



March 2022

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FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Caregivers,

How quick the time flies! It seemed like just yesterday we came back from the holiday season and here we are approaching Spring Break. A reminder Spring Break is for two weeks, Monday March 14th to Friday March 25th, **with school reopening on Monday March 28th**

Many thanks to staff and students who helped with our recent Anti-Bullying "Teams" Assembly that was seen in every classroom. The work staff and students did to make it our own assembly with various videos, songs etc... truly helped send the message. Mr. Bamford and his choir group sang "I'll Stand By You" while Lexi sang "You Have a Friend in Me." In addition, Divisions 18 and Ms. Carlson put together a moving video to help illustrate the message in video "Be Kind," which include students from the class. Our Kindergarten and Grade 1 students sang a variety of songs, and we also watched a "Ned Video" about being an Upstander.

I do want to bring to your attention a change in our calendar that has been necessitated due to recent absences (both student and staff) as well as what we hope is lessening of the current wave of Covid. **As already stated in previous communications, We have shifted our 2nd Communication of Learning event to March 30. Similar to October this involves early dismissal on March 30 (1 PM) and 31 (1 PM), with sessions with families (one parent, one child) that will run from 1:15-3:15 and 5:30-7.** There will be a sign up process for these sessions, similar to October (signup.com)

Even though things don't look the same this year, thank you to members of our PAC for your continued contributions to the school. These members work tirelessly to aid in your child's day to day school life. Your help and assistance are appreciated by the staff, students and the McGirr Community. Finally, a warm welcome to our new part time secretary, Ms. Binnerley, who will be with us three days a week until the end of June.

Yours truly,
Mr. Robbie Dhillon, Principal

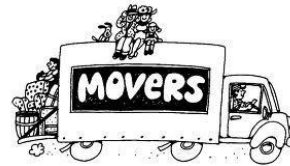
2022 CALENDAR

First Day back from Spring Break..... Mon Mar 28
Early dismissal (1:00 PM) Wed Mar 30
Communication of Learning Conferences (1:15-3:15). Wed Mar 30
Communication of Learning Conferences (5:30-7:00). Wed Mar 30
Early Dismissal (1:00 PM) Thurs Mar 31
Class Photos..... Tues Apr 12
Good Friday Fri Apr 15
Easter Monday..... Mon Apr 18
PAC (6:30 PM)..... Mon Apr 25
Curriculum Implementation (students do not attend).... Thurs May 5
Pro-D (students do not attend) Fri May 6
PAC (6:30 PM)..... Mon May 16
Victoria Day (school closed)..... Mon May 23

Welcome to Kindergarten (AM)..... Fri Jun 10
PAC (6:30 PM)..... Mon Jun 13
Formative Report Issued..... Wed Jun 29
Last Day of School (school dismissed at 2:10)..... Wed Jun 29
Administration Day Thurs Jun 30
***NOTE COVID could change some of the dates/events above**

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.



APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR WEATHER CONDITIONS



The cool wet weather will arrive and there will be many 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.

YOU CAN HELP THE OFFICE BE MORE EFFICIENT BY CONTINUING TO:

- Email student absences to info.mg@sd68.bc.ca is the preferred communication for general student absences. **(please include your child's first and last name, teacher name and reason if needed).**



During COVID times please indicate if sick/ill

- call the school in advance (preferably before 8 AM) and leaving a message on the answering machine that is on 24 hours a day if you know your child will not be attending school on that day.

PAC T SHIRT SALES

On Wed March 30th, PAC will be selling T-shirts from 1:15-3:15 and 5:30-7 PM. This time coincides with our sessions with families. Quantity and sizing will be limited, and it will be first come, first served (cash only). More information will come out with respect to pricing.