

Friday, December 12, 2025

Hello Macaulay Families,

A short note this week to share that staff are continuing to support students with routines, learning, and connection as we wrap up the calendar year, while also providing many opportunities for students to express their creativity!



Division 19 – Bulletin Board

We see and feel daily the strength of our supportive and generous community, highlighted by last week's Loonie Emporium. If your family needs anything, please let us know. Please also consider donating a gift card for our gift card drive.

We appreciate your partnership, and I hope the days ahead feel manageable, warm, and, after this week's deluge, I feel I have to add: dry!

Warmly,
Jeanne Humphries
Principal/Directrice

Looking Ahead
Dec 1 - 15 - Macaulay Celebrations Gift Card Drive (see poster below)
Dec 19 - PJ day, last day of school before the winter break, learning updates go home
Jan 5 - First day back after the winter break
Jan 14 - PAC meeting
Jan 16 - PAC fun lunch
Jan 26 - Professional Development Day - No school for students

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More School Information Items:

Learning updates

How to view the Learning Updates (previously known as report cards) - they will be accessible after 3pm on Friday, Dec 19th.

- Please view your child(ren)'s learning update via [Parent Connect](#)
- If you have never accessed Parent Connect, please do so as soon as possible, in order to give us some time to figure out any tech issues that might arise.
- Paper copies, will only be provided upon request. Please email the teacher(s) directly.
- Here is additional information regarding Parent Connect, including an informative video: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/parent-connect/>

Lost and Found



Lost and Found articles will be displayed by door 9 during the last week of school before winter break. Please take time to claim any lost items before December 19th. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Grade 5 Entrepreneurs



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Macaulay Winter Celebrations Gift Card Drive



JOIN US FOR OUR MACAULAY

WINTER CELEBRATIONS GIFT CARD DRIVE

DECEMBER 1 - 15, 2025

This holiday season, let's come together to support families in need! Join us for our Winter Celebrations Gift Card Drive and help make the holidays brighter for students and their families.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- 1. DONATE GIFT CARDS OF ANY DENOMINATION**
(SUGGESTED STORES: WALMART, AMAZON, MASTERMIND TOYS, INDIGO, BOLEN BOOKS, UPTOWN MALL, MAYFAIR MALL, TILlicum MALL, SPORT CHEK, GROCERY STORES, CANADIAN TIRE, TOYS R US, MICHAELS, & WINNERS).

 **DROP OFF YOUR GIFT CARD DONATIONS AT THE MAIN OFFICE**



Registration for Kindergarten

Registering Children born in 2021

1. Is it the right time to register?

- **Early French Immersion** (Kindergarten & Grade 1)
 - 2025-2026 School Year: You can still register your child at anytime during the current school year.
 - 2026-2027 School Year: Online registration for Early French Immersion opens at 8:00 am on January 12, 2026 and closes on January 16, 2026 at 3:30pm.
- **English Kindergarten**
 - 2025-2026 School Year: You can still register your child at anytime during the current school year.
 - 2026-2027 School Year: Online registration for English Kindergarten opens at 8:00 am on January 26, 2026 and closes on January 30, 2026 at 3:30pm.

2. Do you know which school your child will attend based on your home address?

- Determining your catchment school is an easy and important step before you register
- Each home address within our District is associated with an elementary, middle and secondary school
- Visit the [*School Locator Tool*](#) and enter your residential address to find out which schools your child should attend

3. Do you meet the requirements?

- School-age eligibility: the child you are registering is five years of age by December 31st of the school year. Your child's eligibility is not based on their skillset, but is based on their age.
- Proof of citizenship: one of the following documents is required for your child:
 - Birth Certificate
 - Passport
 - Immigration Canada document
 - Certificate of Citizenship or Permanent Resident Card

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- Proof of residential address: two different documents are required that provide proof of address

Late French Immersion

We welcome any Grade 6 child residing in the Greater Victoria School District to enter the Late French Immersion Program. Out-of-district families are also accommodated when possible.

Registration

- 2026-2027 School Year: Online registration for Late French Immersion (Grade 6) opens at 8:00 am on January 26, 2026 and closes on January 30, 2026 at 3:30pm.

Entering Late French Immersion Enables Students to:

- Achieve levels of learning in all subject areas equivalent