



Lansdowne Middle School
This Week @ Lansdowne
 Week of September 18 to 22, 2023

**PHOTO DAY IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
 AT BOTH CAMPUSES**

Please do not bring money. A proof will be sent home within 2 weeks of photo day. You can then review your images and purchase online. Please do not wear green to avoid blending into the background.



Meet the Teacher Night

Please join us on **Wednesday, September 20th from 5:30-7:30pm** to meet your child's teacher(s). Teachers will provide a short introduction and overview in their classrooms at the times listed below. We will have 2 food trucks, *Greek on the Street* and *Deadbeetz Burgers*, at the North campus as a dinner purchase option for families.

Teachers will be in their classrooms ready to greet families at:

South Campus: 5:30-6:00pm

North Campus: 6:00-6:30pm

We are looking forward to seeing you all!

UPCOMING DATES

September 18

· Photo Day (Both Campuses)

September 20

· Meet the Teacher 5:30pm
 Food Trucks 5:30-7:30pm

September 21

· Hot Lunch Order Deadline

September 22

· Pro D Day - No School

September 27

· PAC Meeting 6pm North Campus

October 2

· National Truth & Reconciliation Day - No School

October 3

· Hot Lunches Begin

October 9

· Thanksgiving - No School

October 16

· LMPA Meeting 7pm

October 16 to 20

· Scholastic Book Fair (South Campus)

October 17 & 18

· Parent Teacher Meetings - Early Dismissal at 1:50pm

HOT LUNCH FORMS

The deadline to order Lansdowne Lunches is Thursday, September 21st. Click this link <https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/> to register online, see your choices and order. If you are unable to order online, please have your student pop into the office for a paper form.

Please note: If a student is absent on a Lunch Day, or does not pick up their Lunch, they will not receive a refund for that day.

Please let us know if your student has any food allergies!



Dear Lansdowne Parents and Caregivers,

Parent Connect is the Greater Victoria School District online service used for signing digital forms and providing consent for use of digital tools in the classroom. Please log in (or sign up if you haven't done so already) to Parent Connect and review the consent items where action is required. Additionally, you are encouraged to review items that you have previously consented to by selecting "Forms" in the menu. Consent for all forms and digital tools rolls over from year-to-year.

[Parent Connect Signup and Login Resource](#)

If you have any questions regarding the use of digital/online tools, please reach out to your child's teacher and/or principal.

Have a great school year!

MEET YOUR NORTH AND SOUTH OFFICE STAFF!

Lansdowne South - (Grade 6 Students)

(250) 592-2170 for the office and attendance

Susan Beckett (sbeckett@sd61.bc.ca)

Lansdowne North - (Grade 7 and 8 Students)

(250) 598-3336 for the office and attendance

Louise Pope (lpope@sd61.bc.ca)

Sandra Price (saprice@sd61.bc.ca)

Both Campuses - (Accounts)

Melody Stark (mstark@sd61.bc.ca)



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ALLERGY AWARENESS ABOUT SHARED FOOD

Mr. Giesbrecht reminds families that, due to serious allergies, please do not send any treats or shared food with your student. Please send students with their own snacks and lunches only.





Indigenous Education Department

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*The Greater Victoria School District resides on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen people.
We would like to acknowledge the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations on whose territory we live, we learn and we do our work.*

September 14th, 2023

Dear SD61 Parents/Caregivers:

This letter is being sent to all families in the Greater Victoria School District to provide information about the Indigenous Education Department (IED) and the services and resources this department provides to our SD61 learning community. This letter will clarify the definition of Indigenous Ancestry and explain how to self-identify on the school registration form.

The Indigenous Education Department (IED) supports the inclusion of Indigenous perspectives and resources that align with the BC Curriculum in our schools and classrooms along with providing holistic supports to students that have self-identified with Indigenous Ancestry. The staff of the IED provides guidance in our School District to weave Indigenous Knowledge and Ways of Being into district policies, classrooms and schools. Key areas include: Holistic Wellness; Social Emotional Learning; Land Based Learning; Arts and Culture; Advocacy for Indigenous students and families; and, the authentic use of Indigenous resources for schools and classrooms. The IED works with The Songhees Nation; The Esquimalt Nation; The Metis Nation Greater Victoria; The Urban People's Indigenous Advisory and an Indigenous Elders Advisory Council.

The BC Ministry of Education and Child Care defines Indigenous Ancestry as students who identify as First Nations, Status or Non-status, Métis or Inuit. The BC Ministry of Education and Child Care does not require proof of ancestry to self-identify. Parents and caregivers of students with Indigenous Ancestry may choose to self-identify on the school registration form under the section Indigenous Ancestry or by calling the school to request that they include this self-identification of Indigenous Ancestry on your child's school registration form.

Our Indigenous Education Department provides supports to all schools in the district along with supplementary supports for students who self-identify as having Indigenous Ancestry. The purpose of these enhanced learning experiences is to increase a sense of belonging, academic success and increase understanding and awareness within our School District. The Indigenous Education Department will connect with your family annually about the opportunities that may be available at your school, in the district and/or in the community as it relates to Indigenous Education. Participation in these programs, supports and services is always voluntary.

If you have questions, concerns, or wish to learn more about supports for students with Indigenous ancestry, please give us a call. For more information, please visit our website at: <https://ied.sd61.bc.ca/>

Dr. Shelly Niemi, Director
Indigenous Education Department
SD61

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