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April 2022 Newsletter

Dear Families

Canadian spring has arrived and with it comes a great variety of weather! We know that it is important for our students to go outside for breaks, and we ask that your children to continue to bring clothing to school so that they stay warm while outside. We find with our younger students that it is also helpful for children to have an extra set of dry clothes in their backpacks. Also, we encourage you to continue to complete the daily Health Check and to keep your children home if they are sick.

This past month we were fortunate to have some of our students work with an Elder to make a school set of drums. Today our entire school gathered for a Drum Birthing Ceremony and now that these drums have their voices our students will be working with Will Henderson to learn some Indigenous songs and drumming.

We are also excited that we will be able to have an in-person welcome to Kindergarten event this May for all our future students and their parents. Families will receive information about this event by the end of the month or early May.

On a final note we are also preparing for a Parent Appreciation Muffin morning on Wednesday June 1. Please stay tuned for more information about this event!

Have a wonderful Easter weekend,



Important Dates

April 15 Good Friday-No School April 18 Easter Monday-No

School

Please ensure that you perform a Daily Health Check on your child every morning, and follow the directions as to when to keep them home. (see website to download K-12 health check App)

Bell Schedule

8:45 School Starts 10:30-10:45 Recess 12:00-1:00 Lunch 2:30 Dismissal



Provincial COVID-19 Guidelines for K-12 Settings

In accordance with provincial guidelines provided over winter break, additional focused actions and prevention measures are in place in response to the recent rise of cases of Covid-19 to ensure schools have effective measures in place to prevent transmission of this disease.

Schools have been mandated to implement additional prevention measures, including:

- providing regular reminders to students, families and staff about the importance of completing a DAILY HEALTH CHECK, staying home when sick, and following public health recommendations.
- Having staff demonstrate and model how to practice personal prevention measures at school (e.g. wearing a mask, hand hygiene, etc.).
- Sharing trusted information from the BC Centre for Disease Control.
- Desk/table arrangements have been modified in classrooms to avoid/limit face-to-face seating arrangements.
- As all classrooms have exterior doors for entrance/exit, there is no need to stagger our start/dismissal times.
- Measures have been taken to limit/ prevent traffic and congestion in the hallways and shared spaces.
- Lunch time play will be split into zones.
- Parents are not permitted in the school without purpose and volunteers are not allowed at this time.

Expectations for Parents/ Guardians

- Each morning before school complete a Student Daily Health Check with your student. There is an App available on the district website that may be used for the purpose, and it may also be downloaded to mobile devices.
- If your student is sick keep them home.
- If your student shows signs of illness during the day they will be sent home. Please ensure that you have someone available to pick your child promptly. Upon arrival please phone the school office (250-923-4266) and your child will be sent out the main entrance doors to meet you.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sandowne Parents,

We invite you to our Parent Appreciation the morning of Wednesday June 1st. Please come to your child's classroom for a muffin between 8:30am and 9:00am.

Thank you for all that you do to support your child.

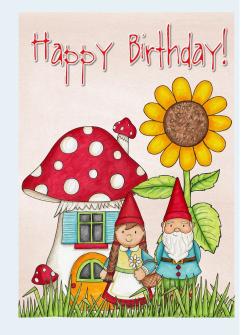


MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14 Drum Birthing Assembly	15 No School
18 No School	19	20	21 Lockdown Drill	22
25	26	27	28	29

April Birthdays

A huge springtime birthday wish to our April kids!

Jasper C. Kieran M. Brantley P. Dale R. Ben E. Rhys F. Rylan C. Oakley S. Kesler N. Kaitlyn P. Tallia M. Elisa S. Davin M. Emma T. Logan C. Landon H. Sierra G. Annabelle H. Natalie N. Avery C. Teagan W. Ethan R. Kendra C. Roman C.



Reporting Student Absences

We require parent/ guardian notification of student absences <u>EACH</u> day (unless you have pre-notified of a block absence).

Two ways:

(1) Phone250-923-4248,Option 2 forAttendance Line

(2) Email sandowne@sd72.bc.ca

When leaving a message please state the <u>REASON</u> for the absence (ie sick, appointment, vacation, etc.) We track for health reasons. Thank you!