

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**April 15-18, 2022**  
Easter Break

**April 29, 2022**  
NID Day – No School

**May 6, 2022**  
District Relays

**May 10 -13, 2022**  
Trades Trailer

**May 19, 2022**  
Shakespeare

**May 20, 2022**  
Method Dance

**May 23, 2022**  
Victoria Day – No School

**June 10, 2022**  
Primary Report Writing  
No School Div 1 – 6

**June 18, 2022**  
Intermediate Report Writing  
No School for Div 7-9

**June 28, 2022**  
Last Day of School

**PRINCIPAL MESSAGE**

It is with great joy that we are able to see each other's smiles once again. We will continue to respect people's right to wear their mask at our school.

PAC meetings are now in person. Our first meeting in person was on Monday, April 4th. We had many parents in attendance. We will continue to send Zoom links out to parents who may be unable to attend in person.

Again I am respectfully asking that parents do not park in the first 6 spots of the parking lot by the recycle containers. These spots are needed for our staff. It is frustrating for them to find parking spots if these are taken by parents. Thank you for understanding.

Please do not bring your dog onto to the playground during school hours. We have had reports of dogs showing aggressive behaviour. We all love our dogs but they can be unpredictable. Please leave your dogs outside the fence line if you are walking your child onto the school grounds both in the mornings and after school.

The months of April, May and June are filling up with wonderful school activities for students and the parent community to enjoy. Mrs. Miners and Division 6 Students have been given the honour of drumming at the Summer Games Torch Lighting Ceremony on April 13th between 6 and 7 pm. We would welcome all Polaris Community Members to join them for this event at the Civic Centre. From May 10th to 13th, we have the Trades Trailer coming to Polaris to do woodworking with our Upper Intermediate students. On May 19th, Polaris will be holding a Shakespeare Festival with all students participating in this event. On May 20th from 8:30 to 11:30, we have a cultural event happening called Method Dance. Please stay tuned or look on the Polaris Calendar for other upcoming events.

## 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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Thank you for your continued support at our staff at Polaris Montessori. The past two years have been difficult for students, parents and staff. We can do this together.

### **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

April 13 – Div 6 Drumming at Civic Centre for Summer Games Ceremony  
April 15 – Good Friday  
April 18 – Easter Monday  
April 29 – NID – No School  
May 6 – District Relays (For those who have signed up)  
May 10 -13 – Trades Trailer – Upper Elementary Students  
May 19 – Shakespeare Festival  
May 20 – Method Dance Performance  
May 23 – Victoria Day  
June 10 – Lower Elem. Report Writing Day (Div 1 - 6)  
June 17 – Upper Elem. Report Writing Day (Div 7 - 9)

### **NEXT YEAR??**

If you are planning on moving before September 2022, please let the school office know as soon as possible. The planning for next year has begun and we need to know if your child(ren) will not be attending Polaris Montessori. Thanks to those parents who have already contacted us. It is a big help!

### **RELAYS**

Students from Grade 2 up are encouraged to participate in trying out for Polaris Relay teams. This district relay event for Polaris and 6 other schools will be held on May 6 from 11:15 to 3:30 at Masich Place Stadium. Polaris Montessori PAC are responsible for the concession on this day as a fundraiser. If you can help with the concession please contact PAC at [polarispac@gmail.com](mailto:polarispac@gmail.com).

### **FIRE DRILL/LOCKDOWN DRILL**

We will be holding three more Fire Drills to practice as well as one more lockdown drill. Classroom teachers will prepare their students as best they can to limit any unnecessary stress. You can help by having your child share with you what the procedures are they have learned and reassuring them this is a safety precaution.

### **WATER BOTTLES**

Please remember to have your child bring a water bottle to school. We have two water filling stations at the school for students to use.

### **UPDATE INFORMATION**

If any of your personal contact information has changed, please inform the office and your child's teacher. This may include address, phone numbers, email, and emergency contacts. It is very important to have the most up to date information.

## **PAC NEWS**

The next PAC Meetings are May 2nd at 6:30, and June 6th immediately following the AGM at 6:30.

Our Kids' Swap is May 14th 10-1 in the gymnasium.

Hunnifords plants come on May 19th!

PAC is running a Concession at three events: relay races May 6, Kids' Swap, and Shakespeare Festival.

If you have any questions, can help at any events, or have meeting agenda ideas, please email [polarispac@gmail.com](mailto:polarispac@gmail.com).

Also be sure to check out our Facebook page for quick updates and more information! Our group is Polaris Montessori Elementary PAC.