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Principal Update

It is hard to believe that there are only about 6 weeks of school left of, what can be considered as, one of the most unusual years ever. As much as everyone is looking forward to the summer months, there is much work left to be done in the coming weeks. As a year's worth of learning concludes, teachers are busy completing important assessments of what your child/ren has/have learned and identifying areas requiring further attention in the 2021-2022 school year. As such, it is crucial that your child/ren attend/s regularly.

As the days get longer, and the sun is out a little longer, it may become more difficult to get your child/ren to bed at his/her/their regular bedtime. The importance of maintaining regular bedtime routines cannot be underscored enough, in order to ensure that your child/ren have had enough sleep each day. A well-rested child is far better prepared to meet the days many challenges (both social and academic) than one who is tired. It is becoming more and more apparent every day, that everyone's patience levels (for each other and for difficult academic tasks) are at an all-time low, and sufficient sleep goes a long way to build some resilience and stamina in solving problems.

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- ZIG ZIGLAR

PARKING AND TRAFFIC

I am hoping that this will be the last time that I will have to write about issues related to parking and traffic around our school, but I have noticed a few things that need to be addressed.

1. The upper parking lot is for staff members only. Unless you have been given special permission by someone on staff, or if you have a disability with the necessary signage on your car, you should not be accessing the upper parking lot with your vehicle. We also ask that if you are going to access this parking lot for your special purpose, that you do it at non-peak times. Arrival time (8:20 – 8:40) and dismissal time (2:20 – 2:50) are incredibly busy times with 380 students arriving/departing, and we would not want anyone to get hurt.
2. There are a number of cars who are parking and waiting in the drop off lane (some for extended periods of time). If you need to stop your car for longer than a minute or two, we ask that you find a parking spot and wait there. This lane is for pick up and drop off only. We have a number of daycare busses that need access to this lane, as they cannot park and get out of the car to collect their charges.
3. I received an e-mail from a community member letting me know about an incident on Friday involving a car cutting the line of cars waiting patiently to get onto Summit Drive and driving across the field beside the church. While I can appreciate that waiting for traffic to clear out of the parking lot can be frustrating, particularly on a sunny Friday afternoon, I implore you not to take a shortcut through the field next to the church. The church property is not part of our parking lot and this behaviour could be quite dangerous.

Remember that there are young eyes watching everything you do, and as such, you'll want to set a positive example for all children by following all traffic rules and keeping everyone safe.

ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer Math Program is intended for students exiting grades 4-7 **referred** by their classroom teacher because they would benefit from building skills and confidence in math. The focus is on number sense, patterns, and numeracy relationships.

Primary Summer Reading is intended for students exiting grades 1, 2, or 3 **referred** by their classroom teacher because they would benefit from extra support with reading. The focus is on comprehensive whole class literacy instruction and personal reading conferences

Our school has been selected once again as a location for the Summer Reading Program. Registration for both these programs is done on a referral basis at school. If this is something that you feel may benefit your child, and you will be in Kamloops for the first 3 weeks in July, please connect with your child's teacher, Mme Hamson (dhamson@sd73.bc.ca) or Mme Dumas (mdumas@sd73.bc.ca) for more information.

FOUNDRY APP FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Here is a link to a recent [news release](#) about a new Foundry BC App for accessing mental health services. Co-created by youth for youth, the Foundry BC app offers young people aged 12 to 24 and their caregivers access to integrated health and wellness services through their mobile device or an online web portal: www.foundrybc.ca/virtual

ARE YOU MOVING?

I cannot believe that we have already begun our plans for September. Time flies when you're having fun. If you are moving over the summer months and it is your intention to enroll your child/ren in a new school, please call or e-mail Mme Lisa (Ichave@sd73.bc.ca) at the office. It makes for a much smoother start up for both students and staff if we have a clear picture of how many students will be attending our school prior to the summer break. This holds true as well if you are moving houses and intend to have your children continue to attend SSES, as we will need to have up-to-date contact information.

STAYING HYDRATED

As the weather has gotten hotter, it has become even more imperative that your child remain hydrated at school. Please remember to send your child/ren to school with a re-fillable water bottle that he/she/they can fill at our water filling stations, as our water fountains remain closed. Please make sure that these water bottles are labelled with your child/ren's first and last name so that we can get them back to their rightful owners when we find them on the school grounds or in the gym. **We have no more plastic cups to hand out to students who forget their water bottles at home.**



LOST AND FOUND DAY

This year we will be holding our first ever Lost and Found Day. We will put all of our Lost and Found items (Fall, Winter, and Spring) out on tables on our school field during the afternoon of Wednesday, June 23 from 1:30pm – 3:00pm. Families are encouraged to come and collect any items that belong to their child/ren. All left over items will be donated to [Found4Kids](#), a non-profit organization which rehomes the lost and found clothing items from many schools to families who need a helping hand.

TRACK AND FIELD

Our intermediate students will be participating in Track and Field this year, although, in a modified format. Students are practicing their skills within their cohort, and the Track Meet Day will be divided into two mornings in June in order to limit the number of people we have on our field. The two Track Meet mornings will be Thursday June 10th and Friday June 11th. We will need approximately 10 parent volunteers those days to help us measure and record results. If you would like to volunteer either one or both of those mornings, please contact Mme Dumas (mdumas@sd73.bc.ca) to let her know.



CHILDCARE - Gateway Children's Centre

A new non-profit childcare centre is opening this fall 2021. Located at 163 Oriole Road, Valleyview. They will be offering Full Day (30 months - 5 years), Before and After School (transportation available) and Morning Preschool (Monday to Friday). The centre has 3,000 sq. feet of indoor space and outdoor place spaces totaling over 5,000 sq. feet. For more information, the website can be found [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 19 th	Kindergarten Orientation (AM only) M. Hugues' class to Shumway Lake
Thursday, May 20 th	PAC Hot Lunch (Booster Juice)
Friday May 21st	Professional Development Day for Staff (no school for students)
Monday May 24th	Victoria Day (School closed)
Tuesday May 25 th	Mme Wigness' class to McQueen Lake
Tuesday, May 26 th	Mme Magalie's class to McQueen Lake Mme Melissa & Mme Viaud's classes to Paul Lake
Thursday, May 27 th	PAC Hot Lunch (Pizza Hut) PAC Meeting @ 6:30 via ZOOM
Monday May 31 st	Rainbow Spirit Day
Tuesday, June 1 st	Mme Jayme's class to McQueen Lake Mme Sarah's & Mme Nancy's classes to Isobel Lake
Thursday, June 3 rd	PAC Hot Lunch (Arigato Sushi)
Friday, June 4 th	Mme Donas' class to McQueen Lake
Wednesday, June 9 th	PAC Popcorn Day
Thursday, June 10 th	Track and Field Meet (AM only)

Friday, June 11 th	PAC Hot Lunch (Señor Froggy's)
Wednesday, June 16 th	Track and Field Meet (AM only)
Thursday, June 17 th	Mme Funk's class to Shumway Lake
	Grade 7s to Sunnybrae
	PAC Hot Lunch (Pizza Hut)
	PAC Meeting (Executive Election) @ 6:30pm via ZOOM
Tuesday, June 22 nd	Mme Sarah's & Mme Nancy's classes to Paul Lake for Learn to Fish
Wednesday, June 23 rd	Lost and Found Day (1:00pm to 3:00pm)
Thursday, June 24 th	PAC Hot Lunch (Spa.ghet.ti)
Friday, June 25 th	Grade 7 Luncheon and Leaving Ceremony
Tuesday, June 29th	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – STUDENTS DISMISSED @ 11:40AM