

Denetia Elementary School

School District #87

School Plan 2019-20



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Context

Denetia Elementary School is British Columbia's most northern school. It is located in the First Nation community of Lower Post, BC, and is approximately 20 kilometers from Watson Lake, Yukon. The First Nation of the region are composed of the Kaska. The school district #87 is composed of Kaska, Tahltan and Tlingit peoples. The community has about 80 members and 5 students enrolled for the 2019/20 school year. The majority of the students are female (4 female and 1 male). We will be focusing on Literacy & Numeracy but will focus on Indigenous Identity and Indigenous women's issues throughout the world.

Our School's Mission

In Partnership with parents and community, the Denetia School strives to provide each student with an individualized education program that is based solely on the child's needs. We provide a safe and nurturing school in which teaching and learning opportunities are maximized. We respect ourselves, each other, our school and our community.

Denetia School Goals	2019/2020		
	Goal 1: Literacy	Goal 2: Numeracy	Goal 3: Indigenous Identity and Women's Issues.
Objective	To improve reading and writing abilities of all students.	To improve mental math strategies and overall number sense.	The students of Denetia will focus on Women's Issues in Canada and the world & Indigenous Identity to empower them in their educational lives and their personal lives.
Evidence	Students have difficulty with fluency, accuracy and retelling of events and understanding difficult words when reading.	Student need to work on mental math strategies and prerequisite knowledge before moving into new concepts. Creating assignments that deal with real life situation and math.	The majority of the school is female. 4 out of the 5 students enrolled are girls. I would like to touch on issues women face and help prevent MMIWG.
Strategies	Through guided reading, one on one reading times, read aloud and literacy games student will: Work on strengthening their phonics skills with one to one teaching	Students will be supported in small groups and individual lessons on math concepts. BC Curriculum Core Comp Financial Planning Assignments: Field	Students will learn about women's issues in Canada including: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls projects Women in the Sciences

	<p>literacy games; Use word work to practice vocabulary and sight words; Benchmark advance students with fluency, accuracy and retells Conduct Maze reading passages with students</p>	<p>Trip Planner Financial planning project: Cost of Living in Canada Budgeting and Accounting projects Fundraising activities: Working with money Using manipulatives Number concepts with primary students using manipulative, games and one to one lessons; to enhance skills</p>	<p>Girls issues around the world projects and information Student will learn about their Kaska heritage and their Tahltan, Slavey, Cree territories. Language & Culture projects (sewing, beading, language sessions) Dona' Headbands Career Education: Profiling careers in Lower Post; History: Lower Post Residential School; Yukon/Alaska Highway; Trading Posts. History of Lower Post and the Kaska Territory. Governance at the band level to the federal level projects On the Land Survival Unit. Building a shelter, making fire, water preservation and hunting for food.</p>
Evaluation	<p>PM Benchmarks DARTS Reading assessments Vocabulary Dolch Sight Words 1-minute timed reading (Dibels) 3-minute timed reading Maze (Dibels)</p>	<p>Jump Math Numeracy Nets Collected assignments and projects on related content</p>	<p>Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls Posters Red Dress Assignment Career day with Denetia Student graduates (1981 – 2000): Michelle Miller – Lead Negotiator for Kaska Dena Council Tanya Ball – Land Guardian Harlan Schilling – Counsel – Daylu</p>

			Dena Council Derek Loots – General Manager – Iyon Ketchika Inc. Kendra McMillan – Model – Kaska First Nation Levels of Government Project
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Data Collection

Reading	NOT MEETING	APPROACHING	MEETING
Grade 1 modified	*		
Grade 1		*	
Grade 3	*		
Grade 4			*
Grade 5 modified	*		

Writing	NOT MEETING	APPROACHING	MEETING
Grade 1 modified	*		
Grade 1	*		
Grade 3	*		
Grade 4	*		
Grade 5 modified	*		

Numeracy	NOT MEETING	APPROACHING	MEETING
Grade 1 modified	*		
Grade 1		*	
Grade 3		*	
Grade 4			*
Grade 5 modified	*		

Social Responsibility	NOT MEETING	APPROACHING	MEETING
Grade 1 modified		*	
Grade 1		*	
Grade 3		*	
Grade 4		*	
Grade 5 modified		*	

Attendance

Attendance at Denetia Elementary School is moderate. Most absences are excused. 2 out of the 5 students attend on a regular basis. The students who have the highest absences are the students who need the most support.

3N Partnerships

As a First Nations woman and teacher, I focus on these objectives on a daily basis. I work hard to help increase the sense of confidence and pride within our children and community. The Denetia School welcomes the connections between the Daylu Dena Council, Kaska Dena Council, Health Center, Daycare, Iyon Ketchika Ltd and Daylu Dena Fuels. We have profiled community members in the community that have certificates, diploma's, degrees and are working in positions in their home community. These people are visible in the school and are seen as role-models. We have profiled our very own Kaska Model and have begun working on photography and photo shoots with the students to promote beauty inside and out. We hope we are building confident young Indigenous women that will move on to Post-secondary school or training and possibly come home to work in the future.

- Develop a responsive learning environment that is culturally relevant for children at all stages;
- Utilize community networks to support the school in meeting the needs of families;
- Nurture and promote effective communication between family, school and community;
- Welcome, promote and encourage community engagement and involvement in the education of children;
- Support the successful transition from high school into career and post-secondary education;

District assessments and its relationship to reporting.

I use the assessments for the purpose of placement. When writing report cards I refer to the BC Curriculum and add assessment data to confirm any questions when there are areas of need.

Personal Growth...are you achieving what you set out to achieve?

Self-care is very important when taking on the Principal/Teacher/Secretary position at the Denetia Elementary School. If you cannot balance out the heavy demands of this job, it will burn you out very fast. Limiting how many hours worked each day to prevent exhaustion and illness has been my main focus mid-year. Working on myself physically, mentally, spiritually and socially is very important and to remind myself not to lose focus on what the main reason I'm doing this job...is to make my life better.