

SUN PEAKS SCHOOL

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November 16, 2022

Dear Parents,

I am looking forward to our ski season. It is such an amazing opportunity for our students and something we value so much as a community. It is also important as it is a key component of our Health and Physical Education Program. Through skiing we are able to meet many of the big ideas of the Physical and Health Education Curriculum including developing fundamental movement skills to build our physical literacy and personal health and fitness goals as well as encouraging lifelong participation in physical activity. Since the season begins on November 19th, I wanted to send out a reminder regarding the ski expectations here at school, and to wish you all a great opening day. I apologize for the length of this email, but please read carefully as there is a lot of important information regarding the ski season in it.

Please note, that this letter is intended for the **elementary grades**. A second letter will be sent out for the parents/guardians of the Grade 8/9 class as the expectations will be slightly different between the two groups.

1. Health & Safety Protocols: We will be following all of the protocols laid out by Sun Peaks Resort, as well as School District #73
 - a. If you are sick, please stay home
 - b. Students are encouraged to use our washrooms before skiing when possible
 - c. Students will be skiing with their peers and parents; please ride the lift together and ski in a group
 - d. All students and volunteers should respect personal space of others in lift lines

2. SKI BIBS: All students **MUST** wear a bib if they are skiing with the school (this includes lunch hour and PE Ski time). This allows us to clearly identify our students which is important for safety, as well as building a positive SKI culture on the hill
 - a. Our bibs are blue and white in colour with our Powderhounds logo on them. They fit overtop of ski jackets and will be one size fits all.
 - b. Bibs are available for purchase for \$25 each. The preferred method of payment is by e-transfer to; sppactreasurer@gmail.com. Remember to clearly label the e-transfer with your student's name. For alternative payment arrangements, please contact the PAC treasurer by email sppactreasurer@gmail.com.
 - c. Please remember to label your child's new bib. This is their bib to keep at school for the remainder of the year. If the bib comes home, please make sure it goes directly into your child's back pack for the next ski day.

3. For PE classes we need lots of parent support! Having enough parents to come and ski with our students is crucial in making it a success. Just a few reminders regarding volunteering to make it a fun, smooth and safe opportunity for everyone.
 - a. If we do not have enough parent helpers on specific days we will be unable to take the students out and will be limited to the village platter.
 - b. We are asking that volunteers get a free criminal record check completed. If this was completed in previous years, please call the office to see if it is current. This can be done on-line. Please follow the directions on the attached letter.
 - c. Teachers will email out a sign up sheet. Please check your emails
 - d. **Ms Fell's class and Ms Schmalz's class: Monday and Wednesday**
 - e. **Mr Bankes' class and Ms Rinaldi's class: Tuesday and Thursday**
 - f. **Ms. Erickson and Ms. Greer class: Tuesday and Thursday**
 - g. Please let your students' teacher know in advance that you are coming to volunteer; this allows the teachers to put the students into groups beforehand
 1. Your child's teacher will communicate with you how they would like you to sign up to volunteer
 - h. For K – 4 classes volunteers please meet at the flag pole in front of the school
 - i. For Mr. Erickson and Greer will communicate the new plan to families for Skiing on Tuesday mornings from the Sundance and Thursday afternoons on the Orient and Morrissey Chairs.
 - j. When skiing with the students, set meeting points along the run to meet up and regroup, ensure the student's stay together and wait if another student crashes or falls behind
 - k. Remind students that you are responsible for them and they must stay with you at all times, they are not to take "short cuts", or a different trail than the one you are on
 1. Often, when students are separated from the group it is because they have taken a short cut away from the main trail
 - l. We often encourage parents to follow behind as a tail guide to ensure students do not get left behind
 - m. Ensure students are following the Alpine Responsibility code
 - n. **Let either myself or the teacher know of any concerns or problems that you have had so we are able to address them with the students**
 - o. Stay on designated runs only
 1. This includes all Platter, Sundance, Sunburst and Elevation designated runs (Primary)
 2. Please recognize that tree runs and the terrain park are off limits
 - p. Let the teacher know if you cannot be there for the entire time (2:15-3:34); we are still happy to have you come, but this will help with our group planning
 - q. Please check in with the teacher before you take your group and when you arrive back at the end of the day; this is very important so we can account for all students
 - r. If you arrive back early, please stay with the students until you are able to check in with the teacher so we know you have arrived
 1. The last 10 minutes can often be a trying time for student behaviour as they are waiting to be dismissed. Please encourage the students to behave in a way that best represents our school and does not take away from beginner resort guests' enjoyment and safety on the platter lift
 - s. Please let us know if your child is new to skiing or needs any additional support. The PAC is generously providing a few instructions for the first few days
 - t. Have fun and enjoy skiing with the students; it is such a great opportunity we have to be up here!
4. A reminder that sliding devices that are not skis or snowboards are not allowed on the ski hill, and as we are on the ski hill they are not to come to school either. We are allowed these at our new location at P5.
 - a. Please keep all sleds/GT racers/snow scooters/etc at home or on the sliding hill by the Morrissey lift

5. The Platter lift/Pommel Lift
 - a. The Pommel lift official opening is at 8:30 in the morning. However, the resort is well aware that our students need to get to school and try their best every day to get the lift open early for our students
 - b. Please recognize that the lift attendants are trying their best to open it for us, and be patient; especially in the first few weeks as they are working out the operational kinks; it is a favour to us that they open the lifts early and not a right...please encourage your children to thank them for all of their work in getting us up to school
6. Lunchtime skiing will continue on the Platter lift this season. In order to ski, the field trip form must be completed.
 - a. If your child has not skied before, we ask that they do not go out skiing at lunchtime until they are comfortable skiing the gentle giant alone. We do not want any injuries and do not have enough supervision to individually supervise each child. You are welcome to come and ski with your child at lunch
 - b. The rules of no park and no trees are also true at lunch and will result in a loss of skiing privileges if they are not followed.
 - c. When skiing at lunch, all safety protocols will be followed, and the Alpine Responsibility code will be strictly adhered to.
 - d. We would like to allow our Intermediate students in the new portables at P5 to ski at the Orient during lunch hour on Tuesdays and Thursday's but we need parent volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know.

Please sign and return the attached consent forms to the teacher by November 22nd at the latest. Please return tomorrow if possible.

We look forward to a great ski season!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Boyle
On behalf of the Sun Peaks School Staff

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To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for volunteering at Sun Peaks School. As per policy for School District No. 73, you are required to complete a Criminal Record Check (CRC) and supply the school with a copy of the final review.

There are two ways to complete the CRC:

1. Fill out the form online at justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/
 - a. Please have ID available.
 - b. The access code is: **N2YVY6JGLL**

2. Bring a letter provided by the school to the Tk'emlups Rural Detachment, located at 599 Powwow Trail, Kamloops (Sun Rivers), along with two pieces of ID. At the detachment, there will be a form to fill out. Please see me for this letter to the detachment.

Once you receive a copy of your check, please provide it to the school as soon as possible. Thank you for your prompt attention to completing the Criminal Record Check.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Boyle
Principal