

Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL)

**** click [here](#) to see the Framework Report that outlines the goals, strategies, targets, and resource allocations for student success in all areas.**

Student Learning - Intellectual Development

BC Launches Mandatory Early Literacy Screening to Help Students Succeed

News release: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2025ECC0025-000851>

Website:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/literacy-supports>

Student Learning - Human & Social Development

Language Matters

Understanding Mental Health & Substance Use: A resource for Families and School Communities

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& the [Open Parachute](#) website for additional information.

District Track Meet - June 2025

Below is a drone video of the District Track Meet at Bert Bowes Middle School.

Substance Use Prevention Series - online learning for parents, caregivers and guardians from the Ministry of Education and Child Care and Open Parachute.

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ERASE Infographics for School Staff, Parents & Caregivers

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Student Learning - Career & Skill Development

Bert Bowes - Career Fair at Northern Lights College (Dawson Creek Campus)



Bert Bowes - Energy Innovation Day at Energetic Services (Fort St John)



This event was organized by Calgary-based Inside Education.

The *Energy Innovation Day* program is offered through partnerships with various companies

to tour and learn about local energy companies.

The CWB Welding Foundation Recognizes NPSS Welding Program

Celebrating welding education and creativity through a collaborative student project.

The [Forged by Youth Award](#) was created and funded by the CWB Foundation in 2021 to celebrate the creativity and effort involved in secondary school welding projects and the continued support of secondary school welding facilities. These awards recognize outstanding class projects with a financial award for each winning school's welding program.

Awards Amounts:

First place: \$15,000

Second place: \$10,000

Third place: \$5,000

Sept. 8, 2025

Dear Ian Zackodnik,

Congratulations! The CWB Foundation is pleased to advise you that your Forged by Youth application has been reviewed, and North Peace Secondary School has been selected as the 3rd Place, which includes an award of \$5,000.00 to support your welding program. We are proud to work with schools like yours and partners across the country to help young Canadians showcase their talents, creativity, and efforts through these class projects.

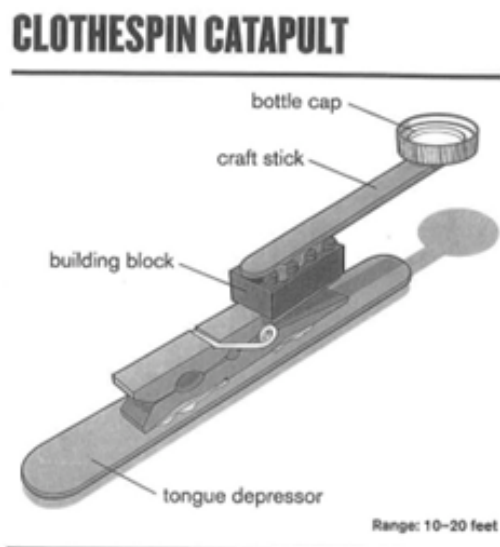
Catapult Challenge 2025-2026!

This month, we're excited to share our annual Catapult Challenge Kits with your schools! Each kit contains five different catapult designs for students to choose from. They will have the opportunity to build one of the designs using all the provided materials and step-by-step instructions.

What's inside the kit: 6 Depressor Catapults, 6 Clothespin Catapults, 6 Siege Catapults, 6 #2 Catapults, 6 Viking Catapults, 30 soft balls for safe launching, 2 rolls of masking tape, 15 hot glue sticks

These challenges are geared toward Grades 4-6 and are fully labeled and organized for easy classroom use.

Moneca Conway, Career Programs Coordinator



People Development

HR Teacher Hiring Update

- 2 full-time enrolling positions still open (Wonowon & Central)
- 186 postings for the 2025-2026 school year since January
- 25 new certified hires & 38 LOP's for this year (compared to 25 new certified hires &

35 LOP's last year)

- LOP's completed 3 mandatory days of training in August
- 23 new hires from last year returned this year (92% retention!) & only 2 did not return

HR Support Staff Hiring Update

- Support Staff hiring continues as schools determine needs and budgets throughout September

HR Management Update

- Health, Safety & Wellness Manager

Education Assistant Discounted Courses at Northern Lights College

Hello School Districts,

The Northern Lights College (NLC) Education Assistant (EA) Certificate and Diploma programs are almost ready to open registration with the discounted tuition rate for SD EA employees as per our Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

As of 25 August 2025, we welcome students to register in their selected courses as per their individual academic plans for the Fall 2025 term.

As per the MOA, tuition fees are discounted by 40% and the instruction-related (IR) fees waived to assist SD Education Assistants (EAs) in accessing NLC's online courses. Please note that all student services fees and student association fees do apply and are assessed under the current fee regulations found here - [Tuition Rates](#). SD EA students are also responsible for any additional course fees, including textbooks or other materials. Please refer to the MOA for more details regarding the discount.

Full registration payment is required during the discounted registration period. More information about how to pay can be found on the NLC website - <https://www.nlc.bc.ca/make-a-payment/>.

Planning to Prosper

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Words Matter: Intentional Word Study in the Elementary Classroom

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Join Karen Plawych, author, teacher, writer, and literacy consultant for a workshop to kickstart your literacy planning! Karen will join us in person for this session on intentional literacy instruction for the elementary classroom. Her newest book, *Literacy Instruction Matters* will be provided to all participants who attend this first session.

Words are the foundation of reading and writing and therefore an essential component of our instruction. And yet, it can sometimes be challenging to ensure a meaningful, integrated focus on words within our classrooms. In this session, Karen will discuss how to approach words in the context of oral language, spelling, structural analysis, word walls, morphology, the three tiers of vocabulary, and vocabulary instruction. She will guide participants in planning a weekly schedule for ELA as well as looking at an overall plan for the year. Teachers will walk away from this practical session feeling empowered! The session is open to teachers in grades 1 through 5.

