



May 20, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Staff:

Re: Information Bulletin

Heading into the May long weekend is always an indicator that we are in the final stretch of the school year. Our schools and the District have been very busy preparing for the usual year end celebrations. This was highlighted on Thursday night as the District hosted the 10th Annual Aboriginal Achievement Awards. It was a wonderful evening that brought the community together to honour and celebrate the successes of Indigenous students in our schools. The community is proud of the students and all of their accomplishments.

Journey of Truth and Reconciliation

This is also a time to reflect on where we are on the journey of Truth and Reconciliation. The District acknowledges May 27th as the one-year anniversary of the discovery of the remains of 215 children buried at the site of a former residential school on the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation in Kamloops. Throughout the year, the District has made efforts to increase learning opportunities focused on anti-racism, diversity and inclusion. We recognize that more work is needed but we are committed to working together to ensure all students feel a sense of belonging in our schools. The District believes strongly in what Justice Murray Sinclair, Former Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission has said, "Education is what got us here, and education is what will get us out."

Transition and Return to Traditional Practices

As we continue to return to some of our more traditional events, I want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation of students, staff and families for their collaboration and support during this transition. The District is excited that school communities are able to plan graduation ceremonies, transition celebrations, arts and musical theatre productions, sports games, and PAC fairs. We recognize how much time and energy is required from staff and volunteers. We know that the positive impact these events have on our students make it worthwhile. Thank you for continuing to work together to build community!

Graduation Ceremonies

Graduation events have already begun. It is great to hear from our grade 12 students, staff, and families about the return of grad cruises and award ceremonies. Our schools have dates set and are finalizing various grad commencements and dinners. Please join the District in congratulating all of our graduates as they reach an important educational milestone. We are looking forward to ensuring our grads have a positive, meaningful, and memorable send off into their next phase in life.

Summer Session

As you are aware, the District offers educational programming during the summer. We are pleased to report Summer Session registration is open and the response from students and families has been positive. We have had more than 2,300 students register for courses. We do our best to ensure learning opportunities are available for students. We encourage families to review and consider these offerings as a way to support their child's learning. For more information, please visit our website [here](#).

Budget Consultation 2022-2023 Update

In March, the District invited the community to take part in the Budget Consultation. The response was impressive. There were more than 2,100 survey responses and the open-ended feedback was rich and relevant to our work in helping build on education improvements. Here is what we learned as a District.

- ✓ The community is engaged and passionate about education matters and the budget.
- ✓ The community appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback.
- ✓ The community values equity.
- ✓ The community prioritizes class size and composition, and adequate support for diverse learners and vulnerable students.
- ✓ The community prioritizes literacy, social emotional learning, and the mental health and well-being of students.
- ✓ The community prioritizes improving facilities and improving classroom resources.
- ✓ The community has an interest in early learning.

Results can be reviewed in more detail on our website [here](#). Thank you for your participation. This high-level of engagement makes me proud to be a part of this learning community.

As you begin your long weekend, please take a moment to reflect on how far we have come along as a community. I am certain we will continue to face challenges, but I am confident we will be able to get through them together. Enjoy your time with your loved ones.

Sincerely,



Mal Gill

Superintendent of Schools

Cette notification est importante. S'il vous plaît demandez à quelqu'un pour la traduire afin d'être bien informé(e) à propos de l'école.

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Este es un aviso importante. Por favor consiga que alguien se lo traduzca para que usted pueda mantenerse bien informado sobre la información de su escuela.

Ito ay isang mahalagang notisya. Mangyari po lamang ay magkaroon ng taong tagasalin ng wika upang ikaw ay maging batid tungkol sa impormasyon ng paaralan.