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Week-At-A-Glance
MAY 6th to MAY 10th, 2024
Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday	PAC Hot Lunch- Taco Luis Track Attack for Grade 4-7 students (@ 1:45PM) Saleema Noon Parent Information Session @ 6:30 PM on Zoom
Tuesday	Student Leadership @ Lunch
Wednesday	Walk to School Wednesday Intermediate Band @ Lunch Track Attack for Grade 4-7 students (@ 1:45PM) Music in Our Schools for Division 1, 2, 3, and 4 @ Gateway Theatre
Thursday	Lights out Lunch Saleema Noon Student sessions
Friday	Saleema Noon Student Sessions

SCHOOL NEWS

Student Placements (Organizing Classes for 2024-2025)

In the spring of each year schools begin their planning for the next school year. We have preliminary staffing meetings with board office personnel and review possible scenarios for organization in the Fall. The school population fluctuates as students continue to move into the area, and some students transfer out through to the end of the year. The final school organization and class placements occur in September, during the first week of school.

During this time, the professional staff at DeBeck begin to gather and share information in preparation for student placement in September. We are restricted by grades that are assigned to divisions (based on student numbers), and at times there are few options. We do however devote time, care, and effort in determining September placement. We include information about student strengths and needs, their social relationships (we try to ensure they have at least one friend), their interests, their learning styles, and previous placements.

Parental Input

Students are placed into classes in consultation with classroom teachers, learning resource teachers and principal/vice principal. Should parents wish to describe the

learning situation and environment they feel best suits their children, or other factors which might influence placement, we ask that a letter be directed to Mrs. Schwartz (lschwartz@sd38.bc.ca) by Monday, May 31st, 2024. The information you provide should not include a request for a specific teacher, but rather some important personal or educational information that will assist us in our decision. All letters regarding placement are shared with teaching staff.

PAC Sponsored: Saleema Noon

Thank you to our PAC who is sponsoring Saleema Noon coming to DeBeck Elementary. Please join us for an informative **Parents Workshop** via Zoom on **May 6th 6:30-8pm**. The Zoom log in will be sent on May 6th.

In this session, Saleema or a member of her team will give an overview of student presentations and, will show parents ways to convey healthy, meaningful messages about sex and growing up to young children. This session will not be recorded for privacy reasons.

Student sessions will take place in person during the school days May 9th and May 10th. Each class will attend one session on one of the two days. The content of the presentations is supported by current research as being age appropriate and we believe that it contributes to healthy child development. This information is included in the Physical and Health Education program mandated for all BC students by the Ministry for Education.

SEISMIC UPGRADE

Phase 1: It has been a busy week for our seismic upgrade project. The first phase has officially begun and Division 4, 5, 6 and 8 are settling into the portables. The trailer toilets are very popular. Washrooms will remain locked to ensure only students are using these toilets. Lunches for students will still be dropped off at our lunch tables and students who are late should still check in at the office before heading out to the portables.

Phase 2: Our gym and staffroom will be closed for upgrades the week of May 13th. Gym classes will be held outdoors.

PAC CORNER

Call for nominations for PAC positions:

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2024-2025 PAC team. All positions are open for nomination: Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, District PAC Representative. These positions are essential and must be filled to keep our PAC active and to receive our gaming grant from the provincial government. Each term is for one year beginning July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Voting will take place at our annual general meeting tentatively set for June 13th. Please email debeckpac@gmail.com to submit nominations.

Hot lunch coordinator needed:

We need a new hot lunch coordinator for next year. This role involves setting up hot lunch dates and coordinating with vendors. We currently do not have a

volunteer for next year. This role is critical to keep our hot lunch program running. Please email debeckpac@gmail.com if you are available to help.

Hot Lunch

Date change due to Track Meet-

The May 27th Hot Lunch Day has been moved to June 3rd.

May PAC Meeting:

May PAC Meeting will be in-person. We hope you will join us on Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30 PM.

DISTRICT NEWS

- May 7 - National Child & Youth Mental Health Day online event with Kim Barthell - "**Connecting with Kids**"
Event Link: <https://familysmart.ca/event/connecting-with-kids>

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 13 PAC Hot Lunch- Pizza and Smoothies
- 15 Welcome to Kindergarten (1:00 – 2:00 PM)
- 15 PAC Meeting- in-person meeting @ 6:30 PM
- 17 Professional Learning Day- No School for Students
- 20 Victoria Day- No School
- 22 PAC Snack- Kernels Popcorn
- 22 Division 1 and 2- Britannia Shipyard Field Trip
- 22 Virtual Author Visit- Joanna Ho
- 23 Virtual Author Visit- Jack Wong
- 24 Division 15- 4 Cats Art Studio Field Trip
- 27 Zone Track Meet at Minoru for Grade 4-7 Students
- 29 Division 3 and 4- Britannia Shipyard Field Trip
- 30 Camp Jubilee Information Session 6:30 PM on Zoom
- 31 Division 14- 4 Cars Art Studio Field Trip

JUNE

- 3 PAC Hot Lunch Day- Sushi
- 13 PAC Annual General Meeting
- 18 Grade 7 Farewell/Graduation Ceremony @ Palmer
- 21 South Arm Swimming Field Trip (Div. 1-13)
- 27 Last day of school for students