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Dear families,

We are almost there. The finish line is in sight, and I am very hopeful for an active, healthy, and smoke-free summer break. The next few weeks can be hectic as there are a number of field trips planned, and as much as we like to stick to routines at school, the last few weeks can be a bit unpredictable. Add to all of that, everyone (students, parents, and staff) is tired and patience at this time of year can run thin. An easy way to keep things running a little more smoothly at school and at home is to get ample sleep. This is sometimes difficult when the sun is up later and there is so much daylight. Keeping a regular bedtime routine and eliminating screen time for one hour prior to bedtime are both good ways to promote good sleep habits.

LIBRARY BOOKS

This week is the last week to sign out books from our Library and all books are due back to the library no later than June 24th, so that Mme Hunter and Mme Nevin can do inventory and determine what books are missing and need to be re-ordered for September. Bills for missing books will be send home with students.



TALKING TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT SEXTING WORKSHOP

Free online workshop for parents and caregivers **Tuesday, June 21, 2022 7:00 pm - 8:30pm**. SD73 DPAC presents a workshop by Mosiac Sexual Health Education. In this workshop, you will learn about age-appropriate strategies and tips for talking to children and teens about sexting, consent, and safety. We'll go over the laws covering intimate image sharing and explain why this is a "must have" conversation. Parents will leave with a clearer sense of what to talk about at various ages, and how to start and continue these conversations with their children. Pre-registration is required. Email: sd73dpaczoom@gmail.com to register.

CONTACT INFORMATION



Please make sure that the contact information (most importantly phone number and e-mail) that we have on file for you is current, and that the e-mail we have is the one you will be checking during the summer months so that the school can communicate if/when necessary.

SCHOOL JERSEYS

Anyone who has a school jersey at home (from volleyball, basketball, flag football, track and field) needs to bring it back to school ASAP!



BRIGHT RED BOOK BUS

As a collaborative project with community partners, the Bright Red Book Bus visits school and park sites over the summer and provides free, engaging interest books to encourage reading for pleasure. Our school will host the bus on Thursdays from **10:00 to noon** from **July 4th-August 19th**.



WATER BOTTLES

The temperatures outside are climbing, and remaining hydrated is necessary for learning. That being said, we continue to have a number of students come to the office asking for a cup as they have forgotten their water bottle. Please ensure daily that your child has some sort of fillable container to use at our water filling stations.



PAC FAMILY PICNIC

Our PAC is planning to hold a Family Picnic on **Friday June 24th** during our lunch hour (12:05-1:05). We want to keep it fairly simple, so if you can make it to the school for your lunch break to hang out with your child at school, we would love to see you here. They have organized a DJ and will have some healthy snacks for SSES students.

It is already a PAC hot lunch day, so if you have already ordered pizza for your child/ren, it will be here. In terms of food for yourself, you can pick up some lunch on the way over, pack a picnic from home, or purchase additional pizza for yourself and other family members on the PAC Hot Lunch Website <https://sSES.hotlunches.net/admin/?sid=&un=0> (it will be open for orders until June 14th). Younger siblings and other family members are more than welcome to join us as well. Make sure to pack a picnic blanket and/or lawn chair so that you are comfortable.

If it is raining that day, you are more than welcome to eat lunch with your child/rem either in the gym or in their classroom.



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school for students is **Wednesday, June 29th and dismissal that day is 12:30pm.** Please plan for someone to be here at 12:30pm that day to collect your child/ren as we have important meetings in the afternoon.

There may be some families who choose to start their summer vacation a few days early and will not be at school on June 29th to collect their child/ren's report card. If you are planning on leaving early for Summer Holidays, please call the office to let us know and enter the absence into the Safe Arrival Reporting App/Website so that we can plan accordingly. The office will be open until July 8th for you to pick up your report card. If you would rather the school send your child/ren's report card in the mail, please leave a self-addressed stamped envelope with either the office or your child's teacher, and we will pop it into the mail for you. ***Teachers will not be handing out report cards before June 29th***; however, like in February, they will be posted to the parent portal in MyEd. Accessing your child's report card is done the same way it was done in January of this year. Below is a list of instructions to support you.



To complete the setup to access the parent portal you will need to complete the following steps.

(Each parent or guardian or household will have their own separate account.)

