



The Eagles Nest



David Cameron Elementary School

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Dates to Remember

Thursday, September 22nd

- Fall Gathering/Meet the Teacher

Friday, September 23rd

- Beach Day/Bonding Day Grades 1-5

Wednesday, September 28th

- Terry Fox Run 1:15pm
- Cross Country Meet 3:30pm @ Juan de Fuca
- PAC Playground Committee Mtg 7:00pm

Wednesday, October 5

- Cross Country Meet 3:30pm @ Juan de Fuca
- PAC Tech Committee Mtg 7:00pm

Monday, October 10th

- Thanksgiving School not in session

Wednesday, October 12th

- PAC Meeting

Wednesday, October 13th

- Picture Day

Friday, October 21st

- Non-Instructional Day

Friday, October 28th

- Hallowe-en at DC

Thursday, November 10th

- Remembrance Day Assembly

Wednesday, November 11th

- Remembrance Day School not in session

Message from the Principal

Dear David Cameron Families

I am extremely excited to be starting my fifth year here at David Cameron Elementary School. We have enjoyed a super start up and I am pleased to report that the tone of the building is very positive and that the students seem settled and genuinely pleased to be back at school. Our grade 4 and 5 students have accepted the leadership role in the building and are carrying out these responsibilities extremely well. Mrs. Craig is currently processing all of our monitor applications and a new monitoring schedule will be published very shortly.

Once again we are asking families for your support as we continue to provide the best possible educational experience for all of our students. Throughout the year we will be providing helpful tips for families on how to support your child at school. Thanks in advance for your support with this, your efforts do have a huge impact on the overall success of your child and are greatly appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact us here at the school should you ever have any questions or concerns.

Scott Manning

A Message from our Occupational Therapist:

My name is Krista Nakatsuka and I am pleased to once again be supporting your school as the consulting Occupational Therapist. I am at the school on a weekly basis and as part of my role, I have specific students on my caseload as well as providing general support for the school such as setting up the sensorimotor circuit/bootcamp. I work in classrooms, the gym, the playground and attend meetings such as School Based Team as well as providing in-services (printing, movement breaks, self-regulation) in some classes. If parents have any questions about my role or their child's development, they can contact me at 250-474-9864 or email me at knakatsuka@sd62.bc.ca.

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Let's Read

We are pleased to offer a daily reading at home program where students read for 15 to 20 minutes each night. Students complete forms for 25, 50, 75, 100 nights and so on. These forms are returned to teachers and students are recognized for their efforts at our weekly assemblies with a ribbon. When they reach 100 nights, students may choose a book. Reading every night for 15 to 20 minutes will support your child's classroom program and further enhance their growth in reading.

As a challenge to all classes, the first class to all complete 25 nights of reading will receive an ice cream party!!



Getting Active @ David Cameron



Last week we initiated a school wide fitness program at DC. This program is intended to not only increase the physical literacy of our students but we are also hoping that it will help students focus more in class and be able to resolve conflicts more appropriately. Initially the program will include students from grades 1-5 and will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Students will continue to report to their classrooms for attendance and then will move quickly to their fitness activity for 20 minutes of vigorous physical activity. We currently have three stations that students will be participating in; school wide run, school fitness circuit, and aerobics in the gym. On these mornings please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for physical activity. Thanks

Cross country

We will be starting practices for cross country beginning next Monday before lunch every day. Cross country is open to all students in grades one to five. The first practice is for students to "try it out". Then students who enjoy running will continue to come out to practices. Permission forms will be sent home by the end of next week for interested students. We will have a **school bus** available to take students to Juan de Fuca but **Parents are expected to provide transportation from the races.**

Dates: Wednesday, September 28 and Wednesday, October 5

Times: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. (parents should arrive early as there is limited parking down below)

Races- Grade groupings - 1/2, 3s, 4/5s.

Location: lower parking lot of Juan de Fuca and the surrounding trails

Access: the gate through DND property will be open after the races to allow parents to exit from the lower lots

Martina Craig,
Vice Principal



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Beach Day/Bonding Day

Thank you to our wonderful PAC, we will be having a school community bonding day for grades 1-5 on Friday, September 18th at Esquimalt Lagoon. Permission forms will be sent home on Friday and will be due back on Wednesday, September 16th.

We will be leaving the school by bus at 9 a.m. and returning by 1:30 p.m.

Please ensure students are dressed for the weather which can change quickly.

