



LIKELY ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

September 10, 2026

Welcome Back!

As we begin another exciting year at Likely School, we would like to extend a sincere welcome to all students, families, and staff.

We are delighted to have **Mr. Rolston** join our team as our new intermediate teacher and look forward to the positive impact he will make in our school. We also welcome **Ms. Peterson** to the Likely School Community.

Our Staff

- **Ms. Bouchard** – Primary Teacher
- **Ms. Rolston** – Intermediate Teacher
- **Ms. Aileen Peterson** – Secretary
- **Ms. Sherry Ducharme**– EA & Noon Hour Supervisor
- **Ms. Allison Gainer** - Noon Hour Supervisor & Playgroup
- **Ms. Dianna St. Onge** – Custodian
- **Ms. Marie Hampton** – Bus Driver
- **Ms. Sari Small** – Principal

Daily Schedule

School Begins: 8:35 a.m.
Recess: 10:15 -10:30 a.m.
Lunch: 12:00 a.m.-12:50 p.m.
Dismissal: 2:35 p.m.

Principal's Message

Welcome back to another exciting year at Likely School! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful summer and are pleased to welcome both returning and new students and families to our school community.

At Likely School, we are committed to providing a safe, caring, and engaging learning environment where every student can thrive. We are especially proud of our outdoor learning opportunities, which encourage curiosity, build resilience, and help students develop meaningful connections to the natural world. By extending learning beyond the classroom, we create authentic experiences that support academic growth, well-being, and a lifelong appreciation for our local environment.

As Principal of both Big Lake and Likely Schools, I will continue splitting my time between the two sites while remaining available to support teachers, students, and families. Email is a great way to get a hold of me.

We look forward to partnering with families and the community as we work together to make this a successful and rewarding year for all learners.

Ms. Sari Small, Principal

Communication

Stay connected through:

- ✓ School newsletters (we will be moving to electronic delivery this year – via website)
- ✓ Email updates
- ✓ Likely School webpage at www.sd27.bc.ca
- ✓ Classroom Teachers

Student Verification Forms

Please review, update, sign, and return all verification forms and emergency student release documents as soon as possible. Keeping emergency contact information current is essential. Also sign and return the media & computer consent forms.

Parent parking - For parent drop off or pick-up - **please use the far parking lot by the garden shed and CRD library box.** This is safer and will allow for more room for the bus to pull into the other area by the field.

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.

Student Opportunities This Fall - Watch for permission forms and event information.

- Bus Safety – at Big Lake School **Sept. 24**
- Orange Shirt Day – Williams Lake **Sept. 29**
- Terry Fox Run at school - **TBD**
- Welcome Back event – **details soon**

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: **8PXZL5DNZ3**

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.

Looking forward to a wonderful and fun-filled 2026-27 school year at Likely School!

