



ZEBALLOS ELEMENTARY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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To all Parents and Guardians

First of all, thank you for all your support and patience this year as we worked together to make changes at ZESS.

You will notice some “W”s on junior high and high school report cards. Students who have not met the requirement to successfully complete courses have been withdrawn and will be enrolled in those courses next year again in September. Next year students need to be aware that in grades 8-12, if they do not successfully complete courses that repeating them to ensure they are ready to move to the next level will be the plan.

We are looking forward to supporting the “Zero Personal Devices” and “Healthy School” initiatives that have been tabled by our PAC at their last meeting of the year. I think we can do a lot of work here at ZESS next year to do a better job with how and why the students use the technology here to make sure that the technology is not a replacement for teaching but an enhancement to it. I think all schools struggle with finding this balance these days. There is a lot of room for improvement in this area and we will do that work next year. We accept and appreciate getting parent feedback and respect your concerns. Unfortunately, we cannot just remove technology from the school altogether since it is in the curriculum and a learning expectation in education these days and also a reality in the work place. That means the responsibility for this is squarely on the school and we are committed to improving the use of technology in the school as part of our plan for next year.

We are also very excited about the creation of our school Culture and Language Committee next year. The goal is to take all the existing good work and instruction taking place in the school and enhance it through monthly meetings to plan the year together. We look forward to your support with this initiative.


Once again, thank you so much for all your support this year. We are all very excited about the 2018-19 school year and ready to move ZESS to the next level!

From all of us here at the school, have a safe and restful summer break.

Tuesday, September 4th is the first day of school. It will be a half day. The bus will run the usual times in the morning. We will be hosting a welcome back breakfast for those who can attend. Students will be dismissed at noon and the bus will do the end of the day run at that time.

Check our Facebook page and website (<http://zess.sd84.bc.ca/>) at the end of August for details and updates.

Respectfully,

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