Layers are suggested.



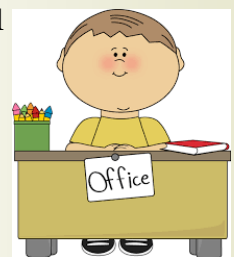
Welcome Back Gathering



On Thursday, September 22nd we will be hosting our Welcome Back Gathering. We are hoping that the weather will cooperate and that we can meet on the back field at 6PM. We will have an opportunity to introduce staff and share some thoughts about how we are working to make this the best year ever at DC. At approximately 6:30 families will be welcome to visit with teachers in their classrooms. We will conclude the evening with cake at 7:00 PM outside the building. If it is raining we will host the initial phase of the evening as well as the cake in the gym. We look forward to seeing you all on the 22nd.

Monitors

Applications for monitors have just gone out to our grade four and five students and these are due back on Wednesday, September 16th. Students may apply for lunch monitoring, office monitoring, library monitoring, and service monitoring. These applications are for the first term from September to the end of January. As a thank you for their contribution, all monitors will be participating in a swim trip to Juan de Fuca pool. Thank you very much to those students who are currently helping out in classrooms for the first few weeks and in the office while we process the new applications. Monitors provide a valuable service to the school community and we appreciate their dedication and commitment.



Cell Phones at School

We are aware that many students have cell phones and bring them to school each day. Students are asked to check their phone into either the office or to a pre-determine location established by the classroom teacher at the start of each day. If families need to contact students during the day please call the office. Thanks for your help with this.

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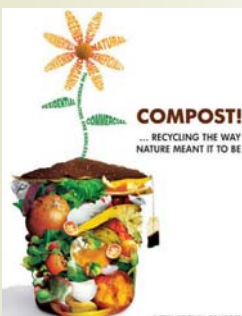
Animals on the School Grounds

I know that many families like to walk their dogs to the school when dropping off or picking up students. Unfortunately for student safety we are asking all families to please comply with the School Board policy that prohibits animals from being on the grounds. Please see the attached policy for additional information and thanks in advance for your cooperation with this.



Eating at School

This year we will be implementing the CRD regulation that prohibits compostable materials from being placed in the garbage cans. Each classroom has been provided with a small container for holding organic waste materials. These containers will be emptied on a regular basis by our school custodians. We are asking students to continue to pack out all other waste materials generated from their lunches. Thanks again for your support with this.



Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up at DC

Families are asked to please comply with all signage in our parking lot. This summer we had curbs repainted and additional signs added to help ensure that our parking lot is safe for everyone, especially during the peak times of the day. We also had curbs added to ensure that walkways were safe for everyone. Thanks for your help to ensure that our parking lot is safe for everyone...



School District #62 (Sooke)

ANIMALS ON DISTRICT PROPERTY & IN CLASSROOMS	No.: D-121
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SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

The purpose of this policy and procedure is to ensure the greatest possible level of safety for students and staff with regard to animals on School District property and in school buildings.

In general, animals are not allowed to be on School District property. This general prohibition includes domestic dogs, cats, birds, and other pets, and especially applies to potentially dangerous exotic animals.

Some exceptions may be allowed, only with the prior approval of the Principal, and could include:

- Vision, hearing and service dogs.
- Police dogs under the control of a police officer.
- Pets for show-and-tell.
- Small pets kept in classrooms under the supervision and care of a teacher.
- A demonstration at a school assembly.

Prior to allowing animals in schools or classrooms, steps are to be taken to ensure that students and employees are not allergic to the presence of these animals, that the animals will present no physical danger to students or employees, and that the animals are free from any disease or parasites. Prior to introducing any animals into classrooms and using animals as part of the educational program, teachers shall make all efforts to ensure that students receive instruction in the proper care and handling of animals.

Owners of animals will be responsible for the safe and sanitary removal of their pet's excrement from buildings and grounds.

Venomous snakes and insects will not be allowed on School District property or in school buildings without the written consent of the Principal who will be satisfied that they are caged and present no safety issues.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

The Principal must give prior approval before ANY animal is allowed on School District property or in school buildings during school hours, after taking into account any allergies or specific concerns anyone in the school may have. The Principal will only be able to give approval for the exceptions listed above. Any requests that fall outside of this policy shall be referred to the Assistant Superintendents.

The intent of this policy is to be communicated by the Principal to all staff, students and parents in the month of September with the beginning of the new school year.