



Lansdowne Middle School
This Week @ Lansdowne
 Week of September 9 to 13, 2024

SO WE CAN ASSIST YOU BETTER, PLEASE DIRECT YOUR QUESTIONS AND/OR ATTENDANCE INFO TO THE CORRECT NORTH OR SOUTH CAMPUS OFFICE!

For the office and attendance

Lansdowne South

(Grade 6 Students) (250) 592-2170

Susan Beckett (sbeckett@sd61.bc.ca)

Lansdowne North

(Grade 7 and 8 Students)

(250) 598-3336

Louise Pope (lpope@sd61.bc.ca)

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Both Campuses
(Accounts)
 Wendy Zhao
 (wzhao@sd61.bc.ca)



UPCOMING DATES

September 9

- Student Info Packages Go Home
- LMPA Meeting 7pm

September 11

- Student Info Packages Due

September 16

- Photo Day (Both Campuses)

September 18

- Meet the Teacher 6pm

September 23

- Pro D Day - No School

September 24

- Hot Lunch Order Deadline

September 25

- PAC Meeting 6pm North Campus

September 30

- National Truth & Reconciliation Day - No School

STUDENT ABSENCE

We wish to be sure that all our students are safely accounted for on a daily basis, so please contact the school office – (250) 592-2170

(lansdownesouth@sd61.bc.ca) for Grade 6 and (250) 598-3336

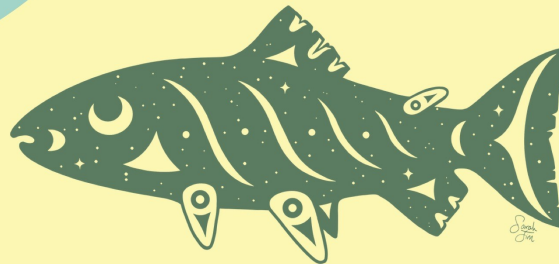
(lansdowne@sd61.bc.ca) for Grade 7 & 8 – if you know that your child will be absent or late.

Also, please remind your child how very important it is that they sign in at the office when they are late - even one minute late. This allows the office to update the attendance and ensures that the school knows they are at school and may save you that “your child is away” message when you child is actually here.



Music Program Information!

For all families interested in participating in the music program (Band and/or Strings), please watch the Music Program Introduction Slideshow, found on the front page of the music program website: www.lansdownemusic.weebly.com. To sign your student up for the music program, please complete the the Music Sign-Up Google Form, also found on the front page of the music program website. Grade 7/8's can sign-up now and the Grade 6 Sign-Up will open on Tuesday (Sept. 10). Please [email banderson@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:email.banderson@sd61.bc.ca) with any questions.



YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

BOWKER CREEK BIODIVERSITY DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

LANSDOWNE SOUTH CAMPUS

2780 RICHMOND ROAD - Access field from Newton Street

LEARN MORE AT: BowkerCreek.org/Events/BiodiversityDay





LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SOUTH campus library would love help in the library

Re-Shelving books.

Any amount of time helps. 10 minutes at the beginning of the day or maybe once every two weeks. I supply the coffee:) Please connect with

NAACP
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Mrs. Powell
lpowell@sd61.bc.ca



September 3, 2024

Dear Students, Parents, and Caregivers:

As the new school year begins, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all students, parents, and guardians across the province. The start of a new academic year is always an exciting time, filled with new opportunities for learning, growth, and community. We are committed to ensuring that every student feels safe and supported to reach their full potential, and I want to thank you for your dedication and commitment to this shared goal.

As a parent, I am grateful to everyone who has worked to make sure students throughout the province can have the best education experience possible. With the largest investment in school food programs in our province's history, more students than ever now have access to healthy meals and snacks at school through the Feeding Futures initiative. To help make life more affordable for families we have added \$20 million to the Student and Family Affordability Fund, which helps cover the costs of school supplies, class trips, and extracurricular activities, ensuring that every child can fully participate in school life.

We are continuing to ensure schools remain safe places for students and staff, and this remains one of my top priorities. We have activated protected zones around school grounds to prevent disruptive behaviour, including aggressive protests and harassment. Additionally, our new cell phone policy aims to reduce distractions in the classroom, allowing students to focus on their education. While technology is a crucial part of our lives, fostering digital literacy and healthy tech habits is crucial for keeping our kids safe.

To better support students with disabilities and diverse abilities, we have launched two Provincial School Outreach Teams that provide specialized assistance to communities where access can be limited. Additionally, this year we will start to expand K-12 literacy screening and learning supports to help all students, particularly those with dyslexia and other learning disabilities, achieve their best in school and beyond.

Schools across British Columbia continue to face unprecedented enrolment growth, and our commitment to building and upgrading schools is unwavering. Over the past seven years, we have invested more than \$5 billion to construct, expand, and modernize schools to meet the needs of our growing communities. Every student in BC deserves access to a safe and modern learning environment.

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With the highest enrolment growth in 35 years, the demand for teachers and staff is greater than ever. We are working with education partners to build a robust K-12 workforce that families can rely on now and in the future.

As the Minister of Education and Child Care, it has been a true privilege to witness the remarkable growth in our school communities over the past year. As we head into an exciting new school year, I look forward to seeing even more progress. To those starting their final year, I wish you every success as you prepare for graduation and beyond.

Thank you once again for your incredible efforts. Here's to a fantastic school year ahead!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Singh', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Rachna Singh
Minister