



March 2018

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<http://schoolsweb.ab.ca/bccsb/na/na.htm>

FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parents:

How quick the time flies!! It seemed like just yesterday we came back from the holiday season and here we are approaching Spring Break (Good Friday and Easter Monday). A reminder Spring Break is for two weeks, Monday March 19 to Monday April 2. School will reopen on Tuesday April 3rd.

There has been a lot going on at Park Avenue the past little while, please do take some time to come to the school and walk through the halls to see all of the wonderful work the children are producing. I would like to thank our teachers, educational assistants and other support staff and school volunteers for their excellent work this school year.

Thanks, as always, to members of our PAC for their continued contributions to the school. The staff, and students of the Park Avenue community, appreciate your help and assistance.

Yours truly,
Mr. Robbie Dhillon
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-2018

Last Day before Spring Break + Easter	Fri. Mar 16
First Day back.....	Tues Apr 3
PAC (6:30 PM).....	Mon Apr 9
Spring Concert, 12:45-2:15 and 6-7:30 PM.....	Thurs May 3
Talent Show (PM)	Fri May 4
Pro-D (school based) (students do not attend)	Fri May 11
PAC (6:30 PM).....	Mon May 14
Victoria Day (students do not attend)	Mon May 21
School Track Meet (Gr 3-7).....	Tues May 22
Zone Track Meet.....	Wed May 30
Welcome to Kindergarten (AM).....	Fri Jun 1
District Track Meet.....	Thurs Jun 7
PAC (6:30 PM).....	Mon Jun 11
Formative Report Issued.....	Thurs Jun 28
Last Day of School (school dismissed at 2:37).....	Thurs Jun 28
Administration Day	Fri. Jun 29

LOST AND FOUND



Our lost and found box is located just inside the main door. Items from this bin are being placed in the hallways on March 7th (in the afternoon) and they will be out until Tuesday morning March 13th. Unclaimed items will then be bagged and donated to

charity. Feel free to come in and check the hallways. The school is generally accessible by 7 AM.

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR WEATHER CONDITIONS



The cool wet (and even snowy) weather has not left us and at this point looks like it will be around for a while. There may be 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 Park Ave 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.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

There will be an event for students (and parents/guardians) starting Kindergarten in September on **Friday June 1 in the morning, most likely 9:30-10:45 AM** the gym and MPR. **Please ensure you have registered your child for Kindergarten ASAP.** You do not need to preregister for this session, as we will be expecting most registrants to be present, along with parent and/or guardian.



ABSENCES OR LATES



If your child is absent or late for school, please phone the school as early as possible to notify the office (and preferably before 8 AM). The school office does have a 24-hour voice mail and you can leave a message stating your name, your child’s name, grade and teacher. This will avoid the phone call from the office to you in the morning, as well as help us to ensure all students are accounted for as quickly as possible. **On the topic of lates, please ensure your child arrives to school by 8:45.** Being late to class can impact your child’s day as critical information (ie shape of the day) is covered early on, as are the morning announcements. Being late can also cause distractions for students and staff.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2018-2019

To register your child in Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized registration began on **January 10, 2018th**. The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you.

Take a moment and ask yourself the following questions:

1. Is my child new to Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools?
2. Do I have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2018 that will be entering Kindergarten? **Applications must be received by June 15, 2018 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.**
3. Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion?
4. Do I want to register my child in Early French Immersion? **Applications will be received until January 31, 2018, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2018. Late French Immersion Students are placed as space permits.**
5. Do I want to register my child in secondary academies? (Hockey, Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Lacrosse, Baseball, Performing Arts or Jazz)
6. Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? **Applications are due March 31, 2018.**

For more information please visit the district website or by emailing ereg@sd68.bc.ca

A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT GRADE 7-8 REGISTRATION

Our Grade 7 students are automatically registered and scheduled at John Barsby Secondary for Grade 8, as John Barsby is our catchment high school. There is no need to apply to John Barsby Secondary as this is automatically taken care of for your child. Students wanting to transfer to a secondary school other than our catchment area high school, should notify their Principal and Grade 7 Teacher and apply online at <http://bit.ly/eregk12>.

Registration opened on January 10th. Out of catchment applications will be prioritized based on time and date stamp of the application as per Administrative Procedure 303

<http://bit.ly/studreg303>

If you currently live in the catchment area of another high school and your child plans to attend that high school (ie: not John Barsby) please ensure the student registration process is completed ASAP.