



Georgia Avenue News

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Principal's Message:

Welcome back! I hope everyone's winter break was restful and fun. We have quickly got back into the swing of things. Here are a few things happening to note:

Traffic Safety: We recently completed talks with our Grades 4-7 students. Please check your email or the newsletter section of our school website to see some of the key points we discussed. Also just a reminder to parents to please use extreme caution in our parking lot and drop off zone. Please do not stop and leave your vehicle while in the drop-off lane as we have had vehicles blocking bus and wheelchair access. Also, when dropping your child off please only use the right side of the drop-off lane. This ensures that your child gets out of the vehicle and is immediately on the sidewalk rather than having to walk through traffic.



Thank you for your attention to this matter.

School Enrolment for 2021-2022 Year: Registration for next school year is now underway. If you know anyone with an upcoming Kindergarten please let them know that now is the time to register through our central registration at: <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/registration-information/>. Additionally, if you know of any changes for your child in regards to next year, please contact the school. This is useful information in helping us determine staffing levels required in the future.

Run Club: We have approximately 170 runners on our roster, who come out Wednesdays and Fridays during long recess. Congratulations to the following students who recently earned their 10 KM ribbons: Alen A, Bailey B, Becca A, Brandon H, Amber F, Diaa, Erin D, Eve-lyn, Evelyn R, Great, Greysen B, Hashem, Iyaad, Jack T, Kaydence A, Saber, Saxon, Linden, Lujain, MacKenzie, Majed, Massa, Virtue, Xavier, Zuri, Ronin C, Nita, Monica S, and Molham. We have four students who have recently earned their 25km ribbons: Dani B, Leen, Rafaat and Tasneem. Awesome running!!

Georgia Avenue Spirit Wear Clothing: As a response to many requests to order Georgia Ave. clothing, we will be doing orders again. Please keep an eye out for an email containing an order form and instructions soon. We will be using the school district's cash online system to accept payment. If you have not yet registered, please refer to the instructions later in this newsletter.

Upcoming Progress Reports: These reports will be emailed to you from your classroom teachers on **February 10th**. The following video is helpful to parents in understanding our reporting process. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wf5YhHrRlqs&feature=youtu.be>

Due to the pandemic and the impact to students, families and schools, students began our year with a greater variety of needs than in previous years. We know that the pandemic has affected our students and families in different ways. For some students, learning progress may look different this year. We encourage parents to celebrate the learning growth through these Progress Reports and be assured we are working to help every student grow and learn.

Lisa Frey, Principal

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER: Our COVID guidelines call for more outside time for our staff and students. Please assist by making sure that your children are dressed for and prepared to be outside during inclement weather.

Reminder of **COVID Food Guidelines:** Students should not be bringing food items to share with other children, even if they are individually packaged.

Thank you

Dates to Remember

Important Dates:

February 2	PAC Meeting 6:30 pm
February 10	Progress Reports Emailed Home
February 11 & 12	Pro-D Days—School Closed
February 15	Family Day Holiday—School Closed
March 12	Last day before Spring Break
March 29	Welcome back from Spring Break
April 2	Good Friday Holiday—School Closed
April 5	Easter Monday—School Closed
May 7	Pro-D Day—School Closed
May 24	Victoria Day Holiday—School Closed
June 29	Last Day in Session

BELL SCHEDULE:

Mondays-Fridays

8:45—10:15	Morning session
10:15-10:30	Recess
10:30-11:45	Morning session
11:45-12:20	Noon Recess
12:20-2:25	Afternoon Session

COVID SAFETY REMINDERS: Student Drop-off and Pick-up

We continue to urge parents/families to exercise caution when dropping off or picking up children. When you are dropping off/picking up children, please keep physical distance (2 metres) in accordance with COVID-19 protocols and/or wear a mask. We would ask that you encourage students that are able, to walk independently to the lineup. If you are staying after school for your child to play on the playground, please keep distance and/or wear a mask. Adults without masks should not be in close proximity to other students. Thanks for helping to keep our school community as safe as possible. Because people are standing together for a period of time, we recommend parents/families wear masks to assist in keeping our school community healthy.

Student Drop Off
& Pick Up



Check out what’s happening in our library: <https://georgiaavenuelibrary.weebly.com/>

EMAIL COMMUNICATION/NEWSLETTERS:

Please ensure that your email addresses are up to date and on the new student verification form. A monthly newsletter and other notices will be emailed out. Newsletters will also be posted on our school website at: <https://ge.schools.sd68.bc.ca/>

STUDENT FORMS/PAYING FEES ONLINE:

For those who have not yet signed up, please register for a School Cash Online account. This account includes the ability to pay for school items, fees, online and includes very important documents that you are now able to sign online. Below is important information on how you can register for the School Cash Online platform where you will be able to pay for your child’s school fees and electronically sign consent forms.

NOW
AVAILABLE

Make online payments with
SchoolCashOnline

- ✓ Field Trips
- ✓ Sports Events
- ✓ Activity Fees

Consent forms include: Student Google Suite for Education (this will allow a student to access Google and use Google Classroom), Media Releases, Technology & Internet Use, Walking Field trip consent.

Paying and Signing Forms Online is Fast and Easy

Paying school fees and signing school forms online is fast and easy and can be done from any computer or smartphone. Get setup in three simple steps:

1. Create your Profile: click here while holding down the Ctrl button <https://nlps.schoolcashonline.com/> and then click “Register”
2. and fill in all appropriate fields.
3. Confirm your email: check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.
4. Add a Student: Click “Add Student” and fill in the required fields with your child’s details.

More information and instructions on how to sign up and use School cash Online are available here while holding down the Ctrl button: <https://helpdesk.supportschoolcashonline.com/en/support/home>


SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO WEATHER:

It is that time of year again, when the school district would like to remind parents about school closure procedures. The most common reasons that schools might be closed are dangerous road conditions due to a heavy snowfall or ice, or long-term power outage.

If you are wondering if schools are open on a particular day, for the most current updates listen to local radio stations (**WAVE 102.3 FM and WOLF 106.9 FM**) in the mornings.

We also attempt to put an announcement of any school closure on the school district website, www.sd68.bc.ca, and on Twitter and Facebook, but our ability to do so could be affected by such things as power outages and technical issues. If there is no announcement on the website or social media, please be sure to listen to local radio stations.

We would like to remind parents that it is their right to make the final decision as to whether it is safe for their children to travel to school on any given day. While the district strives to make the best decision possible for students across the district, there may be circumstances in your neighbourhood that lead you to decide to keep your children home, even though schools are open.



SNOW
DAY!

