



*It is our mission to develop skills, nurture personal growth,  
and encourage life long learning in a supportive and  
respectful environment.*

*Principal:* Mr. Ryan McGuire

*Secretary:* Mrs. Diana Skillen

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### **Welcome Back!**

I would like to welcome all students and faculty back from spring break. And it certainly looks like spring has “sprung” in the Geopark!

After a sudden leave of absence, I am pleased to be back at TRSS as acting Principal. I am so grateful for the faculty at our school, who go above and beyond each day to provide quality education to our students. I will be in the building for the mornings starting the first week back from spring break, and will be gradually increasing to full time in the coming weeks.

Mr. McGuire

### **Skills Canada**

Austin Lungard won gold at the Skills Canada contest in Dawson Creek and will be competing in the provincial championship. Tennea Supernault won silver in the Skills Canada competition. Congratulations Austin and Tennea!

### **Staff Updates**

I am happy to welcome back Mr. Schwab to the teaching faculty. He will be teaching in the afternoons. Starting April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Maloney will be teaching Grade 7/8 Math

Mrs. Peever has accepted a full-time position with TRSS as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. She will be continuing her work with students on Distance Learning. Please add [dpeever@sd59.bc.ca](mailto:dpeever@sd59.bc.ca) to your email contact list, as you can bet you will hear from her if your child is doing any courses through SPDL! Mrs. Peever will also be teaching the grade 12s during A block (more on this below) as well as Career Education 10 for the remainder of the year.

### **Go Karts**

The grade 9 Go Kart program is in full swing. We have a slew of presenters from local industry scheduled to come in to speak with students over the next month. Then, the build process starts in May!

### **Grad Program**

The 2019 Graduation Ceremony will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 1pm.

Grads **must** demonstrate success in all of their required courses (including Grad Transitions) by **April 30<sup>th</sup>** to be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony. For DL courses, Grads must be at least 80% complete their DL course with overall satisfactory progress by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Grads who are not at least demonstrating a grade of 50% in their required courses by April 30<sup>th</sup> will need to contact Mr. McGuire, Mrs. Peever or Mrs. Hewitt to **request an extension**. If no extension is requested, the grad's name will be removed from the list of participants and they will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

As a reminder, Grads taking communications 12 need to write the provincial exam in either April or June. Exams are written in the TRSS Library. The first chance to write the provincial for Communications 12 is on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 11am. The final chance to write the provincial is on June 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am -11am.

The Re-write for English 12 happen on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 11am. The re-write for English 12 First peoples is April 25<sup>th</sup> from 1pm -3pm.

### **Grad Transitions**

We looked at our current program and made the decision to switch Capstone into Grad Transitions for the remainder of the year. All of the work Grads have completed so far will translate directly to Grad transitions so that no effort will be lost. **Mrs. Peever will be teaching grad transitions for the remainder of the year.** Grads will conduct a final interview to be completed before June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Grad Transitions interviews can be completed with Either: Mr. McGuire, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Peever or Mr. Chisholm. Grads must schedule their own interview. Once all requirements are met, Grads will receive an RM (Requirements Met) on their term 4 report card to fulfill the Dogwood graduation requirement.

## Adult Grads

Students on the adult grad program are not required to complete graduation transitions. Adult Grads must still demonstrate success in their required courses (minimum 50%) by April 30<sup>th</sup> to be eligible to participate in the Graduation Ceremony on June 21st.

## Satisfaction Surveys

Students in Grades 7, 10 and 12 will be completing school satisfaction surveys this week and next. As parents and guardians, we would appreciate if you would fill in a survey as well! No login is required:

Website:

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)

**Parents**

- Please complete one survey for each child.
- Parents have two options for accessing the survey: either by using a logon provided to you by your school, or by using the Direct (logon-free) Access (please select one of the options below).

With a logon number from your school	Direct Access — no logon number required
Logon # <input type="text"/>	District: <input type="text" value="59 Peace River South"/>
Language: <input type="text" value="English"/>	School: <input type="text" value="Tumbler Ridge Elementary"/>
<input type="button" value="Log On"/>	Language: <input type="text" value="English"/>
	<input type="button" value="Log On"/>

## Respect

One of the hallmarks of the mission of our school is to create a supportive and respectful environment. When students demonstrate a high level of respect for the learning environment (which includes materials, space, and people), the level and depth of learning for all students is *exponentially* increased.

## Upcoming Important Dates

April 9<sup>th</sup>– 2pm Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Interviews. Interviews begin at 2:05pm in the lobby. A second round of interviews is held from 5:30-7pm

April 10<sup>th</sup> – 2pm Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Interviews.

April 12<sup>th</sup> – Semester 2, Term 1 Incomplete notices go home

April 19<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> – Easter Break

April 25<sup>th</sup> – English 12 (am) /English 12 First Peoples Exam (pm) Re-writes

April 26<sup>th</sup> – Communications 12 Exam – 9am – 11am

April 30<sup>th</sup> – Academic standing for grad ceremony cut off.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – School Assembly – 9 am with special guest Speaker – Cody Deaner

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Semester 2, Term 1 Report Cards Go home