



December 2025

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### FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I can't believe we are fast approaching our break now (last day Friday December 19<sup>th</sup>). Where has the time gone? Thank you to our staff for their hard work and dedication to our students and your children over the past nearly four months. Thank you to our caregivers for all the great work that has been done to ensure the students are ready to learn. This is a busy school requiring many caring and dedicated adults to make the school day a success for all. We have been fortunate to have such a caring staff and parent/guardian community.

Our Winter Concert (Divisions 1-14) takes place on Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Friend, Mr. Meadus, Mrs. Mark, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Eathorne and others are busy getting those details sorted. I am sure it will be an amazing afternoon and evening. Detailed information has already been sent home to families in these classes, along with tickets. **The afternoon show will start at 12:45 and the evening show is at 6 PM. Tickets have already been distributed and those will be presented at entry to the concert. The white ones are for the afternoon show and the orange ones for the evening show.**

We hope your child has fun participating in theme week, the final week prior to the break, as well.



Many thanks for all that you do, as it really does take a village to raise a child

Yours truly

Mr. Robbie Dhillon (Principal)

### 2025-2026 CALENDAR

PAC Fun/Hot Lunch ..... Mon Dec 15  
Concert (Div 1-14) (12:45 and 6 PM)..... Wed Dec 17  
Last Day before Holiday ..... Fri. Dec 19

First Day back ..... Mon Jan 5  
PAC Fun/Hot Lunch ..... Mon Jan 12  
PAC (6:15 PM) ..... Mon Jan 19

Pro-D (students do not attend) ..... Mon Feb 9  
BC Family Day (school closed) ..... Mon Feb 16  
PAC Fun/Hot Lunch ..... Mon Feb 23  
PAC (6:15 PM) ..... Mon Feb 23

PAC Fun/Hot Lunch ..... Mon Mar 9  
Progress Report Term #2 issued..... Wed Mar 11  
Last Day before Spring Break..... Fri. Mar 13  
First Day back ..... Mon Mar 30

Good Friday ..... Fri Apr 3  
Easter Monday ..... Mon Apr 6  
PAC Fun/Hot Lunch ..... Mon Apr 13  
PAC (6:15 PM) ..... Mon Apr 13  
Class photos (all divisions, plus Gr 7 picture)..... Mon Apr 20  
Pro-D (students do not attend) ..... Fri Apr 24  
Pro-D (students do not attend) ..... Mon Apr 27

School track meet (Gr 3 to 7) @ Rotary ..... Fri May 1  
PAC Fun/Hot Lunch ..... Mon May 11  
PAC (6:15 PM) ..... Mon May 11  
Victoria Day (school closed) ..... Mon May 18  
Zone Track meet @ Rotary Bowl..... Tues May 26

PAC Fun Fair (5-8 pm)..... Fri Jun 5  
PAC Fun/Hot Lunch ..... Mon Jun 8  
District Track Meet..... Thurs Jun 11  
PAC (6:15 PM) ..... Mon Jun 15  
Summative Reports ..... Thurs Jun 25  
Last Day of School (school dismissed at 2:13)... Thurs Jun 25  
Administration Day ..... Fri Jun 26

\*if dates change these are communicated through the office\*

### RULES FOR PLAYING IN THE SNOW

As we approach that time of year when Nanaimo can get snow, we'd like to remind families of the "snow" rules at McGirr. The following rules are enforced for the safety of students:



- There is "no snowball throwing" on the grounds
- Students are not to participate in activities that may injure other students – face washing with snow, kicking chunks of snow/ice,

etc.

- No crazy carpets, sleds, slides brought to school
- It is important that our students understand the rules and our concern that snowballs can cause serious injury. Within these rules there are many opportunities for students to enjoy their time outside in the snow at recess.

### SCHOOL CLOSURES



It is that time of year again, when the school district would like to remind parents about school closure procedures. The most common reasons that schools might be closed are dangerous road conditions due to a heavy

snowfall or ice. If you are wondering if schools are open on a particular day, for the most current updates listen to local radio stations (WAVE 102.3 FM and WOLF 106.9 FM) in the mornings.

We also attempt to put an announcement of any school closure on the school district website, [www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca), and on Twitter and Facebook, but our ability to do so could be affected by such things as power outages and technical issues. If there is no

announcement on the website or social media, please be sure to listen to local radio stations.

**We would like to remind parents that it is their right to make the final decision as to whether it is safe for their children to travel to school on any given day. While the district strives to make the best decision possible for students across the district, there may be circumstances in your neighbourhood that lead you to decide to keep your children home, even though schools are open.**

**APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR WEATHER CONDITIONS**



The cool wet weather will arrive and there will be many days students will ask the question “Is it an inside day?” The answer on most days is no. Students will be going outside to play at recess and lunch unless it is raining heavily. We thank you for ensuring your child comes to school with appropriate rain and cool weather clothing. At McGirr we believe in the importance of fresh air and outside play for all students and appreciate your assistance in this regard. **It is also advisable students have a change of clothes in their school bags, including socks.** Warm gloves are always a good idea as well.

**ERASE BULLYING RESOURCE**

The B.C. Ministry of Education in collaboration with school districts across the province have developed and implemented an online student and parent resource about bullying incidents, and a reporting tool for such incidents. Please visit [www.erasebullying.ca](http://www.erasebullying.ca) for more information.



**YOU CAN HELP THE OFFICE BE MORE EFFICIENT BY CONTINUING TO:**

- Email student absences to [info.mg@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:info.mg@sd68.bc.ca) is the communication for general student absences. **(please include your child’s first and last name, teacher name** and reason if needed. CC this email to your child’s teacher as well.



- Or call the school in advance **(preferably before 8 AM)** and leaving a message on the answering machine if you know your child will not be in attendance
- **Non Emergency Early pick up:** email [info.mg@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:info.mg@sd68.bc.ca) (also copied to your child’s teacher) as early as possible (on the day of) so we can ensure your child’s teacher is aware. (include your child’s first/last name and time of pick up).
- **Non-Emergency Pick up at end of day (1:50--2:13).** We are a large school, with a busy parking lot, and students are not always in their assigned classrooms towards the end of the day. From gym, to library, to outside PE, buddies, music, band, support rooms, the list goes on, so

this email is a crucial part in allowing us to have the time to have your child ready as quickly as possible. If you are showing up without this notice, there will be a longer wait. **If requesting non-emergency early dismissal close to the end of the day bell (ie 1:50-2:13)** please ensure you have given the office good lead time.. **In an ideal day, students would not need to leave early during that last part of the day.**