



April 2020

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<http://schoolsweb.sd68.bc.ca/parkave/>

### FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parents:

Our staff is both excited and nervous as we make this transition to "online" learning. Staff have connected with families and now will be checking in weekly as well. If you see a missed call from "no caller id" please be sure to check your voice mail and/or email for these check ins.

As indicated in the communications home we know this is a different time for everyone and please don't feel obligated to have to get all the work done. We know the situations at home are different for every family and every child. The biggest piece is to make sure you are all healthy and safe.

If you have ever wanted to explore virtual field trips here are a few I have found: (just google the information, it will take you to the sites)

**Museums around the world are now offer virtual tours of their collections:**

- [The Louvre](#) and [Musee d'Orsay](#) in Paris
- [The British Museum](#) in London
- [The Rijksmuseum](#) in Amsterdam
- [The Guggenheim](#) in New York
- [The Vatican](#) and its [Sistine Chapel](#) in Rome
- [Google Arts & Culture](#) has content from more than 1,200 museums and archives, including 500 virtual tours
- [Stroll through The Royal Parks](#) in London and [Central Park](#) in New York
- [Explore Yellowstone National Park](#) and [the Grand Canyon](#)

We are thinking of each one of our families and the staff miss their in-person interactions with your children.

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

There is more COVID-19 information in this newsletter including a way to support the Foundation which is providing hampers to families right now.

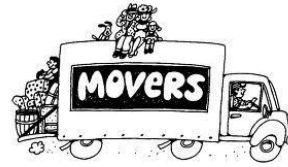
Yours truly,

Mr. Robbie Dhillon  
Principal

### SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020

-All dates are TBD and updated as we get more information

### ARE YOU MOVING IN OR OUT OF THE AREA?



If you are moving (and you child is changing schools) please advise the office ([info.pa@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:info.pa@sd68.bc.ca)) as soon as possible. Your co-operation greatly assists us in

determining our numbers and school organization for the upcoming school year. Please also ensure you have registered your child at your new catchment area school as well. If you know of a family moving into our school community (or has already moved in), encourage them to come in to register before June 15 as this is the district deadline for guaranteed placement in our school. After that date, we can still accept students from within our community providing we have room for them, but we may not be able to confirm this until September.

### PARENTAL REQUESTS FOR STUDENT PLACEMENT 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

We are in the process of planning the next academic year. It is important you trust the teachers and administration to build classes, which suit the students' both academic and social needs. We take a lot of care in doing classroom composition for each grade. We make up each class list in a way that maximizes the quality of teaching and learning conditions for all students. The decision for placement is based on many factors, such as: balancing academic ability, levels of independence, learning styles, social/emotional maturity, previous placement, and maximizing the positive learning environment for the whole class. The classroom composition for each grade has to reflect the acceptance of all individuals within an inclusive school as we attempt to provide appropriate educational programming to all children. If you have specific educational reasons/concerns, you would like us to consider about your child, **please contact Mr. Dhillon (in writing) ([rdhillon@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:rdhillon@sd68.bc.ca)) as soon as possible, but no later than May 21<sup>st</sup>.** We do consider these requests along with all other pertinent information provided by classroom teachers and support staff. Please note your request will be considered but we do not guarantee it can be honored. It does become an important part of our planning process. As teachers may change schools and grade groupings are dependent on our enrolment numbers and balancing learning needs, **please describe optimal learning environments without referring to specific teachers. We are not able to take requests for individual teachers.**

### SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2020-2021

Below are a few pieces of information:

To register your child in Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized registration began in January 8.

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, 2020 that will be entering

Kindergarten? **Applications must be received by June 15, 2020 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, 2020, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2020. Late French Immersion Students are placed as space permits.**
5. Do I want to register my child in secondary academies?

**Applications will be received until March 15, 2020, at which time student selection will be determined either by lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified in May 2020.**

6. Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? **Applications are due March 31, 2020**

For more information please visit, [www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca) or email [ereg@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:ereg@sd68.bc.ca)

### **NANAIMO LADYSMITH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION**

"The Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation has launched a hamper delivery program called 'Food4Schools' to help feed children in the region amid



the COVID-19 pandemic.

Food4Schools is helping provide meals for more than 650 students throughout the district who are typically enrolled in a meal program during the school year.

Since school closures were extended in B.C. several weeks ago due to the pandemic, students have not been able to access normal meal programs.

Now, Food4Schools hampers will provide each student and family with a week's worth of breakfasts, lunches and extra snacks."

**Please help us!! \$25 buys a student a weekly hamper. All donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt. (click below if you would like to donate)**

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/nanaimo-ladysmith-schools-foundation/>

For the rest of the article from CTV news, click the link below:  
[CTV NEWS COVERAGE](#)

### **LISTEN: THE BALLAD OF BONNIE HENRY BY PHIL DWYER**



**(JUNO AWARD WINNER)**

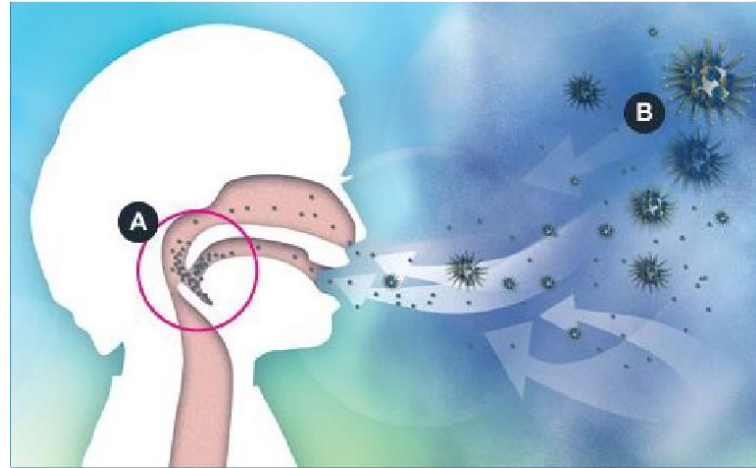
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### **THE NEED FOR SELF DISTANCING**

Wondering why it is recommended for individuals to remain 6 feet apart? This video shows how far microdroplets can reach, and how long they stay suspended in the air. Particularly interesting is the reach of microdroplets while having a simple indoor conversation. Watch:

<https://vimeo.com/402577241>



### **KEEP MOVING!**

Going for a walk, run or bike ride in your neighbourhood?

Keeping a safe social distance of at least 2 metres will keep your body AND your mind healthy! Despite similarities in the photos below I can confirm the pictures below are not of me (Mr.Dhillon), however I can confirm the April 15<sup>th</sup> photo is pretty darn close and April 21st is not looking any better...

