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LDSS News

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Our Principal's Message



Welcome to fall as we are settling into this school year. We have some important attachments to this newsletter and some notable events in the coming weeks. Attached to the newsletter is both our Code of Conduct and our school Cell Phone policy. Both align with school district policies, and both are reviewed annually with adjustments made in May/June for the coming school year. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

LDSS releases two lists of names to organizing parent groups related to graduation ceremonies. This does not include any contact information and is for the purpose of ensuring that all students and families are included in these important life

events. Grade 12 student names are released for the planning of the Grande March which is a parent run event. Later in the spring we provide a list of grade 11 students as those students and families assist with set up and clean up the year prior to grad so that in their own graduation year, they are free to enjoy the ceremonies. Please let the school know if you do not wish your student's name included. In the PAC corner within this newsletter, you will find the link to the PAC Chair's email.

We have had our school photos. Retakes are October 27th. Next week on Thursday, September 29th, we will have visits from Post Secondary institutions. These information sessions are targeted to our senior students. That same day, we will have a brief assembly to ensure that students have context for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on the 30th. Leading up to that, staff have an important day of learning this week on Friday, September 23rd.

As most of you are aware, we, like many employers, are short staffed in all areas of the system including teachers, student support staff, clerical, custodial, and bus drivers. If you, or anyone you know might be interested, please have them contact the Vanderhoof office at 250-567-2284 and ask for HR. Finally, activities are in full swing. Girls' volleyball and Boys' soccer are practicing. The student run video game club, Smash Brothers, has started meeting at lunch in room 216 on Wednesdays. This week Project Trails has been out at Kager Lake.

Student and Family Affordability Fund

As announced on August 29, 2022, the Province is helping to make back-to-school more affordable for students and their families who are struggling with rising costs of living due to global inflation. Through the Student and Family Affordability Fund, our school has received funding to ensure students are fed and have the school supplies they need to be successful this year. This one-time funding will help our school to expand food/school meal programs, make sure students have the school supplies they need, and cover any additional fees so that students in need can take part in activities, such as field trips and sports. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Grant at the school.



LAKE DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL

CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of our Code of Conduct is to provide a safe, caring and orderly environment. At LDSS, we respect the diversity of our school community and the Human Rights Code which prohibits discrimination on the grounds of ancestry, race, colour, family or marital status, physical or mental disability, place of origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression and age.

At LDSS students are expected to:

- Be aware of and follow all school rules;
- Dress in a way that is appropriate to the learning environment;
- Attend classes punctually and regularly;
- Behave in a safe and responsible manner at all times;
- Work cooperatively and diligently at their studies;
- Respect the rights of all persons within the school;
- Respect the legitimate authority of the school staff;
- Respect the school's facilities and the property of others;
- Respect the diversity of our school community and the BC Human Rights Code.

Examples of unacceptable behaviours include, but are not limited to:

- Disruptive, disrespectful or unsafe behavior
- Threatening, bullying or harassing behaviours (including social media)
- Wearing clothing with messages of violence, hate, drugs, alcohol, or profanity.
- Fighting, intimidation and/or threatening behavior
- Possession of weapons, firearms (including replicas or imitations) or any object that is potentially dangerous
- Possession of, or being under the influence of, drugs and/or alcohol
- Use of tobacco, tobacco products or "vape" type products on school property

Consequences for inappropriate behaviour may include the following:

- Warning
- Restitution or restorative action
- Parent contact and/or meeting
- Time out or alternative workspace
- Suspension (in school or out of school)

Consequences take into account the students' age, and maturity. Special consideration may apply to students with special needs. All reasonable steps will be taken to prevent retaliation by a person against a student who has reported a breach of a code of conduct.

I certify that I have read and understand the LDSS Code of Conduct:

Print First and Last Name (*required*)

Signature



7 July 2022

LDSS Cell Phone/Headphone Policy

The staff at LDSS recognize that technology can be a powerful educational tool. We want you to use your phone to enhance learning, without being a distraction to yourself or others.

