



May 2021

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FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Caregivers,

As we start May, our school community shifts into high gear readying for end of year preparations.

We have started our planning for next school year. There is more information in this newsletter; I would encourage you to keep reading.

Thanks, as always, to members of our PAC for their continued contributions to the school. Your help and assistance are appreciated by the staff, students, and McGirr community.

Many thanks to the students and staff who continue their excellent work, in these interesting times. It is a pleasure to see all of this hard work firsthand, on a daily basis.

On a different note the school gym is being redone (floors) and the preliminary work has started. This is similar to what I experienced at my former school and our staff, students and caregivers will love how it turns out. The job takes up to 6 weeks. We have been busy pulling out gym equipment to use outside, as once the job starts, we have no access to the gym at any time, until the job is completed.

Enjoy the month of May, it will be in the rear view just like that, and then we will shift into high gear for the month of June.

Yours truly,

Mr. Robbie Dhillon
Principal

VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that it is already May. This year has gone by so quickly. It is wonderful to see the growth in student learning this year. I am fortunate to talk with students from a variety of different classes about their learning and different projects in which they are engaged. I hope you have continued opportunities to talk with your child about their learning.

Kind Regards,
Mrs. Jennifer Robinson
Vice-Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021

Pro-D day (school based) (students do not attend)..Fri May 7
Victoria Day (students do not attend)Mon May 24

PAC (6:30 PM).....Mon Jun 7
Formative Report IssuedTues Jun 29
Last Day of School (school dismissed at 2:10) .Tues Jun 29
Administration Day..... Wed Jun 30

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR WEATHER CONDITIONS

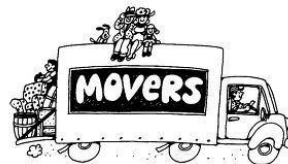


The cool, wet weather can appear any time on the "wet" coast. There may be days students will ask the question "Is it an inside day?" The answer on most days is no. Students will be going outside to play at recess and lunch unless it is raining heavily. We

thank you for ensuring your child comes to school with appropriate rain and cool weather clothing. At McGirr we believe in the importance of fresh air and outside play for all students and appreciate your assistance in this regard. **It is also advisable students have a change of clothes in their school bags, including socks.** Warm gloves are always a good idea as well.

ARE YOU MOVING IN OR OUT OF THE AREA?

If you are moving (and you child is changing schools) please advise the office as soon as possible. Your co-operation greatly assists us in determining our numbers and school organization for the upcoming school year. Please also ensure you have registered your child at your new catchment area school as well. If you know of a family moving into our school community (or has already moved in), encourage them to come in to register before June 15 as this is the district deadline for guaranteed placement in our school. After that date, we can still accept students from within our community providing we have room for them, but we may not be able to confirm this until September.



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

There will be an event for all Kindergarten students that will be starting at our school in September. This event is on **Thursday June 24th in the morning, outside our school (most likely main driveway).** **Please ensure you have registered your child for Kindergarten ASAP.** You do not need to preregister for this event, as we will be expecting most registrants to be present, along with one parent and/or guardian. **The office will be emailing families by June 15th, with their assigned time slot for this session.**

SUNSCREEN



A reminder:

--to apply sunscreen on your child in the morning, before heading off to school.

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN REQUESTS FOR STUDENT PLACEMENT 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

We will soon be in the process of planning the next academic year. It is important you trust the teachers, support staff, and administration to build classes, which suit the students' both academic and social needs. We take a lot of care in doing classroom composition for each grade. We make up each class list in a way that maximizes the quality of teaching and learning conditions for all students. The decision for placement is based on many factors, such as: balancing academic ability, levels of independence, learning styles, social/emotional maturity, previous placement, and maximizing the positive learning environment for the whole class. The classroom composition for each grade has to reflect the acceptance of all individuals within an inclusive school as we attempt to provide appropriate educational programming to all children. If you have specific educational reasons/concerns, you would like us to consider about your child, **please contact Mr. Dhillon (in writing) as soon as possible, but no later than May 19th. Please include your child's first and last name as well as current Grade level and teacher.** We do consider these requests along with all other pertinent information provided by classroom teachers and support staff. Please note your request will be considered but we do not guarantee it can be honored. It does become an important part of our planning process. As teachers may change schools and grade groupings are dependent on our enrolment numbers and balancing learning needs, **please describe optimal learning environments without referring to specific teachers. We are not able to take requests for individual teachers.**



SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

Registration of course started in the new year. The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you.

Take a moment and ask yourself the following questions:

1. Is my child new to Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools?
2. Do I have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2021 that will be entering Kindergarten? **Applications must be received by June 15, 2021 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.**
3. Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? **Applications were due March 31, 2021**

If you answered yes to any of the questions above please go to: <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/registration-information/> to register your child. For more information please visit, www.sd68.bc.ca or email ereg@sd68.bc.ca