



## Weekly Newsletter

18—September —2024

### Principal's Message

Dear DMS Families,

We had a wonderful community BBQ last Friday, with many parent helpers on hand, the Lions Club, Mr. Daykin spinning tunes and our outstanding Grade 8 leadership group supporting smooth running of the event every step of the way. We were very fortunate that the weather held out just long enough for us to pack up and clean up before the skies opened and the rain started. Thank to everyone for your participation, help and involvement. Thank you as well to Mr. Smyth for being the main coordinator of this event.

Last Friday was a great opportunity to review our system for checking visitors in at the school. As a reminder, DMS is a closed campus which means that once students are on site, they must be signed out by a parent in order to leave school.

This also means that all visitors must sign in at the office and wait for either their student to come down and meet them for pick-up if they are leaving early, or wait for a staff member to come and meet them if they are visiting the school for a meeting or as a guest in the classroom.

Thank you for supporting our school with community events and for helping keep our school safe for everyone.

Take care,

Lisa Leclerc, Principal

#### **Meet The Teacher Event - Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00pm**

Please come to the school this Thursday to meet your child's teacher, see their classroom and take a self-guided tour of the school so you can meet your child's ADST teachers and our many other teachers who support students in our school. This is an informal opportunity for you to connect faces to names and give your child a chance to show you around their school. We look forward to seeing you this Thursday and we hope you can make it!

#### **Parking During Drop-Off and Pick-Up**

Our schools are bustling during drop-off and pickup times. To ensure everyone's safety, please follow all posted signage and the directions of school staff, including crossing guards. Parking in bus lanes or loops is strictly prohibited—if you're parked in these areas, you will be asked to move immediately, and unattended vehicles may be towed. The first month of school is always busy as families settle into new routines and familiarize themselves with the school community and neighborhood. We kindly ask for your patience and courtesy during this time. Please avoid parking at nearby businesses and be mindful not to block residential driveways. Thank you for helping keep our school zones safe and respectful for everyone.

### Upcoming Events

- Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>—Teacher/Parent Orientation night
- Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> — Truth And Reconciliation walk
- Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> — Non-Instructional Day
- Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>—Pizza day
- Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>—National Day for truth and Reconciliation
- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>—Thanksgiving day
- Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>—Photo Retake day
- Oct. 29-30<sup>th</sup>—Immunizations

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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).

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### **Athletics**

This is a reminder or introduction to parents new to DMS that in order to participate in Athletics (School Sports) at DMS, parents need to complete the permission form and pay athletic fees if your student is playing a fall sport including cross country, ultimate, soccer, or touch rugby,

Please fill out the Athletics Permission Form - this will be available from your student's coach. This must be completed before students are allowed to participate in any games.

Please pay the DMS Athletic Participation Fee online [School Cash Online](#).

Every school year, each student who participates on a school sports team is asked to pay a \$40 fee. This fee is paid once per year and applies regardless of if your child plays on one team or three. The purpose of the fee is to help maintain our membership with BC School Sports, LIMSSA (Lower Island Middle School Sports Association) as well as contribute to the basic cost of running an athletics program which include, fees, referee costs, uniform cost, equipment costs etc.

Sarah Grundy, teacher

<https://dunsmuir.web.sd62.bc.ca/extracurricular/athletics/fall-sports/>

### **Awareness of Scent/Chemical Sensitivities**

This is a reminder that Dunsmuir is committed to providing a healthy and safe working and learning environment. As scented products may provoke symptoms in sensitive individuals, including triggering responses in those with allergies and chemical sensitivities, we ask that all staff, students and school district visitors to be aware and considerate about the effect of scented products and wear fragrance free products when possible.

### **BBQ Start up thank you**

Dear wonderful parents and guardians, thank you so much for your outstanding help to make our welcome back BBQ such an amazing success! We truly value and appreciate your time, energy and commitment to support our Dunsmuir school community! Thank you so much!!! Mr. Smyth

### **Grade 6 immunizations - October 29 & 30th**

We will spend the full day immunizing on Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, returning in the morning of Oct 30<sup>th</sup>. only if required.

### **Hip Hop Auditions Poster—September 27th**

Parents page; [Community page](#)

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### **Lifetouch Photos from Sept. 11th**

Dear parents, School pictures are ready!  
To order, log in to your account on [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca) or create an account using your student's school ID number. To access your student's ID, you will need to login into the Parent Portal.

All families can also log on and order a FREE digital Pictures2Protect Card. More about the Pictures2Protect program [here](#).

Heads up: In the email communication to schools that says the photos are ready on the Lifetouch Portal, it also says that photos are ready to be viewed and ordered on line. The heads up is that it takes about 8 hours for the images to actually be available. Once you receive this email it means the proofs have been shipped. The other services, like the directories, should arrive soon after. Please let me know that they arrive in the order you want them.

### **Parent Hot lunch program**

Welcome back Dunsmuir Parents, students and staff.  
This year's PAC [dunsmuir.hotlunches.net](http://dunsmuir.hotlunches.net) site is up and ready for you. Tuesday Lunches are waiting to be ordered. For more info, please read the attachment that has been sent out by the school and read the Full Log In page.  
This is going to be an amazing year.  
Candice - PAC Volunteer

### **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. First Pizza day is Sept. 27th.

### **School Cash Online**

Not set up yet? Click the link [School Cash Online](#)

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