

G. W. Carlson Elementary

September 2025



School start-up

We are so excited to be back at school. In these first weeks of school, all our classes are working towards creating a positive learning environment. Students are busy learning routines, expectations and building relationships. We look forward to a wonderful year.

Healthy Eating At GWC

We're a member of the Breakfast Club of Canada. Funds allow us to provide fresh fruit and grab and go snacks in the classroom. As well, we offer breakfast each morning in the library. We know that healthy eating = a healthy brain.

Morning Options

Starting Monday, doors open and supervision begins at **8:30 each morning**. Students have options: they can play outside on the ball court out back until the bell rings at 8:50, or come inside and have breakfast in the library. Breakfast is served 8:30 – 8:50. A new menu is posted each month (see September menu at end of letter)

Save the Date!

September 18 - Picture Day!

September 19 – Terry Fox Walk – 12:40 in front of the school

September 25 – Orange Shirt Day at school

September 25 – Hot Lunch from McDonald's, if ordered

September 26 – Early school dismissal for students **11:30**

September 29 – District in-service day – no school for students

September 30 – Truth and Reconciliation Day observed – no school

October 1 – Foundational Skill Assessments begin for Grade 4's

October 9/10 – Parent Teacher Interviews (evening of the 9th morning of 10th) no school for students on the 10th

October 13 – Thanksgiving Day – no school

Terry Fox Walk

September 19 – **12:40** p.m. Families are invited to join us. Meet along the front of the school. Everyone is encouraged to wear red/white and bring a loonie or twonie as a donation.



Weekly Reminders

Weekly reminders will be posted each week on the school website and Facebook page. This will give you a quick place to go in order to stay current on the day to day, as well as, the special events around the school. Follow our Facebook page and visit our website: www.sd81.bc.ca/gwc

Safe Arrival

Please call the school if your child is not coming to school or will be late. Our school has a Safe Arrival Program and will be calling to verify any unanticipated absences.

Inservice Days

The district has two staff learning days coming up. On Friday, September 26th – students will be dismissed at 11:30 (busses will run). Followed by Monday, September 29th for the entire day.

PAC News

Our PAC plays a vital role in this connection and we invite you to become an active part of this group.

Our PAC is made up of parents that care about creating an exciting, vibrant learning environment for the students of GW Carlson. They meet once a month in our library (dates to be determined) and last about an hour. **The first meeting date and time is still to be determined.**

PAC allows you to discuss matters affecting our school and the education of your children. Attending PAC meetings gives you an opportunity to share your concerns and have a voice in how any funds raised should be spent. You also get firsthand knowledge of all goings-on at the school.

All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend PAC meetings. We have a few volunteers for executive positions. But we need your voice, ideas, and perspective.



MunchaLunch

The PAC uses MunchaLunch regularly for ordering hot lunch. No more lost lunch orders. Forgot you ordered and sent a lunch anyways? Don't have exact change? This online system will make ordering hot lunches so easy! Pay online. Get an email receipt and reminders prior to the hot lunch day.



This system makes payment easy. Sign in and create an account. Pay online. Get an email confirmation and receipt. To get started go to: <http://www.munchalunch.com/schools/GWCarlson/>

Hot Lunch

Thanks to our awesome parent volunteers, there will be a hot lunch opportunity coming soon. Watch for an announcement for order choices. Menu and ordering are through MunchaLunch.

Breakfast at GW Carlson

SEPTEMBER 8 - 26

Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 8 - 12	Cereal, Toast Yogurt and Fruit	Pancakes	Cereal, Toast Yogurt and Fruit	Muffins	Cereal, Toast Yogurt and Fruit
Sept 15 - 19	Cereal, Toast Yogurt and Fruit	Scrambled eggs and hashbrowns	Cereal, Toast Yogurt and Fruit	Bagels	Cereal, Toast Yogurt and Fruit
Sept 22 - 26	Cereal, Toast Yogurt and Fruit	Pancakes	Cereal, Toast Yogurt and Fruit	Fruit Cups	Cereal, Toast Yogurt and Fruit





FREE HEARING SCREENING FOR CHILDREN 4-18 YEARS OLD

When: Wednesday
October 15th,
3:30-5:30pm

Where: Northern Rockies
Child Development
Association

With Aillen, Tabatha and
Gabrielle

Call or email to book a spot
250-774-2596 or email
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