



## June 2024 #1

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### FROM THE OFFICE

This is the first June newsletter of the 2023-2024 school year. There will be another one at the end of the month. There are just 15 more teaching days left (including today) in our school year.

There have been many memorable moments to reflect upon this year. Classroom teachers and support staff have planned, sponsored and supported a multitude of activities for students. These activities continue for the last few weeks of the school year. PAC has been instrumental in these endeavours. Thank you to all staff and parents for making this the best year possible, as we enter the final month

The staff here at McGirr has always been very proud of their students and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the positive citizenship exhibited by our students. It has been a pleasure to see the growth in all our students.

On behalf of all students and staff at McGirr I would like to express my appreciation to the PAC for their support and contributions made over the year, I thank you for all that you do! I am hopeful we will see many of you at the PAC Fun Fair tomorrow (Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>)

Our final newsletter will be coming out the last day of school for kids (Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup>).

Yours truly,

Mr. Robbie Dhillon  
 Principal

### 2024 CALENDAR

PAC Fun Fair (5-8 PM).....Fri June 7  
 District Track Meet @ Rotary Bowl (Gr 3 to 7)...Thurs June 13  
 PAC (7 PM) ..... Mon June 17  
 Gr 7 evening (5 PM start).....Thurs June 20  
 Progress Report #3 (final) .....Wed June 26  
**Last Day of School (dismissal at 2:10)**.....Wed June 26  
 Curriculum Implementation Day ..... Thurs June 27  
 Administration Day ..... Fri June 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	<b>2:13 (as of September 2024)</b>

### WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

It was nice to meet the new September Kindergarten students on May 31st. Many thanks to Ms. Fox, Ms Jones, Ms. Wright (and others) on organizing this day. Did you know this September's K class will be the Gr 7 class of June 2032 at McGirr? Crazy....

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CDC)

The Nanaimo Child Development Centre along with community partners have secured a grant from Inclusion BC to research services for Children/Youth with diverse needs in Nanaimo/Ladysmith area.

The purpose of the community engagement is to gather data regarding what services are available to them now, what they think the gaps are and their hopes for future services. The report will be shared with Inclusion BC and it will help to inform future community services to better support children and youth with diverse abilities.

The data collected from this survey will be received and compiled by a 3rd party neutral agency, Discovery Research. Please distribute to families supporting children/youth with diverse abilities, youth with diverse abilities, and service providers providing service within the scope of services with children/youth with diverse abilities.

Below is the link for the survey for families, youth, and local service providers. This link will be active until end of July 2024.

In addition to collecting data through this survey, we will be hosting a family event June 19th, 2024 at Tillicum Lelum (10th street location).

Thanks in advance for you participation!

<https://telus.questionpro.com/nanaimo-diverse-community-services>

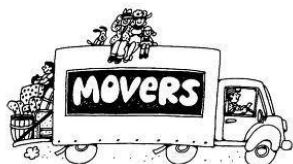
## **SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2024**

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

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](http://www.sd68.bc.ca) or email [ereg@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:ereg@sd68.bc.ca)

**Please note: A student will normally attend the school located in the catchment area in which their parents or legal guardians reside unless there is no physical, resource or program space available. Currently, the above provision may need to be applied more frequently, potentially resulting in more students needing placement outside their catchment school.**

## **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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. **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/](http://www.erasebullying.ca/)

The following link

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase> provides 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:

