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REPORT CARDS

TERM 2 REPORT CARDS WILL BE PUBLISHED ON MARCH 11TH. PAPER COPIES WILL ONLY BE SENT HOME UPON REQUEST TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER. IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY ACCESSING THE PARENT PORTAL, PLEASE CONTACT MS. MORRIS: CMORRIS@SD73.BC.CA



BASKETBALL @

DT

CONGRATS

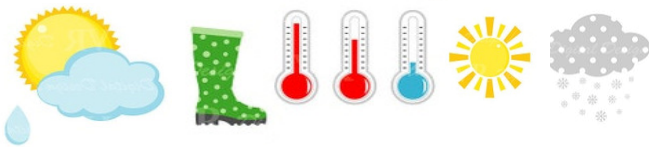
to DT's Girls and Boys Basketball Teams!

THANK YOU

to our coaches for their dedication and time:

- Coach Garvey
- Coach Brown
- Coach Barwise
- Coach Marchese
- Coach Schroeder
- Ms. Baker - Teacher Sponsor





Spring Weather

Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for all of spring's weather elements. Now, and as with every spring season, we are between huge puddles and ice patches out in the school yard and field. It would be helpful if you can **please pack an extra change of clothes with your children** just in case, they happen to get wet while playing outside. **All students require clean, appropriate inside shoes especially for their time in the gymnasium.**

SCHOOL HOURS & BELL SCHEDULE

8:00am – OFFICE OPENS

8:20am – DOORS OPEN FOR STUDENTS

8:30am – CLASSES BEGIN

10:00-10:15am RECESS

12:15pm-12:30pm– LUNCH – EAT FIRST

12:30-1:05pm – OUTSIDE TIME - PLAY SECOND

1:10pm – CLASSES RESUME

2:34pm – DISSMISSAL TIME

3:30pm – OFFICE CLOSSES

Classes begin at 8:30am. Doors will open to students in the morning at 8:20 am, allowing sufficient time to be ready for the start of the day. Parents, if you must drop your child off earlier than 8:20 am, please note that there is **no supervision** available as teachers are preparing for the day's instruction. Students must wait outside until the 8:20am bell, unless weather conditions are extreme. Also, please note, there is no supervision for students after school as well. All students are expected to go home after they are dismissed at 2:34pm, unless they are accompanied by a parent/guardian. This is to ensure the safety of all students at DT.

SPRING BREAK & EASTER

Spring Break: March 16th -27th - Back to school on March 30TH.

Easter 2026: April 3RD - Good Friday * April 6TH - Easter Monday

Application for Transfer Requests

We would like to advise all parents and caregivers that request for student transfers for the 2026-27 school year will be accepted starting March 1, 2026, and will end at noon on August 30th, 2026. All submissions must be made in writing and forwarded to the receiving school's Principal. All decisions regarding student transfers will be in accordance with Board Policy 300.1 School Boundaries and Student Transfer Requests .



Our School Parking Lot

Our school's parking lot continues to be a huge safety concern for us. Parents/Guardians please note: the school parking lot is reserved for staff parking only. The wheelchair accessible spaces are reserved for those with a valid placard and who legitimately need a closer parking space. When dropping off or picking up your children, please use the drop and roll area in front of the field on Pine Springs or park up Pine Springs Rd towards Bebek. Please be courteous to our neighbours and do not block any driveways. We have witnessed a few close calls and would hate to see anyone get injured in the parking lot. Thank you for helping keep our DT community safe!



★ PAC MEETING ★

Wednesday, April 15th @ 6:30pm!

(Please note there will not be a PAC meeting in March)



VIEW DT'S NEWSLETTERS ONLINE

<https://dthompson.sd73.bc.ca/en/whats-happening-news/newsletters-weekly-updates.aspx>



To help keep arrival and dismissal times safe and running smoothly, each division has been assigned a specific doorway for students to use when entering / exiting the school. With nearly 300 students entering and exiting the building, assigned doorways help prevent congestion and injuries. The front entrance is reserved for students arriving after the 8:30 a.m. bell, for parents/caregivers, and for bus students at the end of the day. Thank you so much for your cooperation and for helping us maintain a safe and organized environment for everyone!

