



# Parent and Guardian Update

## ZESS

### September 26, 2025

**Upcoming Events**

September 29<sup>th</sup> School Activities for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> – End of the first Attendance Challenge.  
October 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM Continuing Education - Information and Meeting  
October 21<sup>st</sup> – ½ Day for Students. Parent Teacher evening.

**Primary (K-2):** Mr. Christall - The primary class is enjoying singing KPop Demon Hunters songs. We kindly request that you save the cardboard rolls from toilet paper and paper towel to bring to school so we can make some play microphones next week.



**Intermediate (3-4):** Ms. Curtis - The past two weeks we have been continuing with building confidence in the classroom. Students have been creating building challenges including building a zoo and a



**What is happening in class?**

house/tower. We are learning how to collaborate and share ideas. We also took advantage of the sunny day this week to plant tulips in the garden and learned about the science behind bulb flowers. Our class had a fantastic time canoeing in the estuary, learning how to paddle together. Our class has also started listening to the book Matilda by Roald Dahl, which has been a delightfully silly story for the beginning of the year.

**Junoir (5-7):** Mr. Vanden Ham - Our class has been continuing to grow in exciting ways across all subjects! In mathematics, we have begun working with decimals, building on our number sense and problem-solving skills. During physical education, we have started learning the fundamentals of volleyball, focusing on teamwork, movement, and game play. In language arts, we are practicing alliteration and using descriptive language to make our writing more vivid and engaging. In art, we are moving forward with the elements of art, now exploring shape and how it can be used to create stronger compositions. It has been great to see students challenge themselves and show creativity in every area of learning.

**Senoir (8-10):** Mr. Romyn - The seniors are continuing to look at the various impacts of colonization on various groups - this week focusing on the Maya and Aztec empires in South America. We also took a trip to Tahsis to play Volleyball and Bowling!

These charts show the amount of abences during this attendance challenge.  
The current challenge is from: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 to Thursday, October 2, 2025

Primary Class (K-2)..... 10%  
Intermediate Class (3-4)..... 8%  
Junoir Class (5-7)..... 11%  
Senoir Class (8-10)..... 22%

K-2                      3-4                      5-7                      8-10



Whole School this year..... 12%  
For this period last year..... 16%

Updated: 2025-09-26

**Attendance**

The 3-4 Class has taken the lead! With one week to go, there are still three classes in the race.

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?a?aa everyone, this week we have been busy learning in our culture and language class. This week we mastered suča-5 colours in the language so we can play a variety of games. We made gifts out of cedar for our upcoming events to give away. We also had talking circles to talk about the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and what it means for our children. In this conversation, we talked about the importance of learning the language and culture of our community. All are welcome to drop in during class times :) čuuwey

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Culture and  
Language

ZESS Students & Staff invite you to

# Every Child Matters Honor Ceremony

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Mon, Sept 29 - 11:00 am  
Honor Ceremony &  
Assembly  
Lunch to follow

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation co-sponsored by Ehattesaht  
and Nuchatlaht Tribes

One thing  
to know  
about ZESS

The ZESS Reading Tree has started growing new leaves. Over the year, students will add leaves based on their reading. If students read at home, they are welcome to fill out a leaf to put on the tree as well.



If you have questions or concerns, please contact Adam Barber at [abarber@viw.sd84.bc.ca](mailto:abarber@viw.sd84.bc.ca) or 250 761 4227