but it's a big loss for TeN!

Mrs. Lesley Lacroix is joining us as our new librarian. She comes to us from Egypt!



We will miss You!

TEN Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct

AT TUC-EL-NUIT

We are good communicators like amiyáawt (Coyote).

We work well in groups like axwuxwuya? (Ant).

We learn through experimentation and play like siya? (Saskatoon Berry).

We think critically and keep trying when faced with challenges like ntytyix (Spring Salmon).

We reflect on our feelings and demonstrate respect for self and others like spiłam (Bitterroot).

We work cooperatively and make change for the greater good like ?arsik? (Turtle).

We know ourselves and protect our traditions and values like akamxiit (Black Bear).



TUC-EL-NUIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Code of Conduct 2023-24

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To provide a respectful, caring, and safe environment at Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School.

CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

Acceptable Conduct

Behaviours that:

- > demonstrate respect for self, others, and the school
- > help to make the school a safe and caring place
- > inform adults about incidents of bullying, harassment, and intimidation
- > show involvement in learning activities
- > show consideration for being on time
- > help make our school a better place:

- o a place that is "discrimination free" as defined by sections 7 and 8 of the Human Rights Code (including but not limited to: race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, family status, physical or mental disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, age)
- o a place that honours School District 53 Student Conduct & Discipline Policy (F-3)

Unacceptable Conduct

Behaviours that:

- > interfere with the learning of others.
- > interfere with an orderly environment.
- > create unsafe conditions.

Acts of:

- > bullying, cyber bullying, harassment, or intimidation
- > physical violence
- > retribution against a person who has reported incidents.

Illegal Acts, such as:

- > possession, use, or distribution of illegal or restricted substances
- > possession or use of weapons
- > theft or damage to property

Rising Expectations

- > increasing personal responsibility and self-discipline
- > progressive discipline for inappropriate behaviour

Consequences

- > responses to unacceptable conduct are consistent and fair
- > disciplinary action relates to the infraction and is preventative and restorative in nature, in line with School District 53 Student Conduct & Discipline Policy (F-3).
- > parents/guardians of student offender(s)
- > parents/guardians of victim(s)
- > school officials
- > police &/or other agencies
- > all parents (if a community alert)

Cell phones and Electronic Devices:

- > Students may not use cell phones, hand-held electronic games, etc., at school during school hours, including recess and lunchtime, unless used in the classroom for educational or medical purposes – approved by the teacher. If students are found using these devices for any other purposes, they will be asked to put them away and then potentially confiscated and kept at the office until the end of the school day for repeat offences. Further offences may require calling parents to collect the device from the office. Teaching digital citizenship, when it is appropriate to use phones and devices is ultimately our goal at school.

This Code of Conduct is in compliance with the District Discipline Policy F3:
Student Conduct and Discipline
(available on School District 53 website: www.sd53.bc.ca)





SOUTH OKANAGAN SKATING CLUB



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FOR ALL ICE SPORTS**

WWW.SOUTHOKANAGANSKATINGCLUB.CA

PreCan & CanSkate

Tuesday afternoon & Thursday evening
options starting at \$100+
per term

Fall Term: October* - December 2024,
Winter Term: January - March 2025.

*Start time is dependant on completion
of arena renovations, and prices will be
adjusted accordingly.

Please visit our website for more details.
See you on the ice!