



DUNSMUIR MIDDLE SCHOOL

MARCH 4 2026

Welcome to this week's update!

Highlights from This Week

- Grade 6 students amazed the community this week with innovative, hands-on projects at the annual **Science Fair**, showcasing their creativity, curiosity, and impressive problem-solving skills. Thanks to all those family members who came to check it out!
- Our **Arctic Winter Games** concludes with the Finals competition taking place on Thursday at lunch. We had over 15 classes participate in the competition this year.

Learning & Schoolwide Focus

This month, our school-wide focus is on growth mindset - the belief that abilities and understanding develop through effort, practice, and perseverance. A growth mindset helps students see challenges as opportunities, view mistakes as part of learning, and recognize that progress comes from trying new strategies and sticking with them.

Throughout March, we are encouraging students to:

- approach challenges with curiosity
- celebrate effort and persistence
- recognize improvement over time
- support one another in trying, learning, and growing

Important Dates & Reminders

Blended Learning Information – Registration is open for the SD62 Blended Learning Program. This program is open to full-time students in Grades 6-8. Students learn four days per week remotely from home and attend one day per week in-person. For more information and to register click [HERE](#).

- Ongoing – Soccer Academy and Dance Academy Registration – Click [HERE](#)
- Ongoing – Band Registration – Click [HERE](#)
- March 3rd – Grade 6 Science Fair
- March 5th – Arctic Winter Games Semi-finals and Finals
- March 18th and 25th – Flourish Family Market @ Dunsmuir – The Market provides fresh food for families at no cost. All are welcome.

How Families Can Support This Week

This week, families can support students by encouraging conversations at home about growth mindset - celebrating effort, noticing small improvements, and reframing challenges as learning opportunities. Ask your child what they found exciting or tricky in their learning this week and highlight the strategies they used to persevere.



DUNMSUIR MIDDLE SCHOOL

MARCH 4 2026

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Alexis McKean

Principal, Dunsmuir Middle School

Library Learning Commons books – For any students who have overdue library books (longer than 5 days overdue) an email will be sent home come out next week reminding students to return or renew their books. Books can be checked out over Spring Break.

Audio/eBooks & Sora App– students have access to audio and eBooks through the school district using Sora – www.soraapp.com. About half of our students learnt how to login and browse this resource. From home, students need to login using their sd62learns account (ex. **Ab1234@sd62.bc.ca**) and then it will ask for their regular sd62.bc.ca account – same password for both. Once in, students can take advantage of the over 250 audio books and more than 500 eBooks across the district. There is a downloadable app for devices and if you have a public library account you can link the accounts together to take advantage of even more books! Thank you to our amazing PAC for helping us purchase 50 audio and eBooks that are strictly for our students!

Hey chocolate lovers! We're kicking off our Purdys Fundraiser and you're invited to help us reach our goal. Order your spring treats through our custom link and up to 30% of your purchase goes directly to Dunsmuir Easter Chocolate PAC Fundraiser. Everything is made in Canada and packed with care at the Purdys Vancouver chocolate factory.

All profit goes right back to what the students need in the school.

Questions? comment or email Dunsmuirpac@gmail.com

Deadline is March 15th

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000023930>

Ongoing fundrasier: Mabel's labels! **<https://mabelslabels.ca/en-CA/fundraising/support>**

Attendance: Please email us in advance at dunsmuir@sd62.bc.ca, and include the teacher, if your child will be absent, late or needs an early pick up.

Please visit our website at dunsmuir.web.sd62.bc.ca to view the monthly athletics calendar, resources from our counsellors, and more!

Click [HERE](#) to access school cash online to pay school fees, field trips, and order Friday pizza!

To order Tuesday lunches through PAC, please sign in to <https://dunsmuir.hotlunches.net/>