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# LDSS 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 ([ldss.sd91.bc.ca](http://ldss.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).

## Girls' Volleyball Practice has started.



### Times

Grade 8's  
Mondays

After school until 5:00

Junior and Senior:  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
After school until 5:00



### **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](mailto:taustin@sd91.bc.ca) or 250-567-2284 prior to the meeting.

**School photos  
will be  
taken on  
September 22<sup>nd</sup>**



## **DISTRICT PLANNING DAY**

**Friday,**

**September 24th**

**No School!**



**Education is the  
most powerful  
weapon which  
you can use to  
change the  
world.**

**Nelson Mandela**

### **LDSS UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS**

September 20<sup>th</sup> – School Board Meeting  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> – School Photos  
September 24<sup>th</sup> – District Planning Day (NO SCHOOL)  
September 29<sup>th</sup> – Orange Shirt Day  
September 30<sup>th</sup> – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation  
October 11<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving  
October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Professional Development Day  
November 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day  
November 26<sup>th</sup> – Professional Development Day  
December 20<sup>th</sup> – Winter Break Begins  
January 4<sup>th</sup> – First Day Back to School  
February 11<sup>th</sup> – Professional Development Day  
February 21<sup>st</sup> – Family Day  
March 21<sup>st</sup> – Spring Break Begins  
April 4<sup>th</sup> – First Day Back to School  
April 15<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday  
April 18<sup>th</sup> – Easter Monday  
April 29<sup>th</sup> – Professional Development Day  
May 13<sup>th</sup> – Professional Development Day  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Victoria Day  
June 17<sup>th</sup> – Commencement Ceremony