



Weekly Newsletter

6-March-2024

Principal's Message

Hello DMS families,

Please see information and updates below:

1. We would like to inform you of a change in terms of the principal for DMS next school year. Ms. Leclerc (currently V.P of Ecole John Stubbs) will become the principal of Dunsmuir beginning August 1st as Mr. Kaercher transitions to his new role as a district principal. Ms. Leclerc comes to DMS with extensive experience working as a vice principal and principal in other school districts prior to moving to SD 62. Our district is very lucky to have her and she is very much looking forward to joining the DMS community and school team. Mr. Kaercher will remain at DMS until the end of the school year.
2. Student Learning Updates: student learning updates will be available through the parent portal in MyEd on March 15th. These updates reflective of learning from December until March. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please connect with your child's teacher.
3. Program of Choice Course Form: we have sent a form home for each family to complete for each child. Of 730 students, we have received 340 completed forms. Please complete this form for each child as it helps us plan and schedule next school year. Your attention to this is very much appreciated. The form was sent in last weeks newsletter as well as a direct email in the last couple of days.
4. Grade 5s: we welcomed the grade 5 students from our catchment schools last Friday to DMS for a musical performance. This also serves as an additional transitional experience for our incoming students. We look forward to reconnecting with these students in April when some our admin team and school counsellor visits their schools.
5. Bake Sale: a reminder of another Bake Sale this Friday. This was very successful last sale and the students also appreciated the treats and opportunity. Thank you to PAC for organizing this. All proceeds go towards lowering the ticket cost of the end of the year grade 8 celebration. Students wanting to purchase some delicious baked goods should be sure to bring some cash on this day.

Upcoming Events

Mar. 8th - Course forms deadline

Mar. 8th - Bake sale

Mar. 8th - Academy online deadline

Mar. 12th - Sushi Belmont

Mar. 13th - Purdy's pick up

Mar. 14th - Lost and Found items donated

Mar. 15th—Student Learning Updates

Mar. 15th — Last day before Spring break

Apr. 3rd—Schools Reopen

Other News Continued...

Bake Sale Fundraiser!!! Round 2—March 8th



On March 8, 2024, we are having the Grade 8s Bake Sale fundraiser. The bake sale will take place during Recess and during Lunch Recess.

ALL proceeds are going towards the Grade 8s Grad celebration in June. If you can donate baked goods contact Sahye Cummings at sahyecummings@gmail.com For those donating baked goods you can drop them off at the school office on Thursday March 7 after school or Friday March 8 in the morning. **The items need to be well wrapped.**

Prices range from \$1 Cookies to \$2 Brownies/ Cupcakes and many other baked goods.

Come support the 2024 grade 8 graduating class!!!

Beat Studio Spring Break camps

See attached. [Community](#) page

Certificate for Valentines for Veterans

See attached. [Community](#) page

Grade 8 Year-End field trip to Playland—June 7th

Has been scheduled for Friday June 7th. The costs will be \$75 per person and it payable at School Cash Online. Students will be bringing home a permission form for this week and the school will be sending home an email to all Grade 8 parents with more details. If you have any questions please email Meghan Caldwell (mcaldwell@sd.bc.ca).

Summer Trades Exploration opportunity for students

Camosun and the South Island Partnership are once again offering Summer Trades Exploration programs for students born in 2010 - 2012 (entering grade 7, 8 or 9). The cost for these week-long programs on site at Camosun Interurban is \$50/student.

- July 2-5: Pipe Trades; Build Green Together; Culinary
- July 8-12: Future Women in Trades Sampler; Sheet Metal

The QR code within the poster will take you to the [SIP webpage](#).

Here, you will be able to understand more about the five Summer programs we are offering, how to complete the Expression of Interest form, our new lottery process to randomly select students, and how they will be contacted should they be awarded a seat.

If you have any questions, please reach out via the SIP email: sip@camosun.ca



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|  Act Respectfully |  Be Kind |
|  Create Belonging |  Develop Resilience |

Pizza Orders

We will have pizza lunches every Friday that school is in session. Ordering is done through [school cash online](#).

Pizza is provided by Local Pizza (formerly fresh slice). We unfortunately do not have a gluten free or vegan option. No refunds on unclaimed pizza. Pizza not claimed in class will be redistributed to other student.

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!**