Guidelines

Here are the general guidelines that teachers and administrators will follow to help students learn to regulate their cell phone use.

- Classroom teachers will post the rules for appropriate cell phone and headphone use.
- Cell phones should be set to Silent or Airplane Mode when students enter a classroom*.
- Phones may only be used in classrooms with express permission from the teacher.
- Phones are not to be used in the gym, office, or restrooms.
- Staff members may confiscate phones of students who do not follow the rules.

Consequences

The following consequences are in place for students who do not follow teachers' posted rules and/or the guidelines listed above**.

1st incident: A verbal warning.

2nd Incident: Teacher keeps phone until the end of block. Teacher will contact parent and inform the office.

3rd Incident: Phone is turned in to the office until end of day. Parent contact will be made and pick up of phone arranged.

4th incident: Consequences may include:

- A meeting with parents and administration
- A "phone plan" lasting from 2 to 6 weeks***.
- In School Suspension for 1-3 days.

*Exceptions may be made upon advance notice for students who use phones to monitor documented medical necessities or emergencies such as family illnesses.

**The administration reserves the right to adjust these consequences on a case-by-case basis if needed. For example, extreme behaviors that break the law or engaging in bullying or harassment of other students may result in suspension.

***During this time, the student will be prohibited from using any cell phone on school grounds. The student's phone must remain at home or be turned in to the office at the beginning of each day to be and not picked up until after the end of the instructional day.



VOLUNTEER

COACHES



NEEDED

DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, OR SOCCER? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN COACHING ONE OF OUR SPORTS TEAMS? CONTACT PATTI DUBÉ BY EMAIL (PADUBE@SD91.BC.CA) OR PHONE (250-692-7733) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

**LDSS
PAC
Corner**

Next PAC Meeting:

Tuesday, September 27th @ 6:30 pm

Contact the PAC Chair (Pam Higginson) at:

ldsspacchair@gmail.com

ldsspacfacebook@gmail.com

School District 91 is Hiring

External Postings

Please read the following instructions to apply:

1. Send an email to cupejobs@sd91.bc.ca.
2. Make sure the posting number is in the subject line (i.e. Posting # __), the position name is in the email and you include a cover letter and resume.
3. You will receive an email upon receipt of your application.

**At this time, we are not accepting Word, Pages or Googledoc attachments.
Please make sure all documents are submitted as PDF.**

All Communities

 [Casual Bus Drivers Fall 2022](#)

Burns Lake

-  [001 MorningNoonBusPlayground Supervisor DLES external](#)
-  [009 Relief Bus Driver Route 500 BL external](#)
-  [021 Relief Learning Support Worker WKES external](#)
-  [025 Relief Learning Support Worker DLES external](#)
-  [026 Relief MorningNoonBusPlayground Supervisor DLES external](#)
-  [029 Personal Attendant Autism Grassy external](#)
-  [036 Personal Attendant Autism WKES external](#)
-  [046 Learning Support Worker WKES external](#)
-  [054 Personal Attendant Autism WKES external](#)
-  [063 Relief Learning Support Worker WKES external](#)
-  [081 Relief Learning Support Worker LDSS external](#)

LDSS UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

September 20 th – 22 nd	Project Trails Out
September 23 rd	District Planning Day - NO CLASSES
September 27 th	PAC Meeting 6:30 pm
September 29 th	Post-Secondary Institution visits for Grades 10 to 12
September 30 th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - NO CLASSES
October 10 th	Thanksgiving Day – NO CLASSES
October 19 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews - Early Dismissal
October 21 st	Pro-D Day - NO CLASSES
October 27 th	Photo Re-Takes
November 11 th	Remembrance Day - NO CLASSES
November 22 nd	Report Cards Mailed Home
November 25 th	Pro-D Day - NO CLASSES
December 17 th – January 2 nd	Winter Break