


2026.05.20 SD8 Weekly Bulletin - Family Edition



Mission - We inspire and support each learner to thrive in a caring learning environment

 Remember to check out the [SD8 calendar](#) for important dates and to find out what is going on around the district!
(downloadable/printable version - [2025/2026 School Year](#))

INFORMATION TO SHARE WITH SCHOOL FAMILIES / PARENTS / GUARDIANS

Become a Homestay Family

SD8 International Education is seeking welcoming families to host international students attending local schools. Hosting is a rewarding way to share Canadian culture, build lifelong friendships, and support students during their time in the Kootenay's. Homestay families also receive a tax-free monthly stipend for hosting.

Interested in learning more or applying? [Apply to the SD8 Homestay Program](#)

Family Engagement Sessions

Check out the [SD8 Family Engagement webpage](#) to view our recorded presentations!

DPAC Meetings (virtual)

Find meeting dates, agendas, DPAC contacts and more [here!](#)

Attendance

Why Encourage Your Children and Teens to Attend School Each Day?

It is More Important Than Many People Think

We all know that attending school is critical to students' success in their classes. But did you know that helping your children and teens attend school does much, much more?

- ▶ By attending school regularly, your children are learning to plan and follow routines, which can help students feel more secure, confident, and competent.
- ▶ Getting into the practice of arriving at school on-time is building lifelong skills. It helps develop good habits that children and teens can use throughout their education, into their careers, and throughout their lives.
- ▶ Making an effort to arrive at school on-time each day improves students' organizational skills. It helps students think about ...
 - how they can prepare ahead (such as getting organized the night before).
 - how important it is to go to bed on time, so they can get up in the morning feeling ready for the day.
 - time management -- paying attention to the clock and planning how long it will take to complete their morning routine.

What can you do?

- ▶ Talk to your children and teens about the importance of regular attendance and arriving on time
- ▶ Set a reasonable bed time and check to make sure everyone is getting up in time each morning
- ▶ Help your children plan to have things ready ahead (such as organizing back packs and lunches the night before)

Our lives get busy and it is sometimes hard to stay on top of everything we have to do. But helping your children and teens learn how to attend school regularly and on time will have positive and lasting benefits. And it might make mornings a little less stressful for you, as well.

West Kootenay child Care Resource and Referral and Community Early Years Partners Welcome to Summer Event!

June 2, 2026 - 9:30 am to 11:30 am - Lions Park, Nelson

Free event for children 0-6, families and childcare programmers.

A colorful poster for a summer event. It features a smiling sun with a face, a blue circle containing the date and time, and a green circle containing a reminder to bring reusable cups. The text is arranged in a central column, with decorative colored shapes (pink, green, orange) in the corners.

West Kootenay Child Care Resource & Referral
& Community Early Years Partners Present

WELCOME TO SUMMER

Come share the fun!

Free event for children 0-6,
families, & child care programs

Activities, snacks, songs,
stories, games, art
and good fun for all!

Bring your reusable cups
for coffee and water

JUNE 2ND, 2026
9:30-11:30 AM
LIONS PARK
NELSON

www.gov.bc.ca/ChildCareResourceReferralCentres
www.kootenaykids.ca



[SD8 News](#) - catch up on the latest announcements, Board Highlights and news in SD8!

[Superintendent's Report](#) - Read the latest blog from Superintendent Smillie to find out what's being celebrated and what is going on around the district this month!