## Skeena Middle School

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Principal – Mr. Phillip Barron Vice-Principal – Mrs. Sonja Donnan Vice-Principal – Mr. Joe Dominguez

## **Bell Schedule**

8:40	Warning Bell
8:45-9:50	Period 1
9:55	Period 2
10:10-10:20	Grade 8 Break
10:20-10:30	Grade 7 Break
10:30-10:40	Grade 9 Break
11:05-12:10	Period 3
12:10-12:58	Lunch
1:03-2:08	Period 4
2:13-3:18	Period 5

#### **Student Absenteeism**

Please remember to contact the school whenever your son or daughter is going to be away from school. If you send a note with your child, please have the note delivered to the main office first. If the absence is going to be for an extended period of time i.e. more than one day, we can put a homework request out to teachers if your child is ill.

## **Students Leaving the School**

In the interest of student safety, any students who need to leave the school for any reason, i.e. an appointment, home for lunch – are required to sign out at the main office and to sign back in upon return.



March 2021 Newsletter

Dear SMS Families,

Spring: "a lovely reminder of how BEAUTIFUL change can truly be".



We share this photo with you as a reminder of the beauty that is coming our way. With the much anticipated and much deserved Spring Break around the corner, SMS teachers have been very busy preparing report cards in the last couple of weeks. We are very thankful for all the hard work our teachers and support staff have been pouring out for our students.

Please take time to enjoy time with our family.

Principal Vice-Principal Vice-Principal Mr. Barron Mrs. Donnan Mr. Dominguez

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

March 15<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

March 29<sup>th</sup>

March 31<sup>st</sup>

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

April 5<sup>th</sup>

SPRING BREAK

Back from spring break

PAC Meeting @ 7 pm

Good Friday (No School)

Easter Monday (No school)

#### Visitors and Guests to the School

All parents/guardians, visitors and guests are required to call first. Please follow the COVID-19 protocol posted at the entrance after you enter the school. Wearing a mask is mandatory before entering. Thank you.

## BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK



Check out a wrapped book, take it home and unwrap it. Get to know each other. If you hit it off, introduce it to your friends! There won't be any awkward feelings if you don't like your date, but you might find the match of your dreams! Don't forget to fill out the "Rate Your Date" form on the back of your book and enter our draw. Don't judge a book by its cover!

Thank you, Ms. Hansen, for this innovative idea!

#### **OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS**

A friendly reminder to all parents to check for with your children if they have books that need to be returned in the library. Your help is much appreciated.

## **Concours d'art Oratoire**

Concours d'art oratoire is a French speaking competition for French second-language and first-language students across Canada. This public speaking competition for youth, who are learning French in school, is a great way to honor their many hours of hard work and to celebrate official language bilingualism in Canada! The contest is open to students in every province and territory and in a wide range of age/grade categories and French abilities. Thousands of students participate every year in communities big and small, for the opportunity to win prizes or scholarships to postsecondary institutions.

Felicitations! Here are the grade 7 winners, at the school level:

First Place: Hannah Thomson
Second Place: Jesse Hanna
Third Place: Ciara McKay
Francophone Category Grade 7:
Roan Vigneault

# CMSD82 STRATEGIC PLANNING ENGAGEMENT – FEBRUARY 17 TO APRIL 15, 2021



Coast Mountains School District 82 is holding a series of virtual Strategic Planning Engagement Sessions. Help us plan for our students' future by getting involved. To learn more, please go to <a href="http://cmsd.bc.ca/25107-2/">http://cmsd.bc.ca/25107-2/</a> and you will be given a quick overview on the process.

<u>Introductory Video – CMSD82 Strategic Planning Process</u> <u>CMSD82 Strategic Planning Engagement Invitation Poster</u> <u>Thoughtexchange</u>

We look forward to your participation and welcome your input. #NAUWU ... "Nothing About Us Without Us"

Should you have questions, please email: <a href="mailto:strategic.planning@cmsd.bc.ca">strategic.planning@cmsd.bc.ca</a>

## **COVID – 19 Reminder**

Thank you to all of you who continually monitor your child's health before sending him/her to school. It is expected that you will do your part and continue with this practice to ensure the safety of your child and everyone else. According to BCCDC document (Appendix C p. 23), it is also expected to conduct a daily health check before sending your child to school. Please use the table below to determine if you should send your child to school that day.

## **Daily Health Check**

<b>Key Symptoms of Covid-19</b>	Circle	One
Fever	Yes	No
Chills	Yes	No
Cough or worsening of	Yes	No
chronic cough		
Shortness of breath	Yes	No
Loss of sense of smell or	Yes	No
taste		
Diarrhea	Yes	No
Nausea and vomiting	Yes	No

If a student is experiencing any of the key symptoms of Covid-19, they should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, the child may return to school if they feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

## **New Covid-19 Protocol for Middle Schools**

- 1. Masks must be worn in all indoor spaces in middle schools. However, there are exceptions, and they include:
  - If students can be seated independently with 6 feet between them and the next student, masks are not required. However, if they get out of their workspace, they must put their mask on. Otherwise, masks are required in all classes, as well as other spaces within the school.
  - If there is a physical barrier between students like a plexiglass shield, masks can be taken off. When students are eating or drinking.
- 2. Staff are required to wear masks in classes when they are teaching. The exception would be if a teacher is at their desk and there are no students near them, or if they have a plexiglass barrier between them and their students. If students come to a teacher's desk for help, both student and teacher should have a mask on. The same is expected if teachers are circulating helping students.
- 3. Gym classes that involve high-intensity activity should take place outdoors if possible, and if indoors, ensure that there is appropriate physical distancing between students. If physical distancing cannot be maintained, students must wear masks.
- 4. Music classes now have a mask requirement when students are singing, and while playing instruments, students must be physically distanced.
  - Masks must also be worn when students are on a school bus. This includes students going on field trips.