



Lansdowne Middle School
This Week @ Lansdowne
 Week of January 8 to 12, 2024

We would like to thank the following organizations for their generous donations and volunteering:

Oak Bay Rotary
 Harbourside Rotary
 Thrifty Foods Hillside
 Kids Klub
 Evening Optimist Club
 Backpack Buddies



UPCOMING DATES

- January 8
 · Return to School
- January 8 to 12
 · First Week of Hot Lunches
- January 9
 · MDI Starts - Grade 6
- January 11
 · Reynolds Flexible Studies Leadership in Learning Info Night
- January 15
 · LMPA Meeting 7pm
- January 17
 · Mount Doug and Esquimalt Challenge Program Info Night
- January 24
 · PAC Meeting - South Campus
- January 26
 · Pro D Day (No School)
- January 29 to February 2
 · Grade 6 Late French Immersion Registration



LATE FRENCH IMMERSION
INFORMATION



Parents and guardians of current grade 5 students who would like more information regarding the District's Late French Immersion program, please visit the District's Late French Immersion registration page <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/late-french-immersion/>.

Registration for Late French Immersion occurs during the week of January 29th - February 2nd, 2024.

Scent Sensitive Workplace

Hello Families, as some of you may already be aware the Greater Victoria School District has updated its policy regarding a Scent Sensitive Workplace. Because an exposure to fragrances/scents can cause significant health problems in susceptible individuals all sites within the Greater Victoria School District are communicating the expectations laid out in Policy 1450 to our communities. We will be communicating this clearly with our students upon our return from break and appreciate all your help and support in maintaining a Scent sensitive environment for all of our members.

“The Greater Victoria School District expects that all staff, students, parents, and visitors refrain from using personal products containing fragrances which are known to trigger adverse physical reactions such as respiratory distress and/or headaches. This includes, but is not limited to, cosmetics, hair styling products, antiperspirants, deodorants, cologne, hair spray, perfume, after shave, and body washes. Other environmental products in the workplace that may trigger reactions include, but are not limited to, diffusers and essential oils, deodorizers, and soaps with fragrance. All staff, students, parents, and visitors are asked to refrain from using these and similar products in the workplace. In addition, certain types of flowers are not permitted within the workplace. They include freesia, lilacs, lavenders, lilies, hyacinth, narcissus, chrysanthemum, helianthus, and peonies”.



Please see the Policy in its entirety for further information (<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/documents/name/policy-1450-scent-sensitive-workplace/>).



**Congratulations to the Salish
Sea Quilt winners: Christina
Wilson
and Ray Park**



Thank you for supporting our students.

THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI)

Families of Grade 6 Students,

School District 61 has again partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure children's social and emotional development, health, and well-being through the Middle Year Development Instrument (MDI). The MDI is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

Grade 4 and grade 6 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time between January and early March.

For more information and to view the questionnaires: <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/>

If you don't want your child to participate, please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter that will be sent home in early January, or contact the MDI project staff at mdi@help.ubc.ca.



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