

Naramata



a place to
thrive
& grow

Bounded by water and hills, trees and creeks, Naramata is a unique village with a unique feature: A small school with big opportunities and the love and support of a community with heart. Just a 15 minute drive from Penticton along one of the most beautiful roads in the world...

Naramata is a magical place to grow up ... from outdoor movies in the summer to community ice rinks in the winter, a place for all seasons and an amazing place to raise kids.

Although small in numbers, Naramata is big on energy. This is a place where community comes together for Christmas light-ups and haunted Halloween gardens, where an award winning community Choir flourishes and people help each other out. A place that has produced an exceptional number of high achievers ... in all disciplines, from the arts to sport. A place with an elementary school that is enriched by both community, natural environment and exceptional staff. A place where teenagers come back to help with Community events.

A place for kids & families, adults & seniors to grow together.

Family Resources Available in Naramata

"The Little Place that Does"

From daycare to tutoring we have it all, right here ... and, really, it takes 15 OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL MINUTES to drive from, or to, Penticton

DAYCARE PROVIDERS

LNR Family Childcare
Deb Bownes - 250.496.5127
Heather Lemieux - 250.486.4872
Julie Robertson - 250.486.0226

PLAYSCHOOL

Naramata Playschool (Ages 3-5)
Little White School House @ 3325 3rd Street Naramata (corner of Gwendoline and 3rd)
Website: NaramataPlayschool.com
Facebook: Naramata Playschool
Contact: naramataplayschool@gmail.com

BEFORE + AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Leapin Lizards (Ages 5-11)
Located in Naramata Elementary School - 3660 - 8th Street
Contact: Robin Kroon @ 250.496.0081 or visit the school office for info

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Naramata Elementary School - Grades K through 5
Contact Principal Todd Lindsay for more information or to arrange a tour
3660 - 8th Street, Naramata
Phone: 250.770.7688
Web: www.NaramataElementary.com
Facebook: NaramataElementaryPAC

SCHOOL BUSSING

Contact Berry + Smith Trucking: 250.492.4042
To + From Penticton every school day, before and after school.

COMMUNITY BUS

Three times a day, to and from Penticton, with several Naramata pick up locations. See mynaramata.com for regular schedule.

NARAMATA LIBRARY - OKANAGAN REGIONAL LIBRARY

Part of the ORL system, books can be borrowed from any ORL branch right from the little orange building at 3580 3rd Street. Be sure to check out the summer kids reading club and weekly preschool story timme.
Web: www.orl.bc.ca/branches/naramata

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Naramata Parks + Recreation
Web: www.mynaramata.com/show35b/Parks__Rec_Programs
Facebook: Be friends with Rec Coordinator
Email: naramata_rec@rdos.bc.ca or phone 250-490-4208

TUTORING

Caroline Goodjohn, 778.821.1977
Certified Secondary Math Teacher; All ages, with a special focus on mathematics

For all news and events be sure to check out MyNaramata.com



Naramata Elementary School

The of a Community



I've been "commuting" the beautiful 15 minutes to Naramata with my two girls for going on six years now; through two years at the Playschool for both girls, and now they are in Grade 3 and Kindergarten. Never for a moment do I question the decision to have them in a small school environment, where their personalities and intellect are blossoming through focused and generous attention from the teachers. Nor do I question the drive, without a stop sign nor traffic signal nor traffic! — Leanne, BC Musician Magazine, Penticton

In the summer of 2012 we moved our family of four from Alberta to Naramata. Having lived in Alberta for 17 years, suffering through long cold winters and a near-absence of any significant body of water, the lure of the Okanagan was obvious. In truth, we considered settling in many communities within the Okanagan, from Vernon, all the way down to Okanagan Falls. What sold us on Naramata in the end? Simply put, the school, and the incredible community that envelops it. The first time we walked into the school, huddled children in tow, we knew that this is where we wanted to be. The warm greetings, friendly smiles, and instant sense of belonging made our decision easy.

And with each passing event (talent show, community dinners, fairs, etc.) our decision is heartily reinforced. We are here to stay.

— Simon, University Professor, Naramata



We are very fortunate that we have parental support and teachers who are willing to take students on many activities because they believe learning does not just happen within the 4 walls of our school.

— Todd Lindsay, Principal, Naramata Elementary School



While we weren't in the Naramata catchment [when he entered Kindergarten], we chose to send Joshua to Naramata for a couple of reasons.

