

IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, Oct. 23, 2020
NID Day – No School

Wed, Nov. 11, 2020
Remembrance Day

Tues, Nov 17, 2020
Early Dismissal –
1:22pm

Thurs, Nov 19, 2020
Early Dismissal –
1:22pm

Friday, Nov. 23, 2020
NID Day – No School

Friday, Dec 4, 2020
Primary Report Writing
Day

**Dec 21, 2020 – Jan 1,
2021**
Winter Break

January 4, 2021
Back to School

January 29, 2021
NID Day – No School

February 15, 2021
Family Day

March 22-25, 2021
Spring Break

April 10 – 13, 2020
Easter Break

April 23, 2021
NID Day – No School

May 24, 2021
Victoria Day

June 4, 2021
NID Day – No School

June 25, 2021
Last day for Students.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Montessori Families

The start of this year has certainly been eventful but I am proud of how the staff and students have risen to the challenge of making the best of a challenging start to the year. Parents, of course, have had to make adjustments to new teachers and new restrictions and procedures while keep the safety of your children at the forefront of all of our decisions. I acknowledge how difficult this has been for parents, but we appreciate how families have abided by these expectations. Thank you.

Our parking lot is less congested, and our students are safer without the extra parent traffic through the parking lot. Please make sure your child is not walking through the parking lot at any time. They are asked to use either the sidewalk in front of the school where they will be met by a supervisor or they are to walk around the yellow cement dividers by the Kool Cats Daycare.

Arriving on time is important for both your child and of course our valued secretary, Mrs. Andrews, who is answering phones and letting students into the building which adds to her already busy day.

Today we are celebrating the arrival of our 20 Chinook salmon eggs. The Chinook eggs will enter our building to our Polaris Montessori drummers with The Water Song. This process will be shared by the school through Zoom so all students can participate.

Our Polaris Montessori Parent Advisory Committee met for the first time on Thursday, Oct. 1. It was lovely to meet parents even if it was over Zoom. Our next PAC meeting is on Oct. 27 at 6:00. A link will be sent out for all parents to access. Please consider joining, as we become a better team, when we have more voices and hands to support our school.

I'm looking forward to meeting more families in the coming weeks. If you have any concerns or bouquets, please contact the school and I will take the time to speak to you.

Sincerely,

Ms. T. Tisdale

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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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, October 23 – Pro-D
Wednesday, November 11 – Remembrance Day
Thursday, November 12 – Picture Retakes
Tuesday, November 17 – Early Dismissal – 1:22pm
Thursday, November 19 – Early Dismissal – 1:22pm

FIRE DRILLS/LOCKDOWN DRILLS/EVACUATION DRILLS

We have just finished our third successful fire drill this week. All students did an amazing job at listening to directions and remaining quiet and calm during the drills. During the month of October, we will also have one of our two mandatory lockdown drills and our evacuation drill, which is set for October 21 at 9:30am (weather permitting). During our evacuation drill we will be walking to College Heights Secondary School. We will review why it is important to have these lockdown/evacuation practices with our students, and we ask that you also review this with your child(ren) too.

ABSENCES AND LATE ARRIVALS

Polaris Montessori has a “**SAFE START**” program. This means that if you do not call in to report an absence, we will call you. Please keep your contact information up to date. It is far more efficient (and less stressful for all) if you call and leave a message regarding absences or late arrivals. Please call: **250-964-7743, give your child’s name, division or teacher’s name, and reason for the absence.** The bell rings at **8:35am** and instruction begins at **8:40am**. If your child arrives late, you must phone the office, and someone will let them in to get a late slip. Children who arrive late often feel out of place and sometimes, rather uncomfortable because they have missed the start of the day. Please help your child(ren) get to school regularly and on time. This will set permanent habits for their adult lives. **We appreciate your help!**

DRESS FOR WEATHER CONDITIONS

We have already had a few chilly days and several students have not been prepared for the weather! Please help your child to ensure they are coming with proper outdoor wear so that they are not cold while they are outside during lunch time or before and after school. It is also a very good idea to send an extra set of clothes and to label all coats, snow pants and boots.



TERRY FOX RUN

We were so grateful to have had such great weather for our Learning Groups to run/walk in honour of Terry Fox. Many thanks to our students for bringing so many donations; we raised over \$425 for The Terry Fox Foundation

REMINDER:

If you have not sent your verification form back or made payment for student planners, please do so asap.