1. Visit www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen
2. Make sure popups are enabled for your browser.
3. Your user name (LOGIN ID) will be: *(the email you gave the school)*
4. Your temporary password: please use the same one you set up in January- should you not remember your password, click on the "I forgot my password" link and follow the instructions
 - a. **(NOTE: Both user name and password are case sensitive. New Password requirements: Must be at least 8 characters, including a capital letter, a symbol and a number.)**
5. Enter your user name (LOGIN ID) and password then click "Log On" to access the system. You may be prompted to change your password and fill out some information so that in the future you can click "I forgot my password" to receive a new password if you haven't already

Once inside the MyEducation BC system you can navigate around to view information for your student(s).

For a detailed explanation on how to login and navigate through the portal please click on this information page (Click here [MyED73 Parent/Student Portal Information](#)), or watch this video ([click here](#))

Should you have any questions or problems, please contact the school office.

LOST AND FOUND



We have a large number of items in our Lost and Found. We will have it out on tables outside the library starting June 20th for parents and students to collect anything that belongs to them. Parents are encouraged to come take a look for anything that might belong to their child/ren. It will be packed up and donated to charity on Friday, July 8th.

CHANGES TO SSES STAFF

The staffing process in the school district is still in full swings, so it is possible that we will see even more changes in the coming days, but as of now, we have a number of staff members that will be leaving us at the end of the school year. If you see them, please feel free to let them know how much you have appreciated all they have done for the school.

- **M. Gorman** is moving to Vancouver.
- **Mme Goertzen** will be teaching at RLC.
- **Mme Williams** will be on the TTOC list.
- **Mme Dana** will be on the TTOC list.
- **Mme Fortie** will be on the CEA relief list.
- **Mme Linaker's** term-certain position has already ended, and she is already on the relief CEA list.

There are a number of new staff members we will be welcoming in September:

- **Mme Moffat** is returning to her classroom 3 days a week after being away on Maternity Leave.
- **Mme Wallis** will be sharing Mme Moffat's class 2 days a week.
- **Mme Clare** will be teaching in Mme Magalie's class on Fridays.
- **M. Hall** will be joining us in a Grade 1 class.
- **Mme Waters** will be joining us in a Grade 1/2 class.
- **Mme Hawes** will be joining us as a LART on Tuesdays and Fridays to do reading support for all classes.
- **Mme Bauhuis** will be teaching in Mme Venables' class on Fridays.
- **Mme Gordon** (our music teacher) will be teaching in Mme Nancy's class on Fridays.
- **Mme Diaou** is joining us as a Certified Education Assistant.

PAC NEWS AND 50/50

It's here! Buy your ticket using the link: <https://sses.rafflenexus.com/> Last year's winner took home just over \$3,700. The draw date is June 28 at 12:00 pm. A great start to the summer!

The PAC is holding its executive election on Thursday June 16th.



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 13th - 17th

Wednesday, June 15th

Last week to take books out of the library

Rivers Football Club visit

Thursday, June 16 th	Mme Nancy's class to the Art Gallery Hug-a-Tree Presentation (Mme Dana and Mme B.) PAC Meeting @ 6:30 (Executive Election)
Friday, June 17 th	Mme B's class to McGowan Park Eureka Science Presentations
June 20 th – 24 th	All books are due back to the library
Monday, June 20 th	Eureka Science Presentations
Tuesday, June 21 st	Grade 7 Band Presentation Talking to your Kids about Sexting Presentation 7:00 – 8:30 (Virtual)
Wednesday, June 22 nd	Mme Funk and Mme Donas to Shumway Lake Mme Magalie's and Mme Graf's classes to Paul Lake (Learn to Fish)
Thursday, June 23 rd	Mme Nancy's and Mme Sarah's classes to Paul Lake (Learn to fish)
Friday, June 24 th	PAC Picnic
Monday, June 27 th	Kindergarten students to McGowan Spray Park
Tuesday, June 28 th	Students Grades 1-5 to McGowant Spray Park
Wednesday, June 29 th	Last day of school Assembly @ 9:30am <u>DISMISSAL @ 12:30pm</u>

There are 11.5 days left to the 2020-2021 school year, but who's counting right? As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. Have a fantastic rest of the week.

Respectfully,



Susie Mabee