



# Parent and Guardian Update

## ZESS

### December 5, 2025

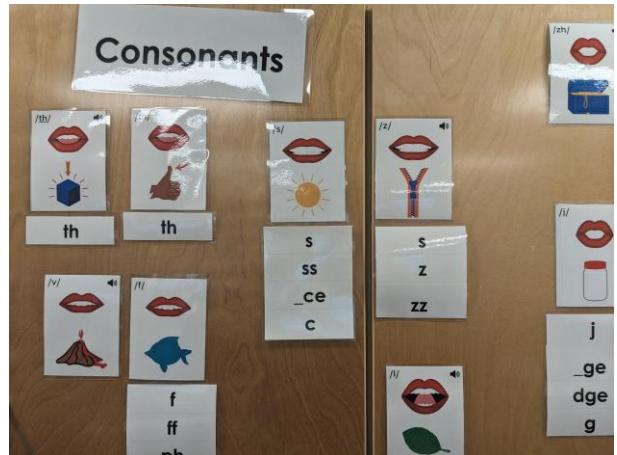
#### Upcoming Events

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Celebrate Us Assembly and BBQ and Report Cards sent home  
Dec 10<sup>th</sup> School Wide Movie and Skating in Pt. McNeill  
Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Last day of instruction  
Christmas Concert Date TBD either the 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>. Other Christmas activities coming, too!  
Jan 5<sup>th</sup> School Reopens.



**Intermediate (3-4): Ms. Curtis – In Grade 3/4 we have been taking care of our fish, and it's going swimmingly! The students enjoy making sure the fish get food when they have snack and treat the fish with respect and kindness. The fish tank has also been a place to have a quiet calm-down moment, as watching them can be very relaxing. As a class, we have also been reviewing spelling and decoding concepts, using a new program called UFLI from the University of Florida. This program helps kids practice the building blocks of reading, which is beneficial**

#### What is happening in class?



for all students, regardless of their reading level. Part of this program is a sound wall that shows a picture to represent a sound, and then all the ways that sound could be spelled, for example: f - ff - ph all make the sound at the beginning of "fish". This program does have an optional home component, more info to come after the winter break.

**Junior (5-7): Mr. Vanden Ham** - We are heading into December with lots of great learning in our class! In mathematics, we have moved into our next geometry topics: volume and surface area, and students are working hard to understand how to measure and calculate the space objects take up and the surfaces that cover them. In language arts, we have introduced Raz Kids, and the class is already showing amazing enthusiasm—in just one day, students read over 104 books! We are also continuing to build our skills on IXL, improving our comprehension and practicing our new math skills. As a class, we have now answered over 8,000 IXL questions this year, showing strong dedication and steady growth. It's wonderful to see everyone so engaged as we approach the winter break!



**Senior (8-10): Mr. Romyn** - In the seniors' class we have begun our dioramas in social studies. They are coming along nicely! In art class some students have started printing their linoleum block prints.



### Attendance Challenge #3 Underway

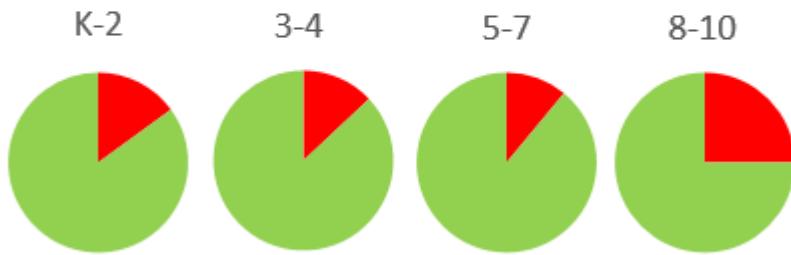
The Challenge finishes on Monday!

So far:

These charts show the amount of absences during this attendance challenge.

The current challenge is from: Attendance Period: 11/6/2025 - 12/4/2025

Primary Class (K-2)..... 15%  
Intermediate Class (3-4)..... 13%  
Junoir Class (5-7)..... 11%  
Senoir Class (8-10)..... 25%



Whole School this year..... 15%

For this period last year..... 16%

## Lunch Menu



## ZESS Hot Lunch Menu

Monday, December 08	Tuesday, December 09	Wednesday, December 10	Thursday, December 11	Friday, December 12
Beef Soup	Chicken Caesar Wraps	Field Trip	Sandwiches	No School
Mixed Greens	Mixed Greens	Field Trip	Mixed Vegetables	No School
Monday, December 15	Tuesday, December 16	Wednesday, December 17	Thursday, December 18	Friday, December 19
Mini Pizza	Fried Bologna and Rice	Turkey Soup	Lasagna	Chicken Soup
Mixed Vegetables		Chicken Soup	No Lunch	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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