

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, Oct. 8, 2018
Thanksgiving Day

Friday, Oct. 19, 2018
NID Day – No School

Monday, Nov. 12, 2018
Remembrance Day Stat

November 20-22
Early Dismissal Days
1:39PM dismissal

Friday, Nov. 30, 2018
NID Day – No School

Dec 24, 2018 – Jan 4, 2019
Winter Break

January 28, 2019
NID Day – No School

February 18, 2019
Family Day – No School

March 18 - 29, 2019
Spring Break

April 12, 2019
NID DAY – No School

April 19 – 22, 2019
Easter Break

May 20, 2019
Victoria Day

May 31, 2019
NID Day – No School

June 28, 2019
Last day for Students.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Monday, October 8 – Thanksgiving – No School
Friday, October 19 – NID – No School

ALLERGY AWARENESS

We currently have students that are subject to Anaphylactic reactions in relation to a number of foods beyond just the nut allergies that we have dealt with in the past. With this in mind this may be a good time to remind everyone about our Allergy Awareness policies. In the event that any student in any classroom has significant allergy to any food item, that food item cannot be brought into that classroom. In the event that a classmate brings a food item that may cause an allergic reaction in their lunch by accident, that student will need to eat their lunch in another classroom and wash their hand/face thoroughly before returning. If you have any further questions or concerns please contact the office or the classroom teacher.

USE OF WHEELS AT SCHOOL

Some students may want to bring wheeled items to school such as roller blades, scooters, bikes or skateboards. Please be aware of the following expectations:

1. Wheeled items can only be used around the school in designated areas. At Polaris this means on the paved area at the back of the school.
2. These items can never be used anywhere near where large groups of people are or likely to be.
3. Proper safety equipment must be worn at all times. This means a helmet for all items and knee pads/elbow pads for a skateboard.
4. NO TRICK RIDING OR JUMPS OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED.

*****STUDENT VERIFICATION SHEETS*****

We still have a number of students that have not returned their verification sheets. Please fill out your child's verification sheet and return to the school as soon as possible making any changes and signing the back page. Upgrades to the MyEd Student Database resulted in contacts being removed from every student. Therefore it is very important to have these forms returned as soon as possible. We need to ensure we have accurate contact and health information about your child. Please print clearly 😊



At Polaris Montessori

*We will empower students,
families, and staff.
Follow the core principles of
a Montessori philosophy.
Harmonize the best of what
the Montessori and B.C.
Public Schools' curriculum
have to offer.
Create a school culture
where everyone feels,
connected, cared for,
respected, safe and happy.
Ensure that students and
staff will be successful
within the broader
educational community,
to help students and staff to
be self-directed, self-
monitoring, risk takers.*



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BEAR AWARENESS

Although there have not been any bears spotted on or near our school campus, there have been frequent sightings in our neighbourhood. With this in mind, it is a good time of the year to go over Bear Awareness strategies with all children. Specifically, all children should be on the look out for bears whenever they are in wooded settings. They should also try to walk in groups and make lots of noise as they travel. For more information check out the Northern Bear Awareness site at <https://www.northernbearawareness.com/>

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We would like to remind everyone that wishes to volunteer that they are required to complete a criminal record check processed prior to any volunteering. Forms are available at the office.

REMINDER: STUDENT PLANNER/CULTURAL FEES

Reminder: We still have a number of outstanding cultural/planner fees due. If you have not paid, please send the money into the school. The cost is \$17 for planner/cultural fees. If paying for several children, please indicate clearly on your form who the money is for. **Exact amount** must be submitted as we **CANNOT MAKE CHANGE. Cash only!**

ORANGE SHIRT AUTHOR VISIT

Our school was lucky enough to be selected to have Phyllis Webstad, author of The Orange Shirt Story visit our school on the afternoon of Monday, October 29. The Orange Shirt Story program offers a 30-40 minute full school assembly where Phyllis speaks about her culture, the residential school she attended, offer pictures of her family and upbringing, reads her own children's book and delivers the message that EVERY CHILD MATTERS.

BELL SCHEDULE – 2018-2019

8:22	Supervision begins
8:37	Entry Bell
8:42	Morning Session Begins (no bell)
11:30	Lunch begins
12:25	Lunch ends (bell sounds)
	Wednesday lunch 11:00 to 11:55
12:30	Afternoon begins (no bell)
2:49	Classes Dismissed (no bell) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
	1:39pm - Classes Dismissed on Wednesday
3:04	After School Supervision Ends (Wednesday supervision ends – 1:54pm)