

December 2020

The virtue of the Month is: Generosity



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Generosity is giving and sharing. It is giving freely because you want to, not with the idea of receiving a reward or a gift in return. Generosity is being aware that there is plenty for everyone. It is seeing a chance to give what you have and then giving just for the joy of giving. It is one of the best ways to show friendship.

Important Dates to Note:

December 18th- Last day of classes before winter break

School wide PJ Day -annual custom

January 4th - Schools re-open after winter break

School Information:

School Wide Door decorating 😊





Mrs. Currie



Mrs. Dodd and Mrs. Skarbo

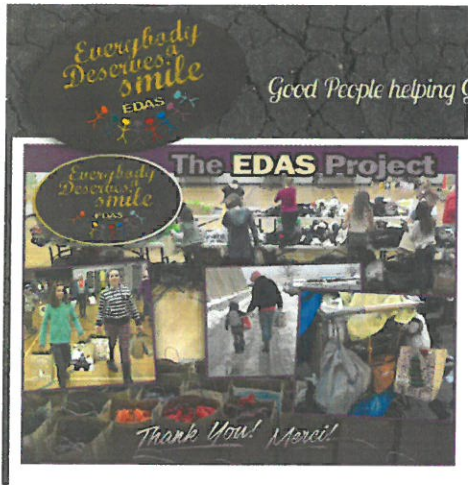


Mrs. Collins

Mrs. McNeil

SILLY SWEATER DAY





Cinnabar students have been working on heartfelt envelopes and cards to be distributed to inspire hope and light and lift- up the spirits of those who may need it most in our community.



Division 12 Gets very creative!

News from our Library

We have NEW book series about:

- *Growth Mindset
- *Migration/Immigration
- *Protecting the Oceans



- *Refugees
- *Forces, Electricity, Sounds, materials, etc.
- *Protecting the planet
- *Animal Habitats

Mrs. Stone would also like to thank her AMAZING student volunteers – (helpful holiday elves), making things run smoothly and festively in the library.



Lost and Found

We will display all items on tables outside the front doors on Thursday, Dec. 17th and Friday, Dec. 18th (before and after school) prior to the Winter break.

Student Drop Off/Pick Up: We continue to urge parents/families to exercise caution when dropping off or picking up children. When you are dropping off/picking up children, please keep physical distance (2 meters) in accordance with COVID-19 protocols and/or wear a mask. We would ask that you encourage students that are able, to walk independently to the lineup. If you are staying after school for your child to play on the playground, please keep distance and/or wear a mask. Adults without masks should not be in close proximity to other students. Thanks for helping to keep our school community as safe as possible. Because people are standing together for a period of time, we recommend parents/families wear masks to assist in keeping our school community healthy.

In addition, please be reminded not to double park behind parked cars, when picking up at 2:26... there is too much congestion, which makes it difficult for

vehicles to exit, and is unsafe for our students leaving the building. We appreciate your attention to our concerns!

Homework for Absent Students - During these unprecedented times, we understand that parents/guardians will make decisions in the best interest of their children and potentially keep children home (at different times throughout the year). Please understand that, at this point in time (Stage 2), we do not have the capacity for teachers to create two programs for students. Stage 2 dictates that schools are providing in class instruction. Students are welcome to use anything online set up by the classroom teacher (e.g. Teach Your Monster to Read, Prodigy, Mathletics, Google Classroom. Additional suggested educational activities for students who are absent might be:

1. Daily Reading - discussing characters, main events and setting.
2. Writing - keep a journal about daily events in their life and/or summarize/respond to text that's been read or watched
3. Math - play math games (cards, board games, dice game)
4. Free Educational Links -

<https://www.teenbookcloud.com/autologin.aspx?u=sd68&p=login>

https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/auto_login.aspx?u=sd68&p=login
www.education.com

<https://www.coolmathgames.com/>

<https://code.org/>

Thank you for understanding and supporting our staff who are committed to providing safe, caring and inspiring classrooms for our students.

District News



You will find this video on our \$D68 page

EASE at Home (for Parents and Caregivers)

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the EASE classroom activities were adapted for use at home by parents and caregivers to support children's mental health and continuous learning.

These fun and practical strategies help guide parents and caregivers in managing their children's anxiety and worries in the comfort of their home during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/mental-health-substance-use/child-teen-mental-health/ease>

Animals in School Settings:

The Board of Education believes that a safe environment free of animals is desirable for its students and employees.

With the exception of Assistance Dogs, animals, including all pets, should not be kept or brought onto school properties, into schools or district facilities. The presence of animals presents many problems which include safety and liability issues. It is strongly encouraged that any animals found inside a school or district facility or on school grounds be removed immediately. Classrooms projects where animals are included or long-term education-focused exhibits may be excluded at this time, with principal approval.

Ministry of Education & [@Safer Schools](#) have partnered to create a resource for parents to help raise digitally responsible youth.

The guide includes parenting tips, info as well as details about video gaming saferschoolstogether.com/wp-content/upl...

SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2021-2022

The online, centralized registration will begin on January 6, 2021 at 8 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

The following information will help determine if this process applies to you.



FOR MORE INFO? WWW.SD68.BC.CA
OR EMAIL ereg@sd68.bc.ca

ASK YOURSELF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

- 1 Is my child new to Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools?
- 2 Do I have a child turning five years old on or before December 31, 2021 entering Kindergarten? Applications must be received by June 15, 2021 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.
- 3 Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion? Late French Immersion Students are placed as space permits.
- 4 Do I want to register my child in Early French Immersion? Applications will be received until January 31, 2021, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2021.
- 5 Do I want to register my child in secondary academies?

Lottery	Hockey	Soccer	Beach Volleyball
Try-outs / Audition	Lacrosse	Performing Arts	Jazz

Applications received until March 1, 2021, at which time student selection will be determined either by lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified in May 2021.
- 6 Do I want to register my child or a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? Applications are due March 31, 2021.



Kindergarten

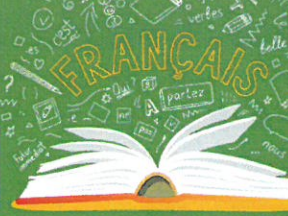
Registration starts now ...



-  If your child will be turning five years old before December 31, 2021, it's time to register for Kindergarten.
-  Online registration will begin on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 @ 8:00 a.m.
-  Registration is online only at:
www.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/registration-information
Questions: ereg@sd68.bc.ca



LATE FRENCH IMMERSION GRADE 6



Late French Immersion (LFI) is a two-year intensive program offered to students who have successfully completed Grade 5.

SPACE STILL AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 2021

The program is offered at
École Quarterway Elementary.



If your child is entering Grade 6 in September 2021, they are eligible to enrol in LFI and obtain a bilingual Dogwood certificate upon graduation.



FULLY FUNDED WITH NO ADDITIONAL COSTS.

Registration is accepted through the Online Central Registration process.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT

Arlette Begoum-Kake
(École Quarterway
Principal) for more
information about Late
Immersion entry.

250-754-6845