STUDENT PLACEMENTS 2026-27

IT IS THAT TIME OF THE YEAR, TO START PLANNING FOR THE 2026 - 2027 SCHOOL YEAR. IF YOU FEEL YOUR CHILD WILL REQUIRE SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR SPECIFIC LEARNING OR SOCIAL SUPPORT, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO PRINCIPAL GUNNLAUGSON BY APRIL 1ST WHICH SPECIFICALLY OUTLINES THE RATIONALE FOR THE REQUEST. DGUNNLAUGSON@SD73.BC.CA

THIS REQUEST WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE PRINCIPAL AND STAFF ON THE BASIS OF THE REASONS PROVIDED. OTHER FACTORS SUCH AS MAINTAINING AN EVEN BALANCE OF STUDENT ABILITY LEVELS, SPECIAL SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS AND CLASS SIZE AND CONFIGURATION ARE PRIORITY FACTORS THAT SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT THE DECISION OF CLASS PLACEMENTS. FREQUENTLY, DUE TO THESE FACTORS, PARENT REQUESTS MAY NOT BE GRANTED.



Community News



Get ready for a summer of shredding with DMB Mountain Bike Coaching Kamloops!

Join our 10th season and win a \$950 Marin Bikes Canada bike from Cycle Logic! Register by May 2nd to enter.

Choose your program:

- Groms (7/8yo): July 6-10, 8:30am or 10:15am
- Lil' Rippers (9/10yo): July 13-17, Beginner & Intermediate sessions
- Shredders (11-13yo): Boys Only! July 20-24, 8:30am; Girls Only!, 10:45am

Register March 8th at ccnbikes.com or DM Coach Chris for more info!

Register for your chance to win a new bike!

KIDS

\$175 per week (plus taxes/fees)

Summer Bike Camp

Fun & Inclusive Mountain Biking Lessons
DMB Mountain Bike Coaching Kamloops

MON-FRI

Ages 7 to 13

co-ed & girls only programs

Registration Opens March 8th at 8am

<https://ccnbikes.com/#/events/dmb-mountain-bike-coaching-summer-2026-camps>

250-574-6221
dmbbiking@gmail.com

Cycle Logic

MARIN BIKES

HEAD LICE & TICKS

As a precautionary measure, we are asking that all parents/guardians take a moment and carefully check your child(ren) for head lice. In recent weeks, a few cases have been reported and we want parents/guardians to be aware and take immediate action if necessary. As the snow melts, soon ticks will be a concern as well. Please be on the look-out for ticks in your children's hair as well.

HOW TO CHECK:

Step 1: Find a comfortable well-lit spot.

Step 2: Check the hair from the scalp to the end of the hair strand. First, look at the hair at the back of the neck, behind the ears and above the forehead. Then, check the rest of the head.

Step 3: You are looking for live lice and/or eggs. Nits (eggs) are attached to hair close to the scalp. Nits are white to light brown in color and may be confused with dandruff. Nits are firmly attached to the hair and do not move unless you slide them down the hair strand.

Step 4: If you find a louse or nit, check all household members. Treat only those who have head lice or nits. Please see attached.

Step 5: Let the school know if your child has head lice or nits.

Remember:

- Make weekly head checks part of your routine.
- Scratching and itching of the scalp may be a sign of head lice.
- If your child has long hair, keep it tied back.

Please contact Kamloops Public Health Services at 250-851-7300 for further information.

MARCH 2026



<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u> <u>Whitespot</u> <u>Lunch Day</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>06</u> Kamloops Lion Dance for Lunar New Year	<u>07</u> <u>PAC Tumbleweed</u> <u>Toys Fundraiser</u>
<u>08</u> 	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u> <u>Edo Japan</u> <u>Lunch Day</u>	<u>11</u> GR 7 SNACK SALE 11:45AM-12:15PM Art Starts Performance – 'The Trollsons'	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> <u>Fun Lunch</u> <u>Pizza Friday</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> 	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> <u>Welcome Back!</u> <u>School</u> <u>Resumes</u>	<u>31</u> <u>Pasta</u> <u>Lunch Day</u>	<u>April 1</u>	<u>April 2</u>	<u>April 3</u> <u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> <u>NO SCHOOL</u>	

SPRING BREAK

LOST & FOUND!

Please stop in and check out the lost and found trollies which are in the front hallway by the gym. We are hoping some of the many items will be claimed before Spring Break. Please also encourage your children to come and have a look through the items to see if they recognize anything that is theirs.



MAKING BANNOCK

with Ms. McLeaf



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SO GOOD

