

DUNSMUIR

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

13- December - 2023

Principal's Message

Hello DMS families,

Please see below for some information items:

- **Whole School Breakfast on December 20** – we want to thank the Legion for supporting us with this upcoming event. The Legion will be cooking all the food- pancakes and sausages for close to 1000 people. *There will be a donation box at the event and all proceeds will go towards the Legion to support them in the excellent community service work that they do.* There is no pressure or expectation of donation, but if you are able, it would be a nice gesture. We look forward to community building morning.

- **Staff vs Student Basketball Game** – we had a staff vs student Basketball game on Tuesday. The students performed admirably but were unable to hold off the DMS staff who relied on the dynamic athleticism and hoop skills of Mr. Bryan and several staff members to lead the way to victory. A great job by all.

- **Thank you to the Inter-Cultural Association** – the grade 6s have completed a series of workshops and learning opportunities focused on: Resilience, Bystander Education and Anti-Racism Education. This supports the DMS values of "Act Respectfully, Be Kind, Create Belonging and Develop Resilience. Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province's [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives:

This is a friendly reminder to complete the 2023 School-Aged Child Care Demand Parent Survey by December 14 to help inform the Province's planning for future expansion of school age child care. Thank you to the parents who have already completed this survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

While we know school-aged child care is a vital service families rely on to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day, we do not yet have regional or provincial data to understand the demand.

By completing this survey, you can help the Province to better understand your community's needs for school-aged child care. The survey will take 10-15 minutes and the results will help inform future [Child-CareBC](#) initiatives.

To complete the survey, please follow this link:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=1406>

Please do not share the link with anyone else.

If you have any questions, please contact ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca. If you encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) at support@awinfosys.com.

If you have already completed the survey, thank you and please disregard this note. We greatly appreciate your input and thank you in advance for your participation. Sincerely,

Ministry of Education and Child Care



Upcoming Events

Dec. 1-23rd—Order Jan lunches

Dec. 14th—Last day to bring food items

Dec. 18-20th—Candy Grams (2 for \$1.00)

Dec. 18-22nd-Holiday Spirit week

Dec. 19th—Cobs Bread

Dec. 20th—Whole School Breakfast

Dec. 20th—Winter Concert, 7pm, Gym

Dec. 22nd—Last day before Winter break

Jan. 8th—Schools reopen



Other News Continued...

Food Drive

Our annual Food Drive competition has officially begun! The class that brings in the highest number of non-perishable food items for the Goldstream Food Bank will win a class Pizza Party in January! Each class has been assigned a specific "Target Item," to help the Food Bank fill areas of need for the holidays, but all non-perishable food items are welcomed. **The last day to bring food in is Thursday, December 14th.** If you are able to donate, please ask your child to tell you what their class target item is. Thank you for helping out our local community!

Parent Portal—Is your information updated??

Parents, please review your contact information. Please make sure your address, phone number and emergency contact information is current. Any changes, please email the Dunsmuir email account dunsmuir@sd62.bc.ca

To access Parent Portal, please go to <https://www.sd62.bc.ca/parents-students/myed-bc-portal>

Pizza online

Parents/Guardians, please check your payment history in school cashonline if you are questioning whether you paid for pizza.

Volleyball has drop-in

Has started at DMS. We have done our initial sign-up and we currently have almost 150 students signed up for volleyball for this year. Although we often have a little bit of attrition from sign-up to actual students joining, it looks like we will have a lot of students playing this year. In order to make this happen we need help with coaching. Currently we have 33 grade 6 girls, 30 grade 8 girls and 51 grade 7 girls sign up. Our season starts when return to school in January and ends at the end of February and the commitment level is once or twice a week depending on the level of the team. If your student has signed up in any of these grades and you would like to volunteer to coach or help coach - please contact Meghan Caldwell. mcaldwell@sd62.bc.ca



Holiday Spirit Week at DMS Dec. 18-22nd

Monday: Holiday Hats
Tuesday: Holiday Colours
Wednesday: Holiday Socks
Thursday: Ugly Sweater Day

