



APRIL—MAY 2021

Hoping everyone was able to create some memorable moments over our recent spring break and April long weekend. We are moving very quickly into our final term of the 20-21 school year and look forward to some warmer weather. As weather warms, we ask that students work hard to follow our school dress-code, which is fairly straightforward. Key items would be around proper foot wear, and clothing that provides appropriate coverage. The warmer weather has arrived and we will have an increase in Bee/Wasp activity on our school fields & playgrounds—on occasion we ask for support from District Maintenance to help reduce the likelihood of stings. One reminder to students—that hat wearing may be allowed in class-at the discretion of their teacher, but hats are not to be worn in our common areas of the school. On occasion, students may receive gentle reminders.

We are beginning the process of building classes for our next school year, if you have new students registering with us, please connect with either myself—kmcgifford@365.sd58.bc.ca or Mrs. Russell—arussell@365.sd58.bc.ca with information. Further to that, our Grade 7 cohort will be making some zoom connections (tours) with the staff at Merritt Secondary School. We want to provide the students with a sense of the school, and positive connections with MSS—the transition could cause some worry and we want to support the transition as best we can.

We are hopeful of 100% parent and student participation when completing this years' Student Learning Survey. Communication has gone out to parents of our grade 4 and 7 students. The Student Learning Survey will close on April 30th this year. We will be placing a Diamond Vale Spirit Order out with our current supplier, please submit order forms by April 22nd.



Our **Breakfast Programs and Hot Lunch Programs** are working out very well, thanks to Linda and Rita for their efforts. We will be looking at possible increases in cost to families (Hot Lunch Program only) but will do our very best to balance cost with excellent healthy meal options. Ultimately doing what we can to provide affordable options, you may notice a small increase later this school year, but most likely an impact in September 2021.

**Please continue supporting us by completing Daily Health Checks prior to arriving at school. Also helpful is completing drop-offs and pick ups as close to the bells as possible, doing so allows us to avoid cross cohort crowding at the start and end of the day. We very much appreciate your support! Your support is truly making a difference.

