



Monday Maverick

Tue. Sept. 30th – Fri. Oct. 4th

Looking to plan ahead? Check out our calendar on the website, or here at [GMS Calendar](#)
Please return all forms that went home asap

THIS WEEK...

Truth and Reconciliation Week	
Mon. Sept. 30 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Tues. Oct. 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Last Day to sign up for Parent Teacher interviews – see email sent on Friday ○ Music Parents Meeting
Wed. Oct. 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cops for Cancer GMS Bike Tour and Head Shave – 10 am – 11 am ○ Hot Lunch - Subway ○ Early Dismissal – 1:45 pm ○ Parent Teacher Conferences – 3pm to 5pm
Thurs. Oct. 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tour de Rock Visit – 11 am ○ Early Dismissal – 1:45 pm ○ Parent Teacher Conferences – 3pm to 5pm
Fri. Oct. 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hot Lunch - Pizza ○ Mini X

Mark Your Calendars...



- Oct 7th – PAC Meeting
- Oct 14th – Thanksgiving – no school
- Oct 17th – Great Shake Out
- Oct 19th – PAC Bottle Drive

The Fine Arts, Clubs, Athletics Calendar in the Google Drive is updated regularly on our website
[CLICK HERE FOR QUICK ACCESS](#)

Drop Off and Pick Up Safety

Please use the pull through at the front of the school or pull up on the side of the road on Judah St. Please do not pull into the parking lots and **keep the Bus Zone clear**. You will notice cones in the bus zone. This helps to keep the students safe as they arrive and depart.

Note – all students must walk their bikes & scooters on school grounds.

School Food Programs

We have a number of food programs available for students. Each day we have toast with jam available for students in the morning in the Performing Arts studio before school. At recess students can grab a light snack (fruit and protein option) and weekly Hot Lunch (Subway Wednesday and Pizza Friday) will be available for purchase. Families who would benefit from daily bagged lunch program can reach out to Ms. Scott – jescott@sd61.bc.ca to sign up. NOTE – students on the lunch program will get Subway & Pizza weekly.

CELL PHONE & PERSONAL DEVICE EXPECTATIONS

@GMS

Why?

By reducing personal device distractions, students can focus on learning and positive social interactions during the school day.

Smart phones & social media are shown to impact adolescent mental health, emotional regulation, and healthy relationships.

We want to help all student learn, connect and thrive through personal and engaging interactions with staff and students.

Bottom Lines... You've Got This!

- All personal devices IN LOCKER
- Devices away on school property @ all times
- Medical & learning devices are permitted
- If bottom lines are too hard for you we will hold your device



Instead of this... Try this...

using a device when done your work → check criteria & edit, read, do homework, create

calling or texting family → use the class or office phone at a good time

using a phone at breaks → try a sport or club, walk & talk, play, help out

using device for time, research etc → use school tech & tools

Reporting Student Absences & Early Pick Up & Closed Campus

If you child will be late or absent please call 250-479-5032. We know that some families like to email teachers with absence information. This is helpful! Please also include the office in the email so that we can record this information in our system. Email glanford@sd61.bc.ca

If you will be picking up your child early please make sure to call or email the office. We will not let students sign out without communication from families.

A reminder that we are a closed campus. This means that students are not allowed to leave at breaks or during the day (unless they have an appointment etc). We can always help with forgotten food, homework extensions or extra clothes.