



November 2022

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FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

October is now in our rear-view mirror and we have roared into November. November is a time for reflection, to appreciate the sacrifices of previous generations in preserving our cherished freedoms and way of life. Our Remembrance Day Assembly took place this morning (November 9). Thanks to the group of Grade 7 students who ran the assembly: Neil, Annette, May, Aarna, Jacob and Elle. Many thanks to Mr. Bamford, Mr. Cusson (Piper), Ms. Kraft, Ms. Galloway, Ms. Peace, Ms. Carlson, Ms. McDonald, Mr. Friend and others who also helped with the assembly. There were many students who were a part of this assembly. Our Choir group also had a few contributions as well as some students from Grade 2. In addition, the wreaths our classes prepared were simply amazing.

With this time of year comes cold and/or wet weather. Please don't let your child(ren) leave home in the morning without proper clothes for the weather. We encourage students to play outdoors during our recess breaks in proper waterproof attire, including gloves and boots.

Many thanks for all that you do, as it really does take a village to raise a child.

Yours truly,

Mr. Robbie Dhillon (Principal)

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.

2022-2023 CALENDAR

Remembrance Day (school closed)	Fri Nov 11
Winter Concert (more info coming)	Wed Dec 7
Last Day before Holiday	Fri. Dec 16
First Day back	Tues Jan 3
Pro-D Day (students do not attend)	Mon Feb 6
Pro-D Day (students do not attend)	Tues Feb 7
Progress Reports	Fri Feb 10
BC Family Day (school closed)	Mon Feb 20
Last Day before Spring Break/Easter	Fri. Mar 10
First Day back	Mon Mar 27
Early dismissal (1:00 PM)	Wed Apr 5
Communication of Learning Conferences (1:15-3:15)	Wed Apr 5
Communication of Learning Conferences (5:30-7:00)	Wed Apr 5
Early Dismissal (1:00 PM)	Thurs Apr 6
Good Friday	Fri Apr 7
Easter Monday	Mon Apr 10
Class Photos	Thurs Apr 20
Curriculum Implementation (students do not attend)	Thurs May 11
Pro-D (students do not attend)	Fri May 12
Victoria Day (school closed)	Mon May 22
Zone Track Meet (Gr 3-7 for those who qualify)	Wed May 31
District Track Meet (Gr 3-7 for those who qualify)	Thurs June 8
Formative Report Issued	Thurs Jun 29
Last Day of School (school dismissed at 2:10)	Thurs Jun 29
Administration Day	Fri Jun 30

if dates change these are communicated through the office

Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators (EASE) – share with staff and with community.

EASE is a collection of evidence-informed anxiety prevention and resilience-building resources for use with students in grades K-7. The resources use cognitive behavioural strategies to address the thoughts, feelings and behaviours associated with anxiety. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the EASE classroom activities were adapted for use at home by parents and caregivers to support children's mental health and continuous learning. These fun and practical strategies help guide parents and caregivers in managing their children's anxiety and worries in the comfort of their home during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/mental-health-substance-use/child-teen-mental-health/ease>

SCHOOL CLOSURES



It is that time of year again, when the school district would like to remind parents about school closure procedures. The most common reasons that schools might be closed are dangerous

road conditions due to a heavy snowfall or ice. If you are wondering if schools are open on a particular day, for the most current updates listen to local radio stations (WAVE 102.3 FM and WOLF 106.9 FM) in the mornings.

We also attempt to put an announcement of any school closure on the school district website, www.sd68.bc.ca, and on Twitter and Facebook, but our ability to do so could be affected by such things as power outages and technical issues. If there is no announcement on the website or social media, please be sure to listen to local radio stations.

We would like to remind parents that it is their right to make the final decision as to whether it is safe for their children to travel to school on any given day. While the district strives to make the best decision possible for students across the district, there may be circumstances in your neighbourhood that lead you to decide to keep your children home, even though schools are open.

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, and teacher name/division).
- 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.

