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 SECRETARY: Ms. Sharon Binng and Ms. Judi Miehle

## December 2018

### FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parents,

I can't believe we are nearing our break. Where has the time gone this school year? Thank you to our staff for their hard work and dedication to our students and your children over the past few months.



This is a busy school requiring many caring and dedicated professionals to make the school day a success for all. We have been fortunate to have cross-country, football, volleyball, and a drama club running the past while.

Thank you to Mr. Shaw, Ms. Smith, Ms. Frostad, Ms. Knight and Ms. Gauthier, for their extra work in these endeavours.

Finally thank you to all parents and guardians for the day-to-day work you do with your children not only at home, but also at the school. It takes a community to raise a child and I am so happy we are a part of this wonderful community.

Our winter concert is on Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1 PM and at 6- PM in our gym. As seating is limited, if you are able to, please come to the 1 PM show and if there any grandparents etc... who might be coming, please also encourage them to come to the 1 PM show. Our last day of school is Friday December 21<sup>st</sup> and school will reopen on Monday January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Yours truly,

Mr. Robbie Dhillon  
 Principal

### SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018-2019

Winter Wonderland.....	Tues-Wed Dec 18/19
Winter Concert (1:00 PM and 6:00 PM start) .....	Thurs Dec 20
Last Day before Holiday .....	Fri. Dec 21
First Day back .....	Mon Jan 7
PAC (6:30 PM) ( <b>new date</b> ).....	Mon Jan 14
Progress Report Issued.....	Fri Jan 25
BC Family Day (students do not attend) .....	Mon Feb 18
Non Instructional Day (students do not attend).....	Mon Feb 25
Non Instructional Day (students do not attend).....	Tues Feb 26
PAC (6:30 PM).....	Mon Mar 4
Formative Assessment Conference (Portfolio Style) (5:30-7 PM).....	Wed Mar 6
Last Day before Spring Break/Easter .....	Fri. Mar 15
First Day back.....	Tues Apr 2
PAC (6:30 PM).....	Mon Apr 15

Good Friday .....	Fri Apr 19
Easter Monday.....	Mon Apr 22
School Track Meet (Gr 3-7).....	Thurs May 9
Non Instructional Day(Students do not attend).....	Fri May 10
PAC (6:30 PM).....	Mon May 13
Victoria Day (students do not attend) .....	Mon May 20
PAC Fun Fair.....	Sat May 25
Zone Track Meet .....	Tues May 28
District Track Meet (Rotary Bowl) .....	Thurs Jun 6
PAC (6:30 PM).....	Mon Jun 17
Formative Report Issued .....	Thurs Jun 27
Last Day of School (school dismissed at 2:37) .....	Thurs Jun 27
Administration Day.....	Fri Jun 28

### 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 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.

### 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 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.**

## SNOW RULES

We'd like to remind parents of the "snow" rules at Park Avenue Community School. 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.

It is important that our students understand the rules and our concern that snowballs can cause serious injury.

## LOST AND FOUND



All lost and found articles will be put out in the main hallway by Friday December 14th. These items will be out until claimed or until the end of the concert on Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup> and

then will be bagged up and donated to charity. We invite students, parents, etc... to claim lost articles.

## SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2019-2020

**Please note the full information about school registration was sent out on our school list serve email on December 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Below are a few pieces of information:

To register your child in Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized registration will begin on **January 9, 2019 at 8 a.m.** Pacific Standard Time. 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, 2019 that will be entering Kindergarten? **Applications must be received by June 15, 2019 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.**
3. Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion? **(see list serve for more detailed information)**
4. Do I want to register my child in Early French Immersion? **Applications will be received until January 31, 2019, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2019. Late French Immersion Students are placed as space permits.**
5. Do I want to register my child in secondary academies? **(see list serve for more detailed information)**

**Applications will be received until March 15, 2019, at which time student selection will be determined either by lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified in May 2019.**

6. Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? **Applications are due March 31, 2019**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE [SD68.BC.CA](http://SD68.BC.CA) OR BY EMAILING [EREG@SD68.BC.CA](mailto:EREG@SD68.BC.CA)