



SOUTH NELSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL PAC REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2026

WELCOME TO THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR!



- Introduction
- Welcome to new families
- School Enrolment

Check frequently for news:
<https://southnelson.sd8.bc.ca/>



OUR TEACHING TEAM



Primary Team

Gr. K/1 - Mrs. Dimopoulos

Mrs. Leeming

Gr. 1/2 - Mrs. Lehnert

Gr. 2/3 - Mrs. Crosland

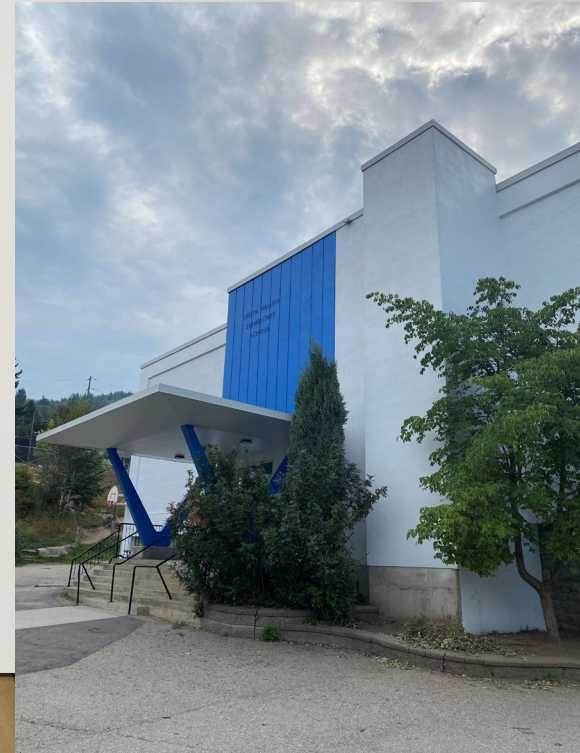
Intermediate Team

Gr. 3/4 - Mrs. Bonikowsky

Mr. Marsh

Gr. 4/5 - Mrs. Sparks

Gr. 5/6 - Mrs. DeSousa



OUR SUPPORT TEAM



Educational Assistants

Jessica Benson
John Ryan
Dana Gallagher
Bernice Beaudin
Tia Schuster

Clerical/Custodial

Laura Lundy - Secretary
Lola Matulin - Custodial



STRATEGIC PLAN



School District 8
Kootenay Lake

Mission

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

Vision

Our learners grow as global citizens in an innovative and inclusive community.

Values

Our values help shape the culture of our schools and workplaces. By upholding these beliefs and attitudes, we can build learning communities that will lead to the fulfilment of our mission.



Strategic Priorities

Lifelong Learners

We improve student learning through interest-based, competency-based, flexible and innovative approaches.

Connected Learners

We inspire learners to become curious, critical, and creative stewards of the natural world and the local and global community.

Caring and Inclusive Learning Culture

We promote physical and mental well-being through social-emotional learning to foster compassionate learners.

Cultural and Identity Development

We promote a positive sense of identity in culturally safe and responsive communities of learning.

Career Development

We prepare students to graduate with options for their future life and career goals.

OUR CODE OF CONDUCT

G Great Attitude	R Respect	O Open Mind and Heart	W Work Together	S Safety
				

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS



HIGHLIGHTS

- New Students
- Building Classroom Communities
- Gradual Kindergarten Entry
- Student Council
- Kokanee Creek Field Trips



LOOKING FORWARD AND COMING UP...

Kokanee Field Trips

Terry Fox Run (Sept. 24)

School Planning Day (Sept. 25)

Orange Shirt Day (Sept. 29) - National
Day for Truth and Reconciliation Assembly

October Safety Preparedness Month



HOW YOU CAN PARTNER WITH US..



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COMMUNICATION

- AP 1310

VOLUNTEERING

AP 2303

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

Volunteer's name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

School: _____ Date: _____

Please list and describe the most recent involvement or experience you have had in a school or other volunteer experience:

School/Other: _____ Date: _____

Responsibilities: _____

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School/Other: _____ Date: _____

Responsibilities: _____

Please provide the names and phone numbers of three references.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Have you ever been charged or convicted of a criminal offense? Yes ☐ No ☐

Have you ever been asked to leave a school or school grounds? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you are approved as a volunteer at the school of your choice do you agree to:

- Respect the confidentiality of students and staff ☐
- Adhere to school and district policies and procedures (including Covid protocols) ☐

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

All volunteers in School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) must undergo a criminal record check.

Coats for Kids

Through the Knights of Columbus in Nelson, new winter coats are available for children who need one.

Backpack Buddies

This provincial program sends home a bag of easy-to-prepare snacks and meals with students once a week.

School Break Hampers

Food hampers are available twice a year — one at winter break and one at spring break.

Hot Lunch Program Subsidy

Support is available to help cover the cost of our school's hot lunch program.