

DSS News

Principal - H. Grant

Vice-Principal – T. Fraychineaud

Counsellors - T. Brown and K. Dezamits

Wednesday, September 15th, 2021

Our Principal's Message



Welcome back to school. For teachers, September is like our "New Year". It brings a promise of new successes and always brings fresh energy. This year is no different. We have welcomed approximately 40 new learners to our school, which puts our enrollment at its highest point in recent years. Staff have been working tirelessly, well maybe they are a bit tired, to help students get settled and adjust to our new routines. Following are some key points to help the year get started smoothly:

- Call the school to excuse student absence.
- A "Daily Health Check" is required. Thank you for keeping sick learners at home.
- Teacher email addresses can be found on our website (ldsss.sd91.bc.ca).
- Homework policy is enclosed.

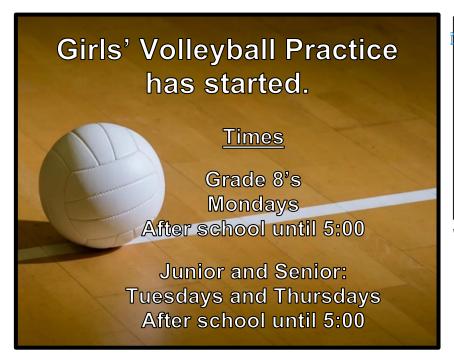
Most importantly, we cannot do anything about something we do not know about. Please contact LDSS at 250-692-7733 with any questions or concerns.

LDSS STUDENT ABSENCE AND HOMEWORK

Teaching and learning today are interactive and experiential in nature much of the time. Participation in discussion and activities are part of the learning and assessment. For learners to fully engage in the instruction they need to be in class. The classroom experience cannot be "packaged up" and sent home in most cases.

School policy for homework for missed classes is as follows:

- 1. Students must see the teacher outside of class time upon return and arrange a time to go over missed learning and assignments.
- 2. Students are expected to use Friday mornings (8:48 9:30) and their own time to complete missed work.
- 3. Many teachers have websites or email set up to assist students with missed classes.
- 4. For an extended absence, an alternate project may be assigned.
- 5. Except in rare circumstances, assignments will not be provided ahead of time.
- 6. Homework will not be provided on a day-to-day basis for absences.
- 7. For complex or extended absence, parents are encouraged to contact one of our school counsellors.
- 8. Parents must report student absence to the office (it is not sufficient to tell the teacher).



School photos will be taken on September 22nd





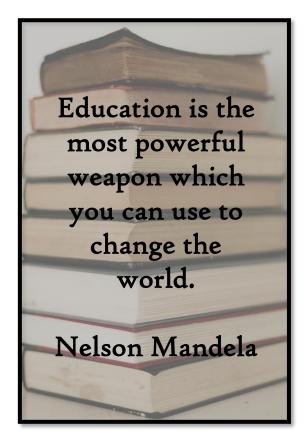
School Board Meeting

Monday, September 20, 2021 6:00 pm

Public Attendance Notice:

***Due to current public health and safety requirements, we are requesting that members of the public interested in attending this meeting, contact Tracy Austin at taustin@sd91.bc.ca or 250-567-2284 prior to the meeting.





LDSS UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

September 20th – School Board Meeting

September 22nd – School Photos

September 24th – District Planning Day (NO SCHOOL)

September 29th – Orange Shirt Day

September 30th – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

October 11th – Thanksgiving

October 22nd – Professional Development Day

November 11th – Remembrance Day

November 26th – Professional Development Day

December 20th - Winter Break Begins

January 4th – First Day Back to School

February 11th – Professional Development Day

February 21st – Family Day

March 21st – Spring Break Begins

April 4th - First Day Back to School

April 15th – Good Friday

April 18th – Easter Monday

April 29th – Professional Development Day

May 13th - Professional Development Day

May 23rd – Victoria Day

June 17th – Commencement Ceremony