

IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, Sept 25, 2020
NID Day – No School

Monday, Oct. 12, 2020
Thanksgiving Day

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

Wed, Nov. 11, 2020
Remembrance Day

Friday, Nov. 20, 2020
NID Day – No School

Dec 21, 2020 – Jan 1, 2021
Winter Break

January 4, 2021
Back to School

February 5, 2021
NID Day – No School

February 15, 2021
Family Day – No School

March 22-April 1, 2021
Spring Break

April 2 – 5, 2021
Easter Break

April 6, 2021
First day back

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.

Dear Montessori Families,

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful reception I have received since coming to Polaris Montessori School. The start to the school has been met with many challenges and changes. I sincerely thank all of you for being supportive and understanding during this time.

It is difficult to inform you that we are down a division this year due to a drop in student enrollment. Some of our families have made the difficult decision to keep their child(ren) at home and also, we have had children leave our school and are now attending their catchment school.

Ms. Yeoman is the teacher that will be leaving our school. Ms. Yeoman is dedicated to being a Montessori teacher so I believe in the future she will return to us at Polaris. Ms. Tesoriere is here for Mrs. Dunbar on a limited duration so she will be the teaching in the Division 6 classroom (formerly Division 7). We are very fortunate that she will be taking this class over. I know the students and families will be pleased to know that she is also dedicated to becoming a Montessori teacher. Please welcome her into her new position.

The whole school will receive a deep cleaning tomorrow in order to move students to their new classrooms on Monday.

Thank you for following the safety protocols that we have had to implement to keep our school safe. I understand the difficulty waiting on the street side of the fence especially for the younger children and their parents. Please know we are here to care for your child(ren) and keep them safe. I also appreciate families waiting for the last bell at 2:37 to go on the playground. We need to be conscious of the learning groups and not mixing them as much as possible.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time of uncertainty. I have noticed that children are happy to back and school and establishing friendships, new and old.

Ms. Tisdale
Principal of Polaris Montessori School.

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a Montessori philosophy.
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POLARIS MONTESSORI DIVISIONS

Division 1 – Mrs. Bennett
Division 2 – Ms. Hanson
Division 3 – Mrs. Butchart
Division 4 – Ms. Jex
Division 5 – Ms. Miners
Division 6 – Ms. Tesoriere
Division 7 – Mrs. Hoffman
Division 8 – Mrs. Drake

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, September 25: Pro-D – School not in session
Monday, October 12: Thanksgiving

DAILY STUDENT HEALTH CHECK

School District 57 has updated the Daily Student Health Check. Copies of this were emailed last week and are also available on the School District website and our school website for reference. Please complete the health check with your children daily before leaving for school.

Parents, please be sure to keep your children home if they are sick.

LATE ARRIVALS

If a student arrives late, parents need to call Mrs. Andrews at the school (250-964-7743) so she can meet the child at the front door. This is a new process with our front doors remaining locked throughout the day.

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

Polaris Montessori is a Nut Aware School. You can help keep children safe by:

- Encourage your child to wash their hands before and after they eat.
- Reminding your child not to share their food with others.

Based on individual allergies, restrictions may apply to individual classroom.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Polaris Montessori students and staff will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day on Wednesday, September 30th. Students are invited to wear an orange shirt that day in support of the Residential School Survivors. For more information about Orange Shirt Day, you can visit

<http://www.orangeshirtday.org>

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SMILE....PICTURE DAY

Bring your biggest and brightest smiles. Picture day will be Thursday, October 8th for all students.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO BELL SCHEDULE THIS YEAR

BELL SCHEDULE – 2020-2021

8:20 Supervision begins
8:35 Entry Bell
8:40 Morning Session Begins (no bell)
11:30 Lunch begins
12:15 Lunch ends (bell sounds)
2:22 Classes End
2:37 After School Supervision Ends

STUDENT PLANNER FEES

Reminder: If you have not already paid for your cultural/planner fees, teachers will be collecting \$7 for planner fees. **Please pay by September 30.** 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.** (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.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 57 POLICIES

All policies can be found in detail on the SD57 website.

Winter Weather Policy (3154.35)

<https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/3541.35>

Acceptable Use of Networks (6179)

<https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Policylisting/Documents/6179>

Financial Hardship Policy

<https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/5101>

Healthy Food Choices in Schools

<http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/3542>

District Code of Student Conduct

<http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/5131>

PAC MEETING VIA ZOOM

The first PAC meeting of the year is on Oct 1st at 6pm. This will be a zoom meeting instead of an in person meeting. All parents are welcome to attend. Please contact us at polarispac@gmail.com to suggest agenda items or request the zoom link to attend. Please think about joining PAC as we have open positions.