



Parent and Guardian Update

ZESS

November 21, 2025

Upcoming Events

- Nov 25th Photo Day at ZESS
- Nov 26th GRSS students coming to ZESS for invitation to Cultural Gathering 12:00PM arrival.
- Dec 5th Celebrate Us Assembly and BBQ and Report Cards sent home
- Dec 10th School Wide Movie and Skating in Pt. McNeill
- Dec 17th 1:00 PM Christmas Concert
- Dec 19th Last day of instruction
- Jan 5th School Reopens.

Primary (K-2): Mr. Christall - The primary class has begun its hallway display to show what we're learning about animals and their diets. Every student has contributed to the display and there will be more added until classes are dismissed for the winter break. Please feel free to have a look next time you visit the school.



Intermediate (3-4): Ms. Curtis - As we get closer to December, grade 3/4 has been hard at work learning to play Jingle Bells on various instruments including the xylophone, recorder, and computer piano! We are hoping to be able to showcase our skills at the Christmas concert!



What is happening in class?

Junoir (5-7): Mr. Vanden Ham - We've had another productive week of learning in our class! In mathematics, we have begun our **geometry unit**, focusing on **perimeter and area** and applying these concepts to real-world problem solving. In language arts, we are now working more deeply on **reading comprehension** and **analyzing texts**, helping students strengthen their understanding and think more critically about what they read. Our IXL work is going extremely well—**as a class, we've answered over 5,000 questions so far this year!** Students are showing great effort and dedication, and it's wonderful to see their hard work paying off.



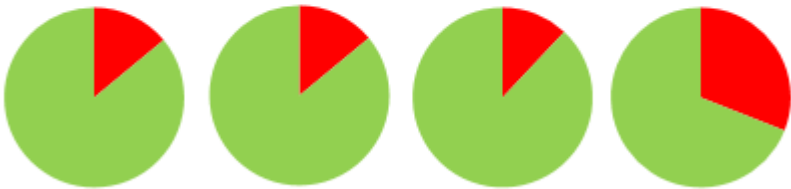
Senior (8-10): Mr. Romyn - In the seniors class we are learning reading comprehension strategies such as: predicting, activating prior knowledge, and using KWL prereading activities. We are also beginning a unit on printmaking in art class. We are learning to do linoleum block carving.

Current Challenge

The data is from: Attendance Period: 11/6/2025 - 11/21/2025
Attendance % to Beat

Primary Class (K-2).....	14%	13%
Intermediate Class (3-4).....	14%	7%
Junoir Class (5-7).....	12%	11%
Senoir Class (8-10).....	31%	20%

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



Whole School this challange..... 17%
For this period last year..... 15%

Updated: 2025-11-21

Attendance

Two classes are really close to beating the challenge. But overall, our attendance has been worse that this time last year.

The effect of regular attendance is important!

When students are in class regularly, they get the full lessons, discussions, and practice. Missing school makes learning harder and can create big gaps. School isn't only about academics. School is where students make friends, learn to work with others, solve problems, and communicate. Being present helps students feel connected to their classmates and school community. Good attendance builds habits like responsibility and perseverance.



ZESS Hot Lunch Menu

Lunch Menu

Monday, November 24	Tuesday, November 25	Wednesday, November 26	Thursday, November 27	Friday, November 28
Sandwiches	Chicken Caesar Wraps	Burgers and Smokies, Potato Salad, Chips	Spaghetti	No School
Mixed Greens	Mixed Greens	Mixed Greens	Mixed Vegetables	No School
Monday, December 01	Tuesday, December 02	Wednesday, December 03	Thursday, December 04	Friday, December 05
Mini Pizza	Fish Hash	Sandwiches	Chicken Wings	Grilled Cheese
Mixed Vegetables		Chicken Soup		Mixed Vegetables

Report Cards (Learning Updates) – December 5th

What does some of the language mean?

For grades K through 9, all provincial schools use words instead of letter grades to describe student performance as well as a written description.

Emerging means your child is beginning to understand something in an area of learning. They are still learning but may need more support to move ahead.

Developing means your child understands some things in an area of learning but still has other areas to work on.

Proficient is the goal for your child. It's also the goal for all students. When your child is Proficient, it means they fully understand the required learning.

Extending is when students show a deeper understanding. It's when your child is able to apply their learning in new and different ways. Extending is not the goal for all students in every area of learning.

For more information about reporting, please see:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/reporting/K-12-student-reporting-one-pager-for-parents-and-caregivers.pdf>

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