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## Principal Update

Dear families,

Typically, the month of May is the time of the year when Principals and Vice-Principals discover that they are either getting to stay at their present school or are being transferred to a new school, and this year is no different. I received notice this week that Mme Dumas will be leaving us at the end of the school year in order to share her boundless energy, sense of humour, and love of learning to École Élémentaire Lloyd George. Her ability to connect with students, empathize with the challenges they are facing, and empower them to do their best will be missed; however, we wish her the very best as she moves on to begin this new adventure at a new school. Mme Dumas and I will continue to work collaboratively with each other, and we hope to connect both French Immersion elementary schools in a variety of ways in the future.

Jo McKenna, who is currently the Vice-Principal at McGowan Park Elementary, will be joining our Eagles Nest in August. She has worked for SD73 for many years, in many roles and comes to us with a strong background in Learning Assistance. Although Mme McKenna does not speak French, she is excited to learn, and I have no doubt that our school community will make every effort to make Mme McKenna feel welcome, just as you did for me last year.

### **STUDENTS LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS**

It has come to my attention that there are a number of students, many of which travel to and from school by bus, leaving school grounds before and after school to go to the 711 across the street to purchase energy drinks, candy, Slurpees, popsicles, etc. for either their snack during the day or at the end of the day for their ride home. It is our understanding that as soon as students step onto school property, which includes their SD73 school bus, they are under our care, and it is expected that they remain on school grounds from the time they step onto the bus in the morning until the time they step off of it in the afternoon. If you could have a conversation with your child about these expectations, it would be greatly appreciated. We will make sure to have similar conversations with our students here at the school.



### **PARENT INPUT FOR CLASS PLACEMENT FORM**

The coming days are your last opportunity to get your "Parent Input for Class Placement" form submitted to the office. If you choose to complete one of these forms, it needs to be returned to the office no later than ***Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup>***. You can obtain one of these forms by calling the office or sending an e-mail to Mme Lisa in the office ([lchave@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:lchave@sd73.bc.ca)), Mme Dumas ([mdumas@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:mdumas@sd73.bc.ca)), or Mme Mabee ([smabee@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:smabee@sd73.bc.ca)).

## **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 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:mdumas@sd73.bc.ca)) to let her know.



## **KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION**

We will be welcoming next year's Kindergarten students the morning of Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup>. Families will be arriving at 8:45am for their 15-minute appointment, so we ask that you don't linger that morning when you drop off your child/ren in order to allow the space for these families to familiarize themselves with the school and classrooms safely.

## **SCHOOL LEARNING PLAN GOALS**

As I mentioned earlier in the year, the staff and I made the decision to modify the School Learning Plan Goals in hopes of making them more measurable and focussing our attention on student growth, rather than finite endpoints. We have done our best to respect the work that was done in prior years, while reformulating them to meet our needs. A big thank you to those of you who completed the parent survey as to the values and attributes that you see as important. We also asked our staff and students the same questions and used the data to create our new School Learning Plan goals:

1. **Numeracy Goal:** Students will show growth in their ability to recognize the appearance of and the monetary value or currency, solve real-world problems involving money, and identify their wants and needs with respect to spending money.
2. **Literacy Goal:** Students will show growth in their use of sentence structure, vocabulary, and spelling when writing informational texts.
3. **School Culture Goal:** Students will show growth in their self-confidence by taking risks in their learning.

We are excited to begin working on these goals.

## **CLASS PHOTOS**

We are so happy to inform you that class photos are indeed happening this year. They will take place the morning of **Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Mme Lisa has been in contact with the photography



**PICTURE DAY**

company and they have let us know that if the photo is taken outside, the students will not need to wear a mask; however, if the photo takes place inside, the students in intermediate grades will need to wear a mask. As always, even if masks are not mandatory, students are welcome to wear one if they choose. If there is anything you can do to hold the rain clouds off and bring the sun out **this Wednesday**, please do it! ☺

### **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](mailto:Ichave@sd73.bc.ca)) in the office. It makes for a much smoother start up for 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.

### **WATER BOTTLES**

We are down to our last few disposable cups in the office, and we will not be purchasing any more before the end of the school year. As the weather gets hotter, it becomes even more imperative that your child/ren bring 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 ground and in the gym.



### **LOST AND FOUND**

The sheer volume of the items in our Lost and Found is astounding. If your child/ren are looking for any of their items, please have them look in the lost and found at school. In a typical year, we would be able to spread out all of the items and have families come into the school and collect all of their lost treasures. This year to abide by health regulations, 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) on tables outside 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.

### **INCREASE IN SCHOOL SUPPLIES /AGENDAS**

The school supplies fee for SD73 has remained constant since 2015-2016, and over the years, the cost of these supplies has gone up considerably. This means that for the 2021-2022 school year, the school supply fee for both primary and intermediate students will be going up by a few dollars in September. In addition, depending on the teacher/class, an agenda fee of \$8.00 will be added to the list.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 11 – Mme Muraca's and Mme Cloet's classes to Pine park for salmon release
- May 12 – Class Photos
- May 13 – PAC Hot Lunch – Wok Box
- May 14 – Mme Bournival's class mural project with Bambi (Association Francophone)
- May 17 – Mme Bolster's class to Shumway Lake
- May 19 – Kindergarten Orientation
- May 19 – M. Hugues' class to Shumway Lake

May 20 – PAC Hot Lunch – Booster Juice  
May 21 – Pro-D Day – No School for students  
May 24 – VICTORIA DAY – School is closed  
May 25 – Mme Wigness' class to McQueen Lake  
May 26 – Mme Magalie's class to McQueen Lake  
May 26 – Mme Viaud's et Mme Melissa's to Paul Lake

Have a wonderful weekend and Happy Mother's Day to all of you moms who are doing a great job of raising some pretty amazing humans.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susie Mabee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susie Mabee,