

Grade 8 Transition to High School

By now all grade 8 parents should have received a letter from us to let you know where we expect your child to be going for high school. If the information in that letter is incorrect then please contact us here to make us aware of the mistake. If the high school identified is not the school you or your child wishes to attend, then you will need to put in a transfer request between the dates of February 8th and February 11th. The forms required to do this will be available on the district website as of February 8th. If you would like more information regarding this process, please visit the district site and look under the registration tab.

All that Mud!

This is just a reminder to families that this year we are outside for all our breaks and recesses. Of course, this is the rainy season so the school grounds have lots of puddles and mud. Please dress your children appropriately for the weather. A pair of rubber boots and a basic raincoat are ideal gear for the next couple of months.

Topher Macintosh, Principal

PAC MEETING - Tuesday, January 19, 2021

In light of the current guidance from our Provincial Health Office, Colquitz PAC meetings will be held virtually until further notice. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month starting promptly at 6 p.m. A link to the meeting will be sent by email to anyone wishing to attend. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 19th.

Please advise PAC Chair Kindree Draper (kindreedraper72@gmail.com) at any time to receive the meeting link.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 21, 2021 - Divisions 7 and 11 are Skating from 10 a.m. to Noon.

Thursday, January 28, 2021 - Divisions 10 and 13 are Skating from 10 a.m. to Noon.



Lost and Found is on Display!



We have all our lost items on display in the front foyer until next Friday. Please ask your child to look for any clothing, water bottles, hats, boots etc. that they may have lost.

Items are spread out and easy to spot!

**Monday, January 25, 2021-Professional Development Day-
Classes are not in session.**



Twin Day is Coming! January 28, 2021

Pink T-Shirt Order Form

[Order form-Pink T-Shirt.pdf](#)

2021 Pink Shirt Day Poster Contest!

**Theme:
Kindness is
My Super Power!**



Poster Contest Rules

- ❑ One entry per person
- ❑ Size is no more than 8.5" X 14" (this is in inches)
- ❑ Poster theme **Kindness is My Super Power!**
- ❑ Poster contains the words **Pink Shirt Day 2021**
- ❑ If you have a photograph of an individual as part of your poster, please confirm that you have their permission to use the photo.
- ❑ Submit poster in PDF format
- ❑ Include your name, school and grade (does not need to be part of the poster)
- ❑ Submission deadline: **January 29, 2021**
- ❑ Submit posters via email to efernyhough@sd61.bc.ca with subject: Pink Shirt Day Poster Contest

The concept and images of the poster should be based on the benefits of kindness.
Winning posters will be reproduced and posted in schools to promote Pink Shirt Day 2021!

Prizes: The school will receive **\$200 for Art Supplies**

The artist will receive a **\$50 gift card** from one of the following:

Bolen Books, Subway, Tim Hortons, Boston Pizza, Michael's



Hi everyone! Our Go Girls in-school program has now been switched to an Online platform (Zoom) and is open once again to all female-identifying youth aged 11-15 living on Vancouver Island and surrounding communities.

This online program had it's second group of girls and the program went so well that we have expanded the program capacity to 100 participants!

Please look over the attached flyer. It is completely free, run by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Victoria, and facilitated by fully screened (criminal record check and references included) and trained volunteer facilitators. The program runs once week for ten weeks, comes with a free supply kit, and you can sign up with a friend! Groups will be starting in the second or third week of January depending on how registration goes. Start date could be pushed back to February if the situation permits.

They meet for 1 hour and 15 minutes virtually over Zoom in either the afternoon or the evening, and do games, crafts, activities, discussions and more! The group is all about reducing stress, promoting active lifestyles, self-love and self-care, spreading kindness and improving social connection in a time of physical distancing! This program also includes a free supply kit for pick-up in Victoria.

To register your child online, follow this link: <https://victoria.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/gogirls/> or see the

attached flyer for the registration link.

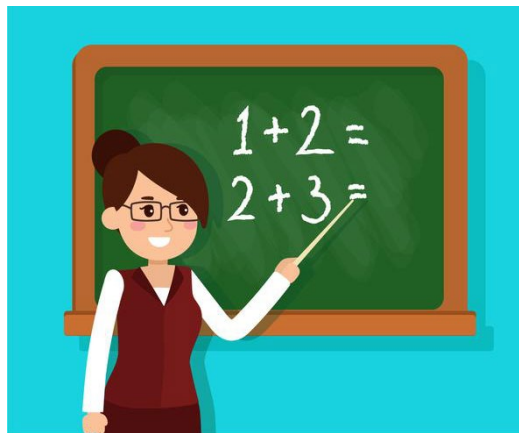
If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to email the Program Coordinator Taylor Watson at taylor.watson@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

[Go Girls Online Program Registration - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Victoria and Area](#)

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Modern Math with Nikki Lineham



The PAC of MacKenzie Elementary would like to invite the Colquitz community to a parent education night called 'New Math Tips for Families' with guest Nikki Lineham of [Educating Now](#). It will be hosted over Zoom on Thursday, January 21 from 7:00pm - 7:45pm. If you can make it, please consider joining and registering at: bit.ly/newmath2021

Please look here for more information: [McKenzie PAC Presents.pdf](#)

Please see below for upcoming information that you may be interested in: The first link is sponsored by UBC and is called

"Mind the Heart - Supporting children's emotional well-being with emotional intelligence during challenging times"

This 30 minute, self-paced workshop will provide you with 6 evidence-based parenting strategies designed to help you de-escalate challenging moments with your child, strengthen your relationships with them, and help them build their social and

emotional skills... important ingredients for being resilient in difficult times!

[Online_parent_learning_study_flyer.pdf](#)

This second link is a 90-minute presentation followed by a 30-minute Q&A. As a parent, you lead the charge as a digital role model. Help your child develop a strong digital citizenship foundation while reminding them that their digital tattoo reflects their real and online selves. Parents have an important role to play in providing support and guidance during critical periods. A snapshot of current trends and concerning apps will be provided to equip you in your digital parenting strategy.

[Safer Schools - Social Media Awareness Symposium - Jan 19, 2021.pdf](#)

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