



LIKELY ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

September 28, 2026

Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the school year! Our students have settled into routines, classrooms are busy with learning, and it has been great to see so much enthusiasm, positivity, and school spirit throughout the school. Thank you to families for your continued support in helping make our school community such a welcoming and caring place.

Student Agendas - Student agendas are now being sent home daily in students' back-and-forth bags. Please take a few moments each evening to:

- Check for reminders and notices
- Review important papers and completed work
- Sign agendas each day and forms when requested

Regular communication between home and school helps support student success.

Morning Snack Program - We are pleased to continue offering a morning snack program for students. This program is intended to provide a healthy snack to help students stay focused and ready to learn throughout the morning. Please note that the snack program is meant to top up breakfast, not replace it. We encourage all students to eat breakfast at home before coming to school.

Upcoming Events

❤️ **September 29 - Orange Shirt Day Field Trips** Students will participate in learning experiences at the Scout Island Nature Centre (grades K-3) and the Williams Lake First Nation Arbor (grades 4-7) in recognition of Orange Shirt Day and to deepen their understanding of Indigenous culture, history, and our connection to the land.

❤️ **September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** No school. This day provides an opportunity to reflect, learn, and honour Survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities.

🇨🇦 **Monday, October 5 - Picture Day** Next Monday morning, Ms. Sissy Povelofskie is visiting to capture student pictures.

🍲 **Monday, October 5 - Welcome Back Lunch “Get the scoop and come for soup”**
Join us for soup and buns as we celebrate a successful start to the school year. Please complete attached RSVP and return by Thursday Oct. 1, so we know how much soup to make.

👪 **Thursday, October 8 - PAC Meeting at 2:45 p.m.** All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

🦃 **Monday, October 12 - Thanksgiving Day** No school. We wish all of our families a happy Thanksgiving and an enjoyable long weekend.

🍏 **Friday, October 23 - Professional Development Day** No school for students.

📅 **October 27 & 28 - Parent/Teacher Interviews** Students will be dismissed one hour early on both days to accommodate interview schedules. Ms. Peterson will be contacting families to schedule interview times. If you are unable to make it on these days, please email the classroom teacher for an alternate date.

🎃 **Friday, October 30 - Halloween Activities** Students will participate in a variety of fun Halloween activities. More details will be shared closer to the date.

Stay Connected- Families can stay up to date on school events, newsletters, important notices, and announcements by visiting the Likely Elementary School website. To access our school website:

1. **Visit the SD27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin School District) website.**
2. **Select the Schools tab.**
3. **Click School Directory.**
4. **Choose Likely Elementary School from the list.**

The website is updated regularly and is a great way to stay informed about what is happening at our school. [like.sd27.bc.ca]

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning. We look forward to a wonderful October at Likely Elementary School!

Reminders/Information from last newsletter:

After-school parent pick-up – if your child is less than 9 years old, please come to escort your child(ren) back to the vehicle and let the supervisor know you are picking them up. There is often only one adult on supervision so they will be monitoring the group in the area by the outdoor learning centre, circle benches, or field.

Alternate after-school arrangements – students will only be released to their parents or guardians, unless there is a note or message from both parents or families about alternate arrangements. Please make alternate arrangements well in advance and preferably not the day of so that the messaging can be documented and carried out. We understand last minute things happen – so please continue to phone the school or reach out to the teachers via email or their preferred communication platform. Keep in mind the secretary and principal are in the office part time, so teachers are the best to communicate with.

Illness & Wellness

If your child is unwell, please keep them home and notify the school of their absence by phoning the school or emailing the respective teacher. All messages left on the phone, will be transposed and emailed to the teachers, please speak slowly and clearly.

School Supplies

Teachers purchase school supplies for students. **Supply Fee:** \$40 per student - please send cash or cheque to the school. We will work on e-transfer but do not have it set up yet.

Personal Supplies Needed

Please send:

- Indoor shoes (non-marking soles that they can put on themselves)
- Water bottle
- Change of clothes (labeled, in a bag that can hang from their coat hook)
- Lunch kit
- Backpack

Handbook & Code of Conduct

The Student Handbook and Code of Conduct are both updated and will be available on the Likely webpage soon - you will receive an email when these are ready to review. We strongly encourage you to read these documents, discuss them with your child(ren) and certainly ask questions if necessary.

Phone Tree

In the event of school bus cancellation, or other emergent situation, the phone tree or contact tree will be used. An updated **copy will be sent home** once we have all student verification forms back.

Parents Advisory Council (PAC)

All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend PAC meetings and get involved. PAC support makes many extracurricular activities, field trips, and special events for our students.

Volunteers Welcome!

Volunteers are an important part of our school community.

A Criminal Record Check is required for all volunteers working with students. There is no cost for this and we recommend all parents keep their CRS up to date with the school, you never know when you might like to volunteer and the process does take a few weeks to get back to us.

Online Application: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

Access Code: **The code on the last newsletter was incorrect. Please contact the school.**

Criminal Record Checks remain valid for three years.

School Bus & Safety

School bus transportation is a privilege. Students are expected to follow safe and respectful bus behaviour at all times. There is information in the student handbook regarding bus behaviour, warnings, and consequences. Students will participate in a Bus Safety Session on Sept. 24th at Big Lake School.

In order to ride the bus – students must be registered. Students are taken to their bus stops according to the registered or alternate according to the registration. We will be using fobs again this year. Please let the school office know if you need a new fob.

Transportation Assistance

Families living more than 3 km from the nearest school bus stop may qualify for transportation assistance. Please contact the office for details.
