



## Weekly Newsletter

24-April—2024

### Principal's Message

Hello DMS families,

We hope that you are well as we head into the spring and what is the final 9-10 weeks of the school year. Please see below for some general information and reminders:

**Grade 8 Leaving – June 20 @ Olympic View Golf Course** – we are finalizing the ticket costs in the next week or so and tickets will be available for purchase through School Cash Online once we determine the costs based on fundraising efforts. Thanks to all of the PAC fundraising, the ticket costs have come down from the original \$80.00 per ticket price alluded to a couple of months ago. A big thank you to PAC for their support of our grade 8 students and working towards getting the costs down. Stay tuned for final ticket price and purchase through Cash Online.

**End of the Year and Positive Engagement**– As spring sets in, we sometimes see students beginning to 'coast' before the end of the school year. This can be especially true for Grade 8 students who become distracted by upcoming transitions, nice weather, and a variety of other things. While teachers plan for numerous exciting and hands on learning opportunities during this time, all classes continue with important learning until the final day of school. This learning serves as building blocks for subsequent years. Conversations with your child about how they can remain engaged, seek help if needed and continue to put forward their best efforts can go along ways in support of a positive conclusion to the school year. We look forward to supporting each child over the next several weeks.

**School Clothing Order**- The online store closed a few days ago. We should have orders at the school by mid May. We look forward to seeing students and staff in the new DMS swag in the coming weeks.

**Grade 8 Photo Retake Day** – Will be April 26th in the morning. Students who missed photos last session and would like one, will be called down for a photo around 9:00 am, Friday morning. As previously, it is parent/student choice as to the attire. Robes will be on site if student chooses to wear them.

**Spencer Cricket Club—April 26th** — See poster attached.

**Royal Bay Musical, May 8-11th** — The Magician's Nephew tells the story of a young boy's fantastical journey to find a cure to save his mother's life. In the prequel story to *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, Digory and his friend Polly, travel to the newly created land of Narnia by way of a series of magic portals. Once there, they encounter the struggle between Queen Jadis and Aslan, and Digory is faced with a difficult decision between the forces of good and evil. This lively new musical adaptation with singing and dancing offers a contemporary approach to this classic story that will appeal to audiences of all ages. For more information please see attached.

Parents; [Community](#) page

### Upcoming Events

**Apr. 24th**—PAC lunch deadline

**Apr. 26th**—Gr 8 Photo retake

**May 1st**— Soccer Academy application deadline

**May 2nd**—Family Board Game night

**May 3rd** — Grade 8 Bake sale

**May 22-23rd**—Gr. 6 Immunizations

**June 20th** - Gr. 8 Leaving

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### Lost and Found items

Please have your child check the unclaimed items



## Other News Continued...

### Daily Hot Lunches through Flourish! School Food Society

Starting in May, Dunsmuir Middle School will be offering an option for families to purchase a daily hot lunch for their student(s). The hot lunches provided by Flourish! School Food Society includes a hot entree, salad, and occasional dessert. This hot lunch is served daily during lunch time by our school meal coordinator. This pilot program will run from May 1 – June 28,

2024. For more information please read the attached letter:  [Daily Hot Lunch through Flourish School Food Society.pdf](#)

### Family Board Game Night: Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Poster is located on Parents; [Community](#) page

### Grade 8s Bake Sale fundraiser May 3, 2024

Cookies, cupcakes, brownies galore, so join us for all the sweets you adore!

This is the last Bake Sale, all proceeds from this bake sale will go to the Grade 8's grad celebration. If you would like to donate any baked goods please email [Sahyecummings@gmail.com](mailto:Sahyecummings@gmail.com).

Baked goods drop off: they can be dropped off at Dunsmuir school starting on Thursday May 2nd, please make sure they are **properly sealed**. (Bake sale price list range: Cookies \$1, Brownies \$2, Cupcakes \$3)

Thank you to all the parents that will be donating baked goods and the parents coming out to help.

Come and support the 2024 Grade 8 graduation class!!!

### PAC Hotlunch program—April 24th

Hello Dunsmuir Parents

Thank for supporting our Tuesday PAC led hot lunch program / fundraiser.

May will be the last month for this school year. The deadline to get your child's orders in and paid is April 24th 10pm, so order soon at [Dunsmuir.hotlunches.net](http://Dunsmuir.hotlunches.net)

The kids really do light up when they see us rolling in with there food. Questions? Contact [dms.paclunches@gmail.com](mailto:dms.paclunches@gmail.com) and check out our Dunsmuir Middle School Parents Facebook page.

### Soccer Academy Update May 1st

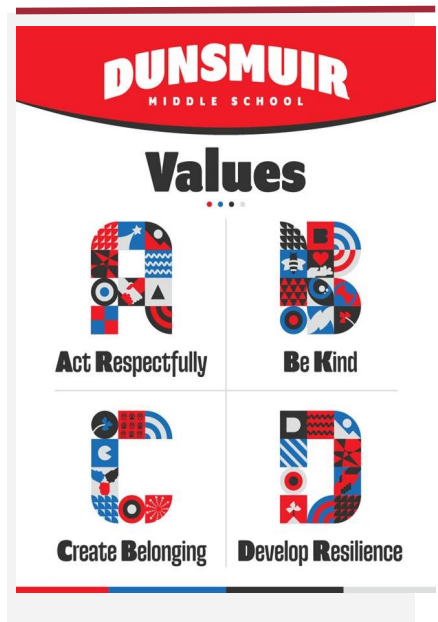
*Due to increased interest, the Dunsmuir Soccer Academy will be expanding to two classes for the 2024/25 school year. This means there will be one grade seven soccer academy class and one grade eight soccer academy class. With this additional class we now have a few remaining spots at each grade level that we are looking to fill and have extended the application deadline to May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions about the program please contact Dave Vavala ([dvavala@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:dvavala@sd62.bc.ca)).*

### Westshore Parks and Rec—Youth Week May 1-7th

Poster is located on Parents; [Community](#) page

### Yearbooks—19 remaining to purchase

This is the last possible call for purchasing yearbooks. There will not be any available in June. [School Cash online](#)



The poster features the Dunsmuir Middle School logo at the top. Below it, the word "Values" is written in a large, bold font. Underneath, there are four quadrants, each with a stylized letter and a corresponding value: "A" for "Act Respectfully", "B" for "Be Kind", "C" for "Create Belonging", and "D" for "Develop Resilience". Each letter is composed of various geometric shapes and patterns in red, blue, and white.

### 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](mailto: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!**