

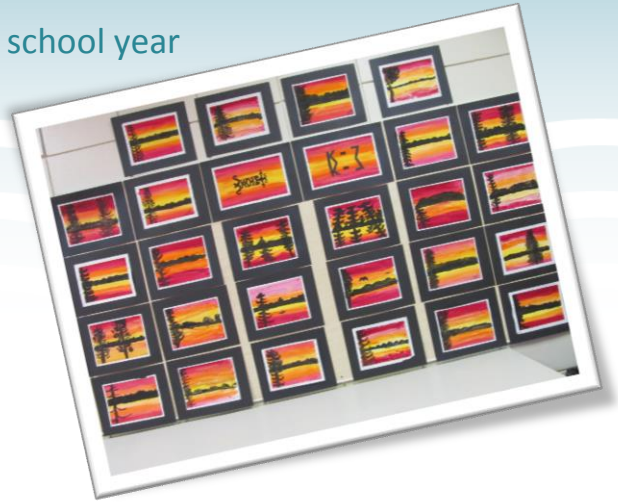
H O M E L I N K S

School District #8 Kootenay Lake

“We focus on excellence for all learners in a nurturing environment”

Parent Handbook

for the 2017-18 school year



The five elements of BC Education plan

From the Ministry of Education:

BC's Ed Plan is based upon a simple principle: every learner will realize their full potential and contribute to the well-being of our province.

To move our education system from good to great, the Plan has five key elements:

1. Personalized learning for every student
2. Quality teaching and learning
3. Flexibility and choice
4. High standards
5. Learning empowered by technology

Visit

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/support/bcedplan/bcs_education_plan.pdf for complete details.

BC's new curriculum:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

School District #8 Board of Education student expectations:

1. Academic Success
2. Creativity and Imagination
3. Citizenship
4. Resiliency

Visit www.sd8.bc.ca for more details.

What To Expect from the Homelinks Program:

- A **teacher/parent/student** designed student learning plan (SLP) that meets BC Ministry of Education requirements
- Access to resources-textbooks, onsite library, digital
- A **personalized** program to meet your child's academic and developmental needs
- **Flexibility** of the program allowing for travel, learning passions etc.
- **Ongoing communication:** newsletters, emails, phone calls, texts, PAC meetings, assessments & reporting.
- Friday morning activities/tutorials/field trips.
- **Fully accredited** academic program from K to 12.



Family Roles

Expect to:

- Spend a significant portion of your time working with your child establishing an educational routine.
- Bring in evidence of ongoing learning.
- Elementary – regular school work is done at home; teachers assess student work formally 3 times a year (by portfolio), informally twice a year.
- Secondary programs also submit formal reports to parents 3 time a year and informal reports twice a year.
- Planned activities September to May will cover many learning outcomes.
- Contribute to conversations pertaining to activities and events for your classroom. Final decisions rest with the liaison teacher and their professional judgment.
- Complete substantive assignments by the third week in September to demonstrate commitment to the program.

Other Noteworthy Information:

Expect:

- Family Accounts: Money set aside to help
- Provide a well-rounded educational program for your child. Ask for details.
- Liaison Teachers are available for appointments and support during school hours. Contact by email, phone or drop in.
- Creston Homelinks’ PAC support of our passionate, community oriented group of home learners.
- Weekly site based newsletters of upcoming activities
- Yearly school calendar with holidays and closure days
<http://www.sd8.bc.ca/Calendar/2017-18%20School%20Calendar-Board%20Approved-Amended-April%202017.pdf>

Expect an amazing learning journey with your child.

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