



## Welcome to the 2021/2022 School Year!

A letter of welcome from Board Chair, Amanda Amaral and Superintendent of Schools, Kate Kerr.

As we begin the school year, we begin with hope. Hope for our children to have a wonderful year of learning filled with joy and wonder. Hope for our staff to feel valued and purposeful in the incredible work they do. Hope for our community to walk alongside us as partners in supporting our students to be their best possible selves. Hope fills us with optimism and empowers us to make our hopes a reality and in this, we journey together.

We are a community, students, staff, and families engaged in lifelong learning and educational excellence.

Our mission is to support and inspire each student to experience joy and fulfillment in realizing their potential as a knowledgeable, confident, and contributing citizen in the global community.

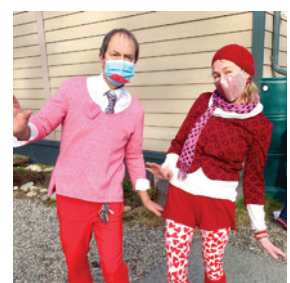
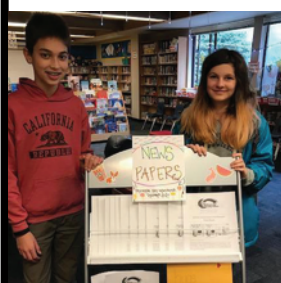
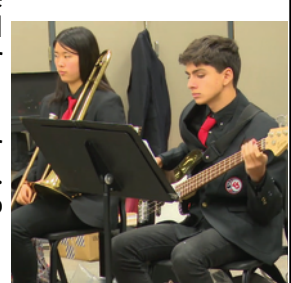
Our affirmation, which envelops our staff and students, is a commitment to Indigenous Peoples and Reconciliation by building relationships and deepening understanding of Indigenous history, worldviews, and ways of knowing.

As we continue our journey to uphold, deepen and strengthen our vision, mission, and affirmation, we strive to ensure our schools are places where all feel a deep sense of belonging and purpose – where our staff, students, and families flourish.

Covid is still a reality and regardless of the circumstances of how we move forward, we have confidence, based on our experience since March 2020, that we will be able to continue supporting students and staff to thrive and grow in a safe working and learning environment for all.

We have such gratitude for students, staff, and families for your continued trust and flexibility in us despite the challenges we may face. It is these challenges that strengthen our resolve and remind us that, “To go fast, go alone. To go far, go together.” – African proverb.

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## 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tues., Sept. 7	First day of school	Mon., Feb. 7	Pro-D Day
Mon., Sept. 27	Pro-D Day	Mon., Feb. 21	Family Day
Thurs., Sept. 30	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Fri., Mar. 4	Report Cards Home
Mon., Oct. 11	Thanksgiving Day	Wed. Mar. 9 & Thurs. Mar. 10	Early Dismissals
Fri., Oct. 22	Pro-D Day	Mon. Mar. 14–Fri. Mar. 25 (inclusive)	Vacation
Thurs., Nov. 11	Remembrance Day	Mon., Mar. 28	Schools Reopen
Mon., Nov. 22	Pro-D Day	Fri., Apr. 15	Good Friday
Fri., Nov. 26	Report Cards Home	Mon., Apr. 18	Easter Monday
Wed. Dec. 1 & Thurs. Dec. 2	Early Dismissals	Mon., Apr. 25	Pro-D Day
Mon., Dec. 20–Mon., Jan. 3 (inclusive)	Vacation	Fri., May 20	Pro-D Day
Tues., Jan. 4	Schools Reopen	Mon., May 23	Victoria Day
		Thurs., June 23	Last Instructional Day

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Maria Hampvent (Vice-Chair)  
Sue Girard  
Samantha Haines  
Stacia Leech  
Pammila Ruth  
Tonya Ste. Marie

**School Board Meetings**  
7 pm on the second Wednesday of each school month  
(494 South Fletcher, Gibsons)

- 2021-2022 LEADERSHIP TEAM**  
**Superintendent of Schools**  
Kate Kerr  
**Director of Instruction**  
Paul Bishop  
**Director of Instruction**  
Christa Rive  
**Secretary-Treasurer**  
Nic Weswick  
**Manager of Finance**  
Shannon Whittall  
**Manager of Human Resources**  
Tara Sweet  
**Manager of Facilities & Transportation**  
Rob Collison  
**Assistant Manager of Facilities & Transportation**  
Mike Martens  
**District Principal, Tech & Data**  
Phil Luporini  
**District Principal, Indigenous Learning**  
Kerry Mahlman  
**District Principal, Learning & Innovation**  
Kirsten Deasey  
**Schools / Principals & Vice-Principals:**  
**Cedar Grove Elementary**  
Olwen Cowan  
**Davis Bay Elementary**  
Ursula Hardwick  
**Gibsons Elementary**  
Lynda Brisebois  
**Halfmoon Bay Elementary**  
Glen Smith  
**Kinnikinnick Elementary**  
Bernadette Marie  
**Langdale Elementary**  
Jenny Groves  
**Madeira Park Elementary**  
Sandy Magnussen  
**Roberts Creek Elementary / SPIDER (K-6)**  
Duncan Knight  
**West Sechelt Elementary**  
Jeff Marshall  
**Chatelech Secondary**  
Mark Sauer / Rae-dene Pednaud  
**Elphinstone Secondary**  
John Brisebois / Sue Bailey  
**Pender Harbour Secondary**  
Chris Lekakis  
**Sunshine Coast Alternative School / SPIDER (7-12)**  
Carolyn Spence

**FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**  
**District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)**

Jo Thomson (Chair)  
[sd46dpac@gmail.com](mailto:sd46dpac@gmail.com)  
Meetings are held every fourth Thursday, 7 pm (rotating schools)  
**PAC Meetings**  
Check with your local school.  
**School Activities**  
Share your expertise!  
Contact your child's school.

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