

IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, Oct. 25, 2019
NID Day – No School

Monday, Nov. 11, 2019
Remembrance Day

Nov 19, 20 & 21
Early Dismissal – 1:39

Friday, Nov 22
Primary Report Writing

Friday, Nov. 29, 2019
NID Day – No School

Dec 23, 2019 – Jan 3, 2020
Winter Break

January 6, 2020
Back to School

January 27, 2020
NID Day – No School

February 17, 2020
Family Day – No School

March 16-27, 2020
Spring Break

April 10 – 13, 2020
Easter Break

April 24, 2020
NID Day – No School

May 18, 2020
Victoria Day

June 25, 2020
Last day for Students.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Monday, October 21 – Election Day

Friday, October 25 – NID – No school

Thursday, October 31 – Lunch time Halloween Dance

Monday, November 11 – Remembrance Day

Nov. 19, 20 & 21 – Three Way Conferences – **Early Dismissal 1:39**

Friday, November 22 – Primary Report Writing Day

ELECTION DAY

Polaris Montessori is a polling station for the election on Monday, October 21. Please be advised that the parking lot will be busier than usual.

SOCKTOBER

For the whole of month of October it is Socktober! Please donate a pair of new, warm and cozy socks that you can. A small gesture of a pair of socks can make a big difference for a person who doesn't have a warm home or warm clothing this time of year. The sock-box will be located in the main front foyer. Donations will be accepted until October 31st.



HALLOWEEN COSTUMES AT SCHOOL

Here are some things to think about before you make or purchase a costume for your child to wear at school:

1. No real or toy weapons of any kind
2. All costumes should be age appropriate.
3. No logos or other images that could be seen as offensive
4. No clown costumes please.
5. All costumes should allow for your child to be able to participate in activities without worrying about their personal comfort or wrecking their costume
6. Students generally should not come to school wearing their costumes since that would mean that they would be in them the whole day. Halloween activities generally will begin no sooner than lunch. For this reason children should be able to put their costume on with little adult help when it is time to do so.

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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BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Please remember that supervision for students begins 15 minutes before school starts (8:22am) and lasts for 15 minutes after school (3:04pm).

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

We have been practicing our safety drills. In order to help keep our students safe at school, many procedures and routines are put in place to prepare for the unexpected. In the fall and again in the spring we complete three fire drills and a lockdown drill practice. Teachers have reviewed the expectations and reasons for these drills with students.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 57 STORIES

School District No. 57 is pleased to announce the addition of a new website to our communication platforms. The site, which can be found at ***sd57stories.com***, shares stories and information about the great things happening in our schools. Student achievement, educational initiatives, school events, human interest stories and Board of Education news are among the areas of focus. The new website complements the original sd57.bc.ca site, which remains a hub for school information, registration forms, policies, procedures and links to specific departments. Please check out ***sd57stories.com*** for a fresh look at how School District No. 57 is enriching the lives of our students and communities. <https://www.sd57stories.com/>

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We would like to remind everyone who wishes to volunteer at Polaris, that they are required to have a criminal record check processed prior to any volunteering. The forms are available at the office and please let us know if you have any questions.

STUDENT PLANNER/CULTURAL FEES

Reminder: If you have not already paid for your cultural/planner fees, teachers will be collecting \$17 for planner/cultural fees for several children, please indicate clearly on your form who the money is for. **Exact amount** must be submitted as we **CANNOT MAKE CHANGE.** (Planners will be going home next week)

STUDENT VERIFICATION SHEETS

If you have not sent in your child's Verification form, please do so immediately. Please make any changes and sign the back page. If you move or change phone numbers during the school year please make sure to inform the office as we need to ensure we have accurate contact and health information about your child. Please print clearly. **If you have lost the form please contact the office and I will be happy to print off another one for you.**