



SUNSHINE COAST SCHOOL DISTRICT 46

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

We look forward to a great year ahead.



We acknowledge with respect and gratitude the unceded lands and waters – the Temíxw of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and the swiya of the shishálh Nation, where we learn, collaborate, and journey together.

A Letter of Welcome from Board Chair Amanda Amaral and Superintendent of Schools Kate Kerr

Dear Sunshine Coast Schools Learning Community,

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a wonderful summer filled with rest and time with loved ones. As we start this new school year, we are excited to have you back in our vibrant school communities, where the spirit of belonging continues to be at the heart of everything we do.

Belonging is the foundation of our district. It is the thread that weaves us together as a supportive and nurturing community, creating an environment where everyone feels valued, heard, and respected. As we enter our classrooms, walk through the hallways, and share our learning spaces, let us remember the importance of a smile and a kind word.

This year, we are especially excited to announce the launch of our new Strategic Plan: "Paddling Towards Irresistible Futures!" This plan represents our collective voices and commitment to student learning and the future of all students. We look forward to working with you to implement this plan as a reflection of our shared vision of a thriving and inclusive community of lifelong learners.

Let's make this year of learning a time to build connections, form new friendships, and strengthen existing ones as we paddle together towards irresistible futures.

In This We Journey Together



BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amanda Amaral (Chair)
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School Board Meetings
7 pm on typically the second
Wednesday of each school month
(494 South Fletcher, Gibsons)

2024-2025 LEADERSHIP TEAM
Superintendent of Schools
Kate Kerr
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Prasan Naik
District Principal, Indigenous Learning
Kerry Mahlman
District Principal, Learning, Innovation, & Child Care
Kirsten Deasey
District Vice-Principal, Learning & Innovation
Desiree Harris
Schools / Principals & Vice-Principals:
Cedar Grove Elementary
Lia Cuccurullo
Davis Bay Elementary
Jean Janzen
Gibsons Elementary
Lynda Brisebois
Halfmoon Bay Elementary
Bernadette Marie
Kinnikinnick Elementary
Paula Stroschein-Martinez / Whitney de Beer
Langdale Elementary
Jenny Groves
Madeira Park Elementary
Nicole Zilkie
Roberts Creek Elementary / SPIDER (K-6)
Duncan Knight
West Sechelt Elementary
Olwen Cowan
Chatelech Secondary
Mark Sauer / Meg Chamberlin
Elphinstone Secondary
John Brisebois / Hilary Watt
Pender Harbour ELEM/SEC
Rae-dene Pednaud
SCAS / SPIDER (7-12)
Chris Lekakis

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
District Parent Advisory Council
Scott Davies (Chair)
sd46dpac@gmail.com
Meetings are held every fourth
Thursday, 7 pm
(Hybrid in-person / ZOOM)
PAC Meetings
Check with your local school.
Volunteer Opportunities
Share the gift of time!
Contact your child's school.

2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tues., Sept. 3.....Pro-D Day	Wed., Feb. 5 & Thurs., Feb. 6.....Early Dismissals
Wed., Sept. 4.....First day of school	Fri., Feb. 7.....Pro-D Day
Mon., Sept. 30.....National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	Mon., Feb. 17.....Family Day
Wed., Oct. 9 & Thurs., Oct. 10.....Early Dismissals	Mon., Mar. 17–Fri., Mar. 28 (inclusive)....Vacation
Mon., Oct. 14.....Thanksgiving Day	Mon., Mar. 31.....Schools Reopen
Fri., Oct. 25.....Pro-D Day	Fri., Apr. 18.....Good Friday
Mon., Nov. 11.....Remembrance Day	Mon., Apr. 21.....Easter Monday
Mon., Nov. 18.....Pro-D Day	Tues., Apr. 22.....Pro-D Day
Mon., Dec. 23–Fri., Jan. 3 (inclusive).....Vacation	Fri., May 16.....Pro-D Day
Mon., Jan. 6.....Schools Reopen	Mon., May 19.....Victoria Day
	Thurs., June 26.....Last Instructional Day

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