First of all, it was the same driving time as going to Uplands from our driveway.

But more importantly, the smaller size of Naramata Elementary turned out to be a huge advantage. Often it resulted in smaller classes. And while I was originally hesitant about split classes which occurred in some of the years, our son excelled regardless as to whether he was the higher or lower grade in the split. One of the resulting effects of the multi-grade classes, is the school became a community, not separated by grades. Kids of all grades and ages interacted and considered themselves 'friends', even if they were in a different grade.

The school truly is the anchor of that community and provides a base and forum for tons of community connection and fun.

Joshua's friends today (in grade 10) are the same 3 kids from the little Naramata School, from multiple grades. I feel this cohesive group of kids provide a nice haven within the bigger middle & high school environment.

— Cynthia, Laughing Stock Winery, Penticton

School + Community

Community Garden

Located right on the school grounds, the community garden is tended by local citizens, but **shared** with the school.

Each spring the children get to plant seeds and in the fall they experience the harvest. In 2013 a bumper crop of carrots were sold as a fundraiser for the Grade 5 kids to support their trip to Vancouver for WE to ME Day.



Extensive Offsite Learning & Extra-Curricular Activities

X-country runs, Soccer games, b-ball games, skating, x-country skiing, outdoor camp, nature hikes, salmon spawning, tubing at Apex, WE Day, Science World, bowling, swimming, Beach Bash, gymnastics, Safety Village, Children's Festival; Naramata Rattlers are there **learning**, **participating** and **growing**. Not many other schools can offer so many opportunities.

With quiet streets, big parks and arguably the most wonderful beach in all of the South Okanagan, many outdoor activities are integral to Naramata School's educational mission.



Education Everyday, Everywhere



Arts & Culture

With strong support from local artists, Naramata School children experience art in their every day life. From Plein Air painting by the beach, to creating 5-foot-high mosaics to adorn the parking lot, art is a regular focus.

Naramata is home to many artists and artisans. Naramata School and the community offer scholarships, bursaries, and awards to **support budding artists** at the school level, and mentorship opportunities with community artists, including the Naramata Arts Studio group who regularly use the school for painting together.



History & Community

Naramata is one of just three communities in BC that have been celebrating May Day continuously for nearly a century. Each May, with the support of teachers and community members, the school children partake in the **dancing** and other events like the **Soap Box Derby**.

Fundraising activities for the school also involve music and dance, including the annual "Naramata's Got Talent" where community members vie with kids and everyone shows their artistic spirit (from serious to downright silly, of course).



Naramata Elementary School Welcomes Visitors

Since 1914 Naramata School has been the heart of the Village of Naramata. Celebrating 100 years with the 2014 school year, please visit to see how those decades have made the school shine, and hear some stories of the many alumni who hold Naramata School in their hearts with so many wonderful memories.

The school welcomes visitors, and if you are considering moving your child into Naramata School, please drop in to the office or call 250-770-7688 to arrange your personal tour.

The 2011 District Facilities Review indicated that enrolment at Naramata Elementary is significantly under capacity, which provides tremendous opportunity for growth in the school population.

Enrolment projections are positive.

The school provides many unique learning opportunities and students thrive in its nurturing environment.

— Ginny Manning, Trustee,
SD67 Board of Education

Parent Advisory Council

PAC meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month, 7 pm in the school library, during the school year. All parents are welcome, and childcare is always available.

The school benefits from extraordinarily generous community and parent support. For its size, fundraising efforts have traditionally been very successful and PAC financial support has meant the small school has been able to provide many more field trip and in-house programs than most schools three and four times its size. The Naramata teachers all believe strongly that learning does not just happen within the 4 walls of a school, and they take every opportunity to take education into the fields, streams, galleries or skating rinks.

Naramata Elementary School is located at 3660 8th Street (though you can't miss it when driving into the Village on Robinson Road). Be sure to find us on Facebook: NaramataElementaryPAC



A Safe & Caring Community

Naramata has long enjoyed a reputation for being a safe and caring place for all children. With a smaller population than any of the other schools in the Okanagan/Skaha School District, each child is known by name, by each teacher and support staff member, and by each other. It is a school where a Kindergarten child can ask a Grade 5 child for help, where a Grade 4 child can walk to the community store and know that she or he will be greeted and assisted.

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