



**May 2021**

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**M**ay has almost come and gone and we now have only 4 weeks of school left. Dr. Henry's announcement earlier this week has given us hope that September may be the start of a more "normal" year.

We have a busy last 4 weeks planned although it will look very different from previous Junes. Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Croucher have been working very hard to capture this year in an amazing yearbook and it is almost ready to go to the printers. Information on how to order a yearbook will be coming home soon.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to work towards making our Parking Lot a safe place to be. Our bus drivers are appreciative of you not parking in the entrance way as this makes their job a lot easier.



I am attaching the 2021-2022 School Calendar to the end of this newsletter so that you are aware of some of the dates that have already been decided upon.

Please continue to do the Daily Health check each morning before you send your child to school. Thank you for your support.

Until next month!  
Janine

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – Beach Day  
Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – Johnston's Meat Pick UP (5PM – 7 PM)  
Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – Kinder Fair (8:30 – Noon) for our new incoming Kindergarten students  
Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – Hot Lunch – White Spot  
Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – Johnston's Meat Pick UP (9AM – 10 AM)

Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – PAC Meeting on Zoom @ 7 PM – PAC Elections  
Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> – Christmas in June  
Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Backwards Day  
Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Hot Lunch – Pizza  
Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> – Squad Day – Dress like your friends/squad  
Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day  
Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – Last Day – Dismissal @ 11:34 AM  
Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – Teachers Only

Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> – Welcome Back (8:30 – 11:36) – Early Dismissal  
Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – (8:30 – 2:36) for Grades 1 – 5. New Kindergartens will receive a different schedule.

## FREEZIE FRIDAYS



The Cops for Cancer team usually visits us during the month of September. They are great ambassadors for Cancer Awareness and over the years have supported our families when they have had loved ones battling cancer.

September is a busy month with Back to School, the Terry Fox run, etc. So, this year, Mr. Hagkull and Ms. McCurdy are going to fundraise for Cops for Cancer in June. On Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup>, and June 18<sup>th</sup> we will be selling Jumbo Freezies for \$2.00 or ½ a Jumbo Freezie for \$1.00. We will be taking orders/money on Thursdays and the freezies will be delivered to the classrooms at lunch time on Fridays.

Thanks for your support.

## CLASS PLACEMENTS

In early June, we will begin the thinking and planning process for student placement for the September 2021 school year. The placement of students in classes is a very thoughtful and complex process. During our placement discussions, consideration is given to many factors such as: a child's learning styles, behavioural and social needs, peer relationships, class size limits, class composition, grade balance - if it is a split class, male/female ratio, as well as the instructional needs in the class.

A reminder that we must consider all factors related to creating an educational sound placement for each child and while friendships and teacher requests are important and factors that are considered. We may not be able to accommodate the number of requests we receive when weighed against all of the educational factors of designing a classroom.

When drafting the classes for the following school year, the school team invests significant time to consider all of the above factors. We value the input of parents and require that parent’s input is provided at the time the classes are drafted, rather than in the Fall.

If you would like to provide input based on educational sound reasons specific to the learning needs of your child, please send an email to Janine McCurdy at [janine\\_mccurdy@sd33.bc](mailto:janine_mccurdy@sd33.bc). or drop a note off at the office by **Friday, June 4, 2021.**

Requests for changes to student placement in September can quickly create a domino effect and negate the original design of the classroom based on all of the students’ needs, the social groupings and the balance in the classes. These changes then create a ripple effect in the design of several classes throughout the school. **Therefore, requests for changes to classes will not be made in September, unless there are exceptional circumstances.**

## PAC MEETING



Our next PAC meeting will take place on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 PM. parents are invited to attend. A Zoom link will be emailed out to parents in a separate email.

This is our Elections meeting. If you are interested in letting your name stand for a position on the Executive or would like more information, please email [sardis-pac@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:sardis-pac@sd33.bc.ca) to let them know.

## FUN FRIDAYS

Here is a list of the remaining themes that the Grade 5’s decided on for Fun Fridays. They may change!! Fridays are not meant to be stressful so if you chose not to participate on some Fridays, that is totally fine too.

- May 28 – Beach Day
- June 4 – Christmas in June
- June 11 – Backwards Day
- June 18 – Squad Day – Dress like your friends



### Sardis Elementary 2021-2022 School Calendar

Days in Session	182
Number of Instructional Days	175
Number of Non-Instructional Days	6
Schools Open	September 7 Early Dismissal (11:36am)
EARLY DISMISSAL 11:36am	October 8
Thanksgiving Day - Statutory Holiday	October 11
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #1 (Pro-D Day)	October 22 (Provincial)
EARLY DISMISSAL 11:36am	November 5
Remembrance Day - Statutory Holiday	November 11
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #2	November 12 (School Based)
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #3	November 26
Schools Close for Christmas Holidays	December 17
Christmas Holidays	December 20 to January 3
Schools Reopen after Christmas Holidays	January 4
EARLY DISMISSAL 11:30am	February 17
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #4 (Pro-D Day)	February 18 (District)
Family Day - Statutory Holiday	February 21
Schools Close for Spring Vacation	March 18
Spring Vacation Period	March 21- April 1
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation	April 4
Good Friday - Statutory Holiday	April 15
Easter Monday - Holiday	April 18
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #5 (Pro-D Day)	April 29 (CTA)
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #6	May 20
Victoria Day - Statutory Holiday	May 23
EARLY DISMISSAL 11:36am	May 27
Last Day for Students	June 23 Early Dismissal 11:36am
Administrative Day	June 24