There will be two breaks
and snacks will be
provided.

Location: The Ramada Inn

Time: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Registration opens at 8:00 am

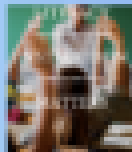
Date: September 8, 2025

Register using the Link or QR
Code.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1F4uCI_5u4R0C3V11W-GuMBnY0_Wb7CpL_Mu2dZg9WV10V0dauT/edit?usp=header

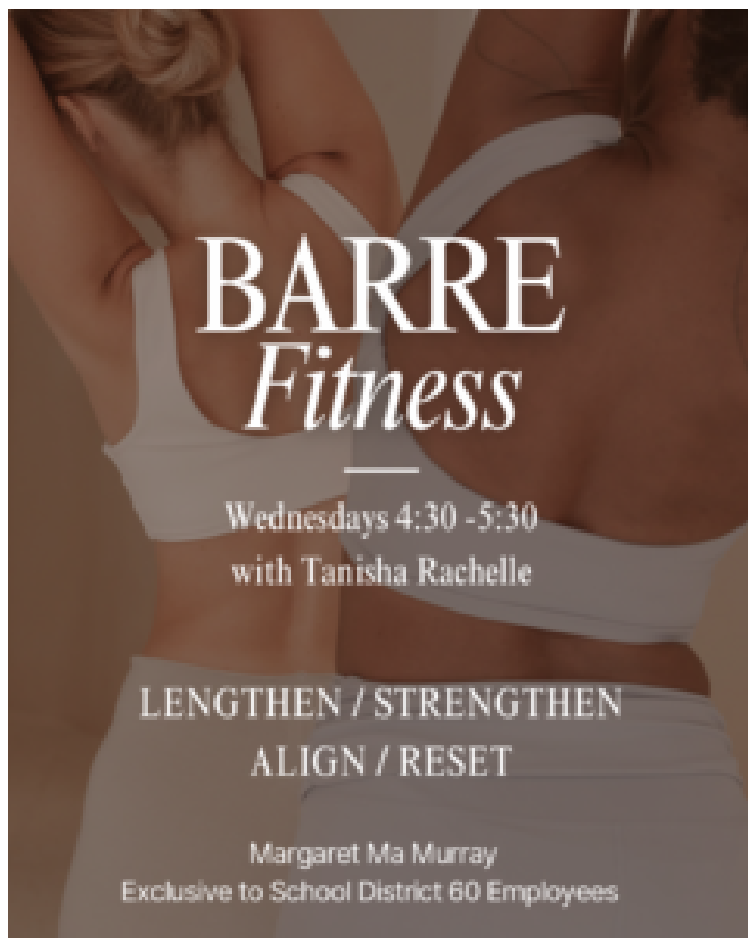


SCAN ME



Please register no later than July 31st
as final numbers need to be confirmed
with the hotel.

Free Barre Fitness Classes return September 10th for School District employees



Safe & Respectable Workplace

In collaboration with the Peace River North Teachers' Association and the Local CUPE 4653, the District has developed and posted the poster below at all work sites.

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A respectful environment is expected and needed for all environments.

Truth & Reconciliation

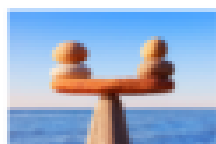
Celebrate Our Indigenous Youth!



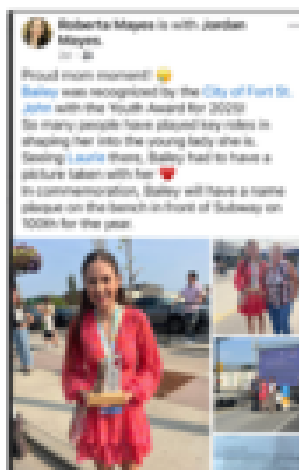
Celebrate our Youth!!

Do you have one of our Indigenous students?

- Role model students - showcase, let Pat know



Indigenous Ways of
Knowing and Being



(Retrieved Facebook Sept 8, 2025)

Respect - Compassion - Honesty - Responsibility - Relationships



First Nations Health Authority - Health through Wellness

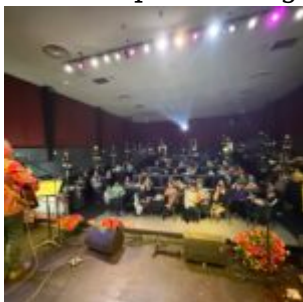
<https://www.fnha.ca/wellness/wellness-for-first-nations/first-nations-perspective-on-health-and-wellness>



Indigenous Grad BBQ – June 21, 2025



Dancers performing ...



Art Napoleon entertains ...



Cree Prayer by Mayes children ...



Congratulations ...

“Take 3”

Bert Bowes Middle School

Camp Cameron - Leadership & Science Trip - June 2025

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Jason Gill, Principal, Bert Bowes Middle School

Baldonnel Elementary School

Our school received a brand new playground in June 2025.



The entire school celebrated the grand opening of the new playground ...



We would like to express our sincere thank you to the PRRD (Peace River Regional District) for fully funding our new playground, which totalled approximately \$316K!

Craig Brownlee, Principal, Baldonnel Elementary

North Peace Secondary School

Outdoor Education 10 & 11 classes enjoyed an exciting trip canoeing down the Peace River! They started out here on May 24th and ended up at the Blackfoot Regional Park in Clayhurst on May 25th.



Students took part in many activities besides canoeing along the way (i.e. identifying wildlife and plant life, camping and swimming).





It was a fantastic experience and everyone had a great time.

Krista Peregoodoff, Vice-Principal, NPSS