



## Weekly Newsletter

22- May—2024

### Principal's Message

Hello DMS families,

Please see below for upcoming information:

- Upcoming Field Trips and Activities – from now until the end of the school year, many classes will be participating in unique and novel learning activities taking the form of 'field trips.' It is very helpful if you can have conversations with your child about the importance of excellent citizenship and safe behavior at all times, including and perhaps especially, during these novel events and activities. We always want to ensure that these are positive experiences for everyone and that the students represent themselves and the school in the most positive of light. Thank you for your support towards this.
- Grade 8 Celebration—June 20th – tickets are on sale until June 12th for this event through school cash online. Please be sure to purchase your ticket for this popular and special event hosted for our Grade 8's at Olympic View Golf Course.
- If you are relocating over the summer and are certain that your child **will not return** to Dunsmuir, could you please email the school [dunsmuir@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:dunsmuir@sd62.bc.ca) as well as and let us know. We do not formally remove students until they are officially register elsewhere, but this information helps us get a sense of student numbers for next school year.
- Welcome Grade 5s to DMS – on June 5<sup>th</sup>, the grade 5s from our feeder schools will visit DMS in the morning. We look forward to seeing the grade 5s on this date.

### Upcoming Events

**May 20th** - Victoria Day

**May 22-23rd**—Gr. 6  
Immunizations

**June 13th**—Year-End  
Concert, 7:00pm

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

**June 27th**—Last Day of  
School

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### 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!**



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### Grade 8 Leaving—June 20th

Thank you to all the families who have signed up for the grade 8 leaving ceremony. On June 20<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating our grade 8 students and their time at Dunsmuir Middle School with a semi-formal dinner and dance at Olympic View Golf Course. The doors will open at 6:00 and the event will end at 9:00. Dinner will be provided by Olympic View, and include a burger of choice, sides, dessert and refreshments. Thank you to PAC for all of the support and generous donations that have helped to reduce the costs of the celebration.

If you have not signed up but are interested, please submit dinner selections and payment for the evening online through School Cash Online as soon as possible. **The deadline for signing up and payment on School Cash Online is June 12<sup>th</sup>.** If your child wishes to attend but finances are an issue, or if there are any dietary concerns, please contact Conor Hart at [chart@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:chart@sd62.bc.ca).

### 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](mailto:dunsmuir@sd62.bc.ca)

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

### Transportation

For bus service information for 2023-24 school year, please email [bus-sing@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:bus-sing@sd62.bc.ca) or call our office at 250-474-9845.

For bus registration for 2024-25 click the link:

[Transportation | Sooke School District \(sd62.bc.ca\)](#)

### Weather/Come prepared

As the days get warmer, please have your students bring water and clothing suitable for the hotter weather. Sunscreen recommended.

### Lost and Found items

Please have your child check the unclaimed items in the main foyer.



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Please see below for some important information:

June 26, Wednesday – this is the final day of regular instruction; students will clean out their lockers and take home all of their belongings at the end of this day. Students should be sure to bring backpacks to school so they can transport all their belongings home at the end of the day.

June 27, Thursday – school will be in session and students are welcome to attend as supervision will be available and typical support will be in place. Please be aware that this day is dedicated to the final cleaning of classrooms, the moving of furniture, final clean out of lockers and final pick up of belongings in the event that things were left behind. There will not be typical classroom instructional activities on this day. All Summaries of Progress will be available through the parent portal in MyEd.

Start-Up Schedule for 2024-2025 Gradual Grade Entry

Please see below for start-up information and the specific times your child will attend for the first week next school year. The Bus Schedule will be as follows:

September 3 - buses will run in the morning (pick-up) and at 11:31 for Grade 6 students who ride the bus.

September 4 - buses will run in the morning (pick-up) and after school (drop-off)

\*\*on September 4, Grade 7 students who ride the bus will need a way home at 11:31 and Grade 8 students who ride the bus will need a way to school at 12:06.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we work towards getting each student oriented to the new school year in the most organized and calm manner possible.

Week 1

Tuesday- September 3– 8:45-11:31 Grade 6 students ONLY - will meet in the gym where they can check the class lists (alpha lists will be posted), meet their teacher in the line (in the gym) and be guided to their classroom to begin the Welcome and Orientation for the school year.

Wednesday- September 4- 8:45-11:31- Grade 7 Students ONLY - students will arrive at the school and check the posted class lists for their name. Once they know whose class they are in and the room # they are in, they will make their way to that location. Staff will be in the hallways to assist students and direct them to their classrooms. \*\*please note, students will be dismissed at 11:31 am and will need a way home at this time as there are no buses.

Wednesday- September 4- 12:06-2:41 - Grade 8 Students ONLY - students will arrive at the school and check the posted class lists for their name. Once they know whose class they are in and the room #, they will make their way to that location. Staff will be in the hallways to assist students and direct them to their classroom.

Thursday- September 5- 8:45-2:41 -whole school in attendance- Regular schedule

Friday- September 6- Planning for a Whole School BBQ. Students should bring water and clothing suitable for being outside for the afternoon. Sunscreen recommended.

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