

# Dunsmuir Dragon's Weekly Parent email

## June 9, 2021

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### Upcoming Dates:

- ⇒ Saturday, June 12th — Ready Step Roll survey deadline
- ⇒ Thursday, June 24th - Grade 8 Leaving, 6:00-8:00pm
- ⇒ Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School

Principal's  
message

Hello Dunsmuir Families,

We hope you are all well. Please see below for a few reminders as we head into the final weeks of the school year:

- **Lost and Found-** please be sure that your child checks the lost and found if they are missing any items. These items will be "on display" in the final week of school and then upcycled by Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **Water Bottles-** please remind your child to bring a water to school for purposes of hydration. As the weather gets warmer, this becomes increasingly important.
- **Pack in and Pack out-** students have been doing a great job of packing their garbage/waste in and out of school with them. We will continue this moving forward. Thank you for your continued attention and support of this.

**Ready, Step, Roll-** we are looking for more families to complete the survey that has been previously sent out. Please take the time to complete this survey so the CRD has enough information to make sound recommendations in terms of safe routes and methods to and from school for our students. Please see below:

**Continuation of (2) Lunch Recesses Next School Year-** similar to this year, we will have 2 separate lunch recesses for students next school year. In a middle school of close to 900 students, the Pro's of (2) separate lunches far outweigh the Con's

Thank you,

Mark Kaercher

Principal

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### CURRENT NEWS

#### GRADE 8 LEAVING—JUNE 24TH—ROUTE MAP

We will be hosting our Grade 8 Drive Through (adults driving of course) on **Thursday, June 24 from 6:00 pm – 8:00ish pm**. This was VERY successful last year and allows us to recognize and send off our fabulous. For map see attached.

#### PARENT PORTAL REMINDERS

How to use MyEd to view your child's report card. Please see instructions attached. The district emailed these instructions to parents already.

As an fyi, next year our student attendance callout system will not be notifying parents of any absences. Parents will be able to check their child's attendance through the Parent Portal. Please be sure to familiarize with this system.

\*\* From time to time we receive phone calls from a parent/guardian asking to change attendance going back several weeks. For example, a request to change 10 unexcused absences to excused. Attendance is a legal document and we can not change records retroactively. Please be sure to phone into the attendance line (ext 223) or email [dunsmuir@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:dunsmuir@sd62.bc.ca)

In the event of an excused absence, contact the school the day of or the day before the absence.

#### READY STEP ROLL—BASELINE

##### SCHOOL TRAVEL SURVEY

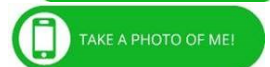
Concerned about **road safety** along your route to school or the bus stop? Have to drive, but frustrated by **traffic congestion** at school drop off/pick up? Curious how your child can **walk & wheel to/from school, fully or part-way?** Whether you walk, bus, drive or ride...

**Take Dunsmuir's School Travel Survey!**  
\*Respond by **Saturday June 12th** and help us win a bike or scooter rack!\*

Or Click this link: [Ready Step Roll: Baseline School Travel Survey \(crd.bc.ca\)](https://www.crd.bc.ca/Ready-Step-Roll-Baseline-School-Travel-Survey)

#### LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Parents, as we head into the remaining weeks of school, please have your child check the Lost and Found box in the main foyer for any items they may be missing. We also have the smaller items like jewellery and glasses in the office to claim as well.



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### CURRENT NEWS—CONT'D

### PREVIOUS NEWS—BELOW

#### **BOOKS FOR BIKES PROGRAM**

As the school year rounds the corner heading for the final stretch we here at the Learning Commons have teamed up with the leadership team to bring the students a fun challenge. We have enlisted in the Books for Bikes program. Goldstream Bicycles has donated a \$1000 mountain bike package and a bunch of gift certificates as prizes. The challenge for students is to come up with a book trailer on their favourite book! Once they have they are to submit it to Ms. Knoke. The staff will help choose the top two for each grade, with the winners receiving gift certificates. For the grand prize, the mountain bike package. All students who submit a book trailer will be put into a draw and the winner will be drawn on Friday, June 25th, 2021. Mike Manhas

#### **CLOSING THE LOOP- GRADE 8 LEAVING—JUNE 24TH** **Save the Date!**

#### **HATS/SUNSCREEN/ WATER BOTTLES**

As the weather continues to bring warmer days, please send your students to school with water bottles and sun protection.

#### **LIBRARY BOOKS**

As we draw near the end of the year, all library books should be starting to make their way back. This week, you will get an email if your student has overdue library books. Please note that students have been given reminders to return books. If books that have been signed out have been lost, the student has the option to replace the book (either with a new, or gently used copy), or to pay the replacement value on the book. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me ([sbaas@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:sbaas@sd62.bc.ca)) – Sarah Baas.

#### **ONLINE FIELDTRIP FEES**

Some of the classes have been organizing fieldtrips. We prefer these fees to be paid online.

If you need some instructions on how to set up online fees and consents, please click the link [Online fees](#)

#### **SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021-2022**

Located on Parents; [Community](#) page

#### **SCHOOL HOURS OF OPERATION/DETAILS 2021-2022**

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