



May 2024

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FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Caregivers,

As we are into May, our school community shifts into high gear readying for end of year preparations. Looking at the school calendar in the office it will be the end of June in no time. There is so much going on during the last 7 or 8 weeks.

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, day in and day out. It is a pleasure to see all of this hard work firsthand, on a daily basis. McGirr is an amazing place for so many reasons and the students, staff and parents are right at the top of the list!

Information about our track and field meets is included in this newsletter. I would like to thank Dover Bay Secondary students and Ms. Heidi McWhinnie, for having twenty high school kids come put and help us at our school meet. They did an amazing job.

I hope you enjoy the month of May, and then we will shift into high gear for the month of June.

Yours truly,
 Mr. Robbie Dhillon
 Principal

2024 CALENDAR

- PAC (7 PM) Mon May 13
- Victoria Day (school closed) Mon May 20
- Zone Track Meet @ Rotary Bowl (Gr 3 to 7) Tues May 28
- Gr 7 Band, Stage Band + Choir Concerts (6:30pm)..Wed Jun 5
- District Track Meet @ Rotary Bowl (Gr 3 to 7).....Thurs Jun 13
- PAC (7 PM)..... Mon Jun 17
- Gr 7 evening.....Thurs Jun 20
- Progress Report #3 (final)..... Wed Jun 26
- Last Day of School (dismissal at 2:10)** Wed Jun 26
- Curriculum Implementation DayThurs Jun 27
- Administration Day..... Fri Jun 28

if dates change these are communicated through the office

SUNSCREEN

In the same newsletter we show rain and clouds,



let's talk about the heat and the sun as well...who knows what we will get over the next couple of months



A reminder:

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

BELL SCHEDULE 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Below is a summary of our bell schedule for the upcoming school year. (note our new dismissal time for next school year...it is a minor change)

Morning Session	8:30
Short Recess	10:00-10:15
Long Recess	11:45 – 12:20
Eat Lunch (most days/classes)	12:20
Dismissal	2:13 (as of September 2024)

TRACK AND FIELD (GRADES 3-7) @ ROTARY BOWL AT NDSS

It was nice to see the weather break for us for our school based track meet. Many thanks to Ms. McWhinnie and the Dover Bay Secondary student volunteers for making the day run smoothly. There was so much work Mrs. Fox did behind the scenes and we here thank her for that as well.

Based on the results from our school meet, we will determine who our **zone qualifiers** are in various events. **On Tuesday May 28th** these students will go to the Rotary Bowl for the zone meet

From there any students who qualify for the districts will compete in the **district meet on Thursday June 13th**.

We will still need adult volunteers for the remaining meets. Adults, please ensure you complete your Criminal Record Check now, if not already done.

Information will be sent home with the zone qualifiers on/by Monday May 13th (along with an email to those families)

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN REQUESTS FOR STUDENT PLACEMENT 2024-2025

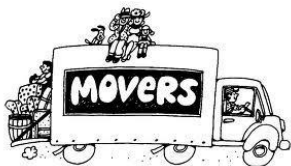
Reprint from April Newsletter

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 16th.**

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.**

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 cooperation 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 ASAP. Registration in our district is done online:

<https://www.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/registration-information/>

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

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



this email to your child's teacher.

- Or call the school in advance **(preferably**

before 8AM) and leaving a message on the answering machine if you know your child will not be in attendance

- **Non Emergency Early pick up:** email info.mg@sd68.bc.ca (also copied to your child's teacher) as early as possible (on the day of) so we can ensure your child's teacher is aware. (include your child's first/last name and time of pick up).
- **Non-Emergency Pick up at end of day (1:50--2:10)**. We are a large school, with a busy parking lot, and students are not always in their assigned classrooms towards the end of the day. From gym, to library, to outside PE, buddies, music, band, support rooms, the list goes on, so this email is a crucial part in allowing us to have the time to have your child ready as quickly as possible. If you are showing up without this notice, there will be a longer wait. **If requesting non-emergency early dismissal close to the end of the day bell (ie 1:50-2:10) please ensure you have given the office good lead time.. In an ideal day, students would not need to leave early during that last part of the day.**

Expect Respect and Safe Education (ERASE)

The Ministry of Education has a guide developed to assist parents regarding bullying behaviour and other safety issues with the E.R.A.S.E. program. The guide can be found at www.erasebullying.ca/

The following link

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase> provide s families with resources and information on a variety of topics

This link will provide parents with information about upcoming family sessions

<https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>

The QR code below can be used to report:

