



400 Campbell St, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 3G7  
Telephone: 250-754-2722  
School Year: 2019-2020  
November 2019

Principal: Shannon Apland  
Secretary: Shawna Amstutz (temp)  
Jennifer Mile (on leave)

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## **Principal's Message**

October came and went in a blink of an eye!

It was such fun to end the month with a wonderful whole school costume parade. Thank you to the grade 6/7 helpers and Mme. Suzanne and Withers for organizing the event. The music and décor added to the ambience and the costumes were fantastic.

Congratulations to all the students who joined the Cross Country team on finishing the Zone meet on October 29th. You all ran your hearts out! For those who qualified, districts are November 5<sup>th</sup>. Permission slips went out and we need them back in!

Good luck to our Bantam Football team during playoffs.

I wish everyone a very happy month of November!

*Sincerely,*  
*Mme. Apland*

## **Absences**

If your child is absent from school or you know of dates your child will be away, we would ask you to please give the school a call by 8:35 am at 250-754-2722. If we are unavailable to take your call, please leave a detailed message on our answering service. Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us.

## **Remembrance Day Assembly**

Assembly will take place in the gym at 10:00am. Doors will be open at 9:50am for parents wishing to attend.

## **Parent Advisory Committee**

The next meeting for the Parent Advisory Committee is Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the library. Free child-minding is provided as well as free pizza! *Hope to see you there.*

## **Supervision before and after school.**

The school provides supervision 15 minutes before school and after school. Students should not arrive at school prior to 8:30 am, unless they are attending the onsite daycare or are signed in with an adult in charge for a sporting practice. Similarly, please ensure that your child(ren) are picked up at the end of the day by 1:52 pm (Mondays) and 2:52 pm (Tuesdays-Fridays). Students whose parents are late will be asked to remain at the office. If you know you will be late, please contact the office a *minimum of 15 minutes before the end of the day*, so that the office staff can locate your child and relay the message.

Please note that the alley and Scout Hut are not part of our school grounds, nor part of the city partnership area for our school use. We do not have security or sweeps in that area.

Please ensure you arrange to pick up your child(ren) from the FRONT of the school for their safety.

## **Library News**

The library has a treat of some great new books. Thank you to PAC for their generous funding of library books and also to the Rotary clubs for their gift certificate for schools at their used book fair. And to families that have donated some gently used books as well. Even if some titles are duplicates, the books are tucked into the little book nook for students to access every day.

The very best support is, of course, reading at home. Did you know that hearing stories read has significant benefits too? Even older kids love to hear stories. Grownups too for that matter. Books and stories are sweet treats and play no tricks on teeth.

## **TRAFFIC SAFETY AND COURTESY**

Another friendly reminder: If you are walking to and from Campbell Street, please use the side walk that leads you to the school from the street on the left side of the school (closest to Caledonia Clinic). Cutting through the parking lot is not safe.

Remember to dismount and walk all wheels on SD68 property.

Alternatively, if you are coming from the Field area please use the stairs that pass by the portable. They are not as slippery as the dirt path. Bikes can be pushed up dirt path.

*Thank you for respecting these asks to help keep our parking lot and drop/off pick up as safe as possible.*

### **Staff Parking Areas**

We ask everyone to please respect the Staff Parking areas including the one on the right side of the office near the big rock and tree. Please do not wait in this area. Rather assemble on the inside of the fire gate towards the portable or to the left of the kindergarten room near the nature playground. We have had staff cars accidentally scratched by people congregating there. *Thank you so much.*

### **Important Upcoming Dates to Note**

- **NOV 5: District Cross Country Meet**
- **NOV 8: Remembrance Day  
Assembly 10:00am**
- **NOV 11: Remembrance Day – No School**

### **School Calendar for 2019-2020**

Schools Open for Students Tues, September 3  
 Non-Instructional Day (School-based Pro D Day) Friday, October 11  
 Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 14  
 Non-Instructional Day / Pro D Day (Provincial PSA) Friday, October 25  
 Remembrance Day (Observed) Monday, November 11  
 Last day of classes before Winter Vacation Friday, December 20  
 Schools Re-Open after Winter Vacation Monday, January 6  
 BC Family Day Monday, February 17  
 Non-Instructional Day (NDTA District Pro D Day) Monday, February 24  
 Non-Instructional Day (School-based Pro D Day) Tuesday, February 25  
 Last Day of Classes before Spring Vacation Friday, March 13  
 Schools re-open after Spring Vacation Monday, March 30  
 Good Friday Friday, April 10  
 Easter Monday Monday, April 13  
 Victoria Day Monday, May 18  
 Non-Instructional Day (School-based Pro D Day) Friday, May 29  
 Administrative Day - Schools are closed Friday, June 26

**Calendar can be found at link below:**

<https://www.sd68.bc.ca/documents/2019/03/2019-20-school-calendar.pdf/>

