

Hello Macaulay Families,

Fall is in the air, and our hallways are bright with beautiful autumn-inspired artwork from Divisions 14, 15, and 16.



I'd also like to take a moment to highlight our Common Elementary Code of Conduct, particularly the section about personal digital devices. You can read the full document [here](#).

To help our students stay focused, present, and connected to their learning, all elementary schools in SD61 follow the same approach: during the school day (including recess and lunch) cell phones and tablets should be turned off or on silent and kept in backpacks. Students are not permitted to take photos, videos, or recordings at school, which helps everyone feel safe and respected.

If your child needs to reach you during the day, they can always use the school phone (with permission).

A few quick reminders:

- If your child arrives late, please ensure they sign in at the podium by the front door.
- Please return your Student Verification Forms as soon as possible—these are essential for us to reach you quickly in case of an emergency.
- And finally, there is no school next Friday, October 24, for the Provincial Pro-D Day.

Warmly,
Jeanne Humphries
Principal / Directrice

Looking Ahead
<u>Tonight!</u> - PAC Fun Lunch and Dance
<u>Oct 23</u> – Photo Retakes
<u>Oct 24</u> – No School – Professional Development Day
<u>Oct 28</u> – Cross Country – Finals
<u>Oct 31</u> – Halloween – Students may wear costumes or black and orange
<u>Nov 5</u> – Early dismissal (11:50 am) – Parent-Teacher Conferences
<u>Nov 6</u> – Regular dismissal time (2:37 pm) – Parent-Teacher Conferences
<u>Nov 10</u> – Remembrance Day assembly
<u>Nov 11</u> – No School - Remembrance Day

More Information Items:

Parent teacher info

You will receive an email from the school with information about signing up for parent teacher interviews before the end of October. This is an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) to discuss their progress thus far. You will have until Monday, November 3rd to sign up.

Parent teacher interviews take place Wednesday, November 5th and Thursday, November 6th. For planning purposes, please note that students will be dismissed at 11:50 ONLY on Wednesday, November 5th.

AI Document Feedback

To ensure our guidance around AI is consistently up to date, SD61 is completing a bi-annual review cycle of the content and is hoping for feedback from school communities. Access to the AI in GVSD document is below, followed by a QR code linking to the feedback form.



(AI Document)



Community Information Items:

The Walking School Bus (WSB) is Hiring a Walk Leader at your school!

- Job Posting: <https://ca.indeed.com/job/walking-school-bus-walk-leader-victoria-bc-3c97a26df80eb963>
- Route Map and Stop Times: https://www.canva.com/design/DAGY1SsYkb8/rnrOXKN4dj-foxxKtSjlwA/view?utm_content=DAGY1SsYkb8&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniquelinks&utlId=h637225d5b6
- Compensation: \$26/hour. The Society for Children and Youth of BC pays a living wage based on regional rates plus paid sick days and vacation paid out at 6%.
- Start Date: As soon as possible
- To apply: Send your resume, school name, and availability to: hr@scyofbc.org
- Questions?: Send an email to Emma: emma@scyofbc.org

We are accepting candidates on a rolling basis until the role is filled, so please reach out as soon as you can if this role sounds like a fit for you, or if you have any questions before applying.

FAQ's

- As a Walk Leader, can I bring my own child(ren) on the WSB? We have several Walk Leaders who also have their own school-aged child participate on the Walking School Bus, or who have an infant who joins in a stroller. Please let us know in your application so we can figure out the specifics on a case-by-case basis.

- I'm only available for morning or afternoon walk shifts. Should I still apply? Absolutely. Our walks run mornings and afternoons, about an hour before and an hour after the school bell on all weekdays. We do have some schools running their WSB with a different AM and PM Walk Leader. Our ideal candidate is available for either all morning shifts, all afternoon shifts, or both. Let us know your availability in your application!
- Is training provided? Yes! We have both online and in-person training to make sure Walk Leaders are comfortable before jumping into the role.
- Do I need any special equipment? This role requires use of a personal smartphone, but otherwise all needed equipment is provided.
- I have an irregular schedule and can't join all the time, but would still love to help. What can I do? We are also hiring paid on-call Walk Leader positions for the Island, and are also always looking for volunteers to help out this community-based initiative! Otherwise, sharing this job posting with people you know who could be a good fit for the role is incredibly helpful.

Beetlejuice by Aldente Theatre (see poster below) – some of our students (past and current) are in this play!



THEATRE
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Presents

BEETLEJUICE
JR.

Music & Lyrics by
Eddie Perfect

Book by
Scott Brown & Anthony King

Directed by
Sasha Moriarty-Schieven



Performances
October 24 at 7:00pm
October 25 at 2:00pm
October 26 at 4:00pm

Performances at
Belmont Secondary School Theatre
3041 Langford Lake Road

Purchase Tickets at **theatreal dente.com**

