



May 2025

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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. Annie Jr has ramped up into the final stages and the two main evening performances are on May 13 and May 15.

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)

2025 CALENDAR

Pro-D (students do not attend)..... Mon May 5
PAC Meeting (7 pm)..... Mon May 12
Annie Jr Musical (7 pm @ Dover Bay) Tues May 13
Annie Jr Musical (7 pm @ Dover Bay) Thurs May 15
Victoria Day (school closed)..... Mon May 19
Zone Track Meet (Rotary Bowl)..... Thurs May 22

PAC Fun Fair Fri Jun 6
District Track Meet (Rotary Bowl) Thurs Jun 12
PAC Meeting (7 pm) Mon Jun 16
Summative Reports Thurs Jun 26
Last Day of School (school dismissed at 2:13).. Thurs Jun 26
Administration Day Fri Jun 27

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

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

It was nice to see the good weather 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 Thursday May 22nd** 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 12th**.

Information will be sent home with the zone qualifiers on/by Tuesday May 13th is our goal (if not before)

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN REQUESTS FOR STUDENT PLACEMENT 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

****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 15th.**

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 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/>

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR WEATHER



Wet weather is around this time of the year 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 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 as well.



- Or call the school in advance **(preferably before 8 AM)** 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--2:13).** 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 1:50-2:13) 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.**