



April 2022

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FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Caregivers,

It was nice to see all the happy little faces returning from our Spring Break. Spring has sprung and the nice weather was sure great to see (at times) ☺. Just a reminder to ensure your child does have proper clothing at school as the rain (and yikes even snow), I am sure, we will see at some point. A change of clothes, including socks is also advisable.

There has been a lot going on at McGirr the past little while. I would like to thank our teachers, educational assistants, and other support staff for their excellent work this school year. In addition, the work that our PAC does (behind the scenes this year) is making a difference at the school.

There is important information about next year's school organization as well as Track and Field in this newsletter as well

Thanks, as always, to members of our PAC for their continued contributions to the school. The staff and students at the school appreciate your help and assistance

Yours truly,
Mr. Robbie Dhillon
Principal

2022 CALENDAR

Good Friday Fri Apr 15
Easter Monday..... Mon Apr 18
Gr 6 Immunizations (afternoon—Island Health)..... Mon April 25
PAC (6:30 PM)..... Mon Apr 25

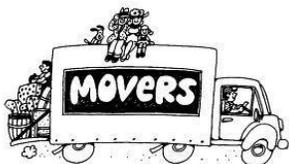
Curriculum Implementation (students do not attend).... Thurs May 5
Non Instructional Day (students do not attend) Fri May 6
PAC (6:30 PM)..... Mon May 16
Kindergarten/Grade 1 Screening (Isl Health) Wed May 18
Victoria Day (school closed)..... Mon May 23

Zone Track Meet Wed Jun 8
Welcome to Kindergarten (AM)..... Fri Jun 10
PAC (6:30 PM)..... Mon Jun 13
District Track Meet Thurs Jun 16
Gr 7 Evening..... Thurs Jun 23
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 your 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 register on line 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.

SPRING PICTURE DAY—TUESDAY APRIL 12

This information was emailed out on list serve as well, prior to this newsletter being emailed out

A photographer from Lifetouch Studios is scheduled to



be here to take class photographs and the large school photo as well. Each student receives a class photo (no charge). If you have any questions, please call:
1 (250) 738-0983 ext. 2.

TRACK AND FIELD (GRADES 3-7)

We have an opportunity to try a different model for our "school track meet," to better meet the needs of all of our students. This year Grades 3-7 students will be completing their events at the school. Students will receive practice, guidance and support in various track and field events as part of their program at school. Based on these events, at school, we will determine who our **zone qualifiers are in various events and on Tuesday May 24th** these students will go to the Rotary Bowl to gain further training, knowledge, and experience in performing their events on the "big" stage.

These same students will then compete in the **Zone meet on Wednesday June 8th**. From there any students who qualify for the districts will compete in the **district meet on Thursday June 16th**.

We will still need adult volunteers for all 3 meets. Adults, please ensure you complete your Criminal Record Check now, if not already done. The CRC information was emailed out on Friday April 8th (in addition to several times already this school year)

GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATIONS

Public Health Nurses will be back in schools this spring to complete the grade 6 immunization program. COVID-19 vaccines were not available for grade 6 students when consent forms for routine immunizations were sent home in the fall. If you would like your child to receive their COVID-19 vaccine at school, please call your local health unit at **250-755-3342** to speak with a Public Health Nurse. In grade 6 parental consent will be obtained prior to immunizations being provided in the school setting.

For more information about **COVID-19 Vaccines** visit: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/sites/default/files/documents/hfile124a.pdf>

If you have any questions, call your [local Public Health Unit](#) or visit www.immunizebc.ca

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN REQUESTS FOR STUDENT PLACEMENT 2022-2023 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 18th. 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 2022

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 15th to ensure 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 31st**

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

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.

