

DUNSMUIR

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

11- October - 2023



Principal's Message

Hello DMS families,

We have had a busy but enjoyable couple of weeks with whole school events and activities. As expected, the DMS school community represented itself very well in support of and during these events. Please see below for some information/details:

1. **Orange Shirt Day** – the whole school walked a route, near the school in support of and awareness for Reconciliation. We would like to thank Brother Ric, Chief Russ Chipps (also a trustee) and all the parent volunteers who supported this event. We received many letters of support and thanks from our neighbors who watched from their windows/yards.
2. **Terry Fox Run** – the whole school participated in the Terry Fox run last Friday. The students and school community conducted themselves in a manner that we were all proud during this event as well. DMS community raised nearly \$1000.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Great work!! Thank you also to our LEADERSHIP students and Ms. Knoke who supported and led this event.
3. **Playground-** I received an email stating that the playground is being shipped to DMS for installation. Work is beginning to section off the site for the installation. Exciting times ahead!
4. **Weather and suitable clothing-** a reminder that DMS students are outside daily for lunch and at times for PE. Please make sure your child has clothing suitable for the weather. It is always a good idea to keep a pair of sweats and hoodie on hand incase clothing gets wet.
5. **Middle School Robotics Jamboree-** we had several students from DMS attend the Middle School Robotics Jamboree at Spencer Middle School today. Great work to all our students at this event and thank you to Mr. Selinger for making this possible for our students.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 20th—Non-Instructional day

Oct. 24th—PAC meeting, 6:30pm

Oct. 26th—Lifetouch Retake day

Nov. 13th — Remembrance Day

Nov. 23rd—Dunsmuir Night Market, 4-8pm

Nov. 23rd—3 hours early dismissal

Nov. 24th—Non-Instructional Day

Nov. 28th—PAC meeting, 6:30pm

Student Attendance

Is your child is going to be absent, late, or signing out early?

Email Dunsmuir at dunsmuir@sd62.bc.ca as well as your student's teacher(s).

Please include your child's first and last name, teacher's name and reason for absence.

Please do not call in your attendance.

Thank you!

Other News Continued...

DMS Athletics

Basketball season is just around the corner, and we have had many students attend sign up meetings. Due to the number of students interested we are looking for some parent or community members to help us coach to ensure that we are able to provide a team for all the students to play on. If your child is planning on playing basketball this year and you are able to help coach, please email Meghan Caldwell (mcaldwell@sd62.bc.ca). We would really love to provide all students with the opportunity to play on a team this year but do need help.

Noon Hour Supervision Assistants - Dunsmuir

Parents, we have some vacancies in the following supervision assistant positions. If interested, please click the link(s) below:

[Noon Hour Supervision Assistants – Dunsmuir](#)

[Noon Hour Supervision Assistants – On-Call](#)

Dunsmuir PAC Tuesday Lunch Program

Hello Dunsmuir Parents

Ordering for November's PAC led Tuesday Lunches has started as of Oct 1st and closes Oct 23rd.

dunsmuir.hotlunches.net

They system had a glitch when registering for your account that popped up for week but is back to normal.

Questions or Concerns? Please email dms.paclunches@gmail.com

Also, thank you to everyone that lends a hand with any PAC or school function It takes a hands on community to make it all work.

PAC Emergency Fund

We have added this as an optional item to help build our emergency preparedness kit for all students. We are required to have items onsite should there be a natural disaster. We are in the middle of going through our emergency kit and will be needing to purchase many items such as, food, water and potentially shelter. If you are able to donate \$5 it would be a wonderful help.

PAC Donation

We have added this as an optional item as many families are busy and the thought of trying to do another fundraiser is a lot but they would still like to contribute. If you feel so inclined to donate please do so on the school cash online site. All the funds donated and raised go towards enriching our students learning in the way of field trips, guest speakers, technology, library and many more things.

If you have any questions regarding the PAC items on school cash online, please email the PAC at dunsmuirpac@gmail.com.

Winter Night Market – Calling all Vendors!

Dunsmuir is happy to bring back the Winter Night Market on Thursday November 23 – the same evening as student-led conference/parent-teacher interviews! We are looking for all kinds of vendors: retail, food, craft/artisans. Students are encouraged and welcome to join in too. Tables will be available for \$30.00 each or \$25.00 if you donate an item to our door prize draws. Please see the attached poster for more information. You may contact Fabian Duque-Park (fdunquepark@sd62.bc.ca) or Cynthia Major (cmajor@sd62.bc.ca). Sign up and info here: <http://bit.ly/DMSnightmarket>



Pizza Orders

Provided by Mychosen
Pizza: Pepperoni,
Hawaiian, Cheese or
Vegetarian.

Pizza will be pre-ordered
each week through
School Cash Online.
We will also be releasing
online ordering in one
month blocks.

**There are no refunds for
unclaimed pizzas.**

**Stay tuned for paying
online—pizza will get
started in October.**

Athletics

For any information, go to
our website
<https://dunsmuir.web.sd62.bc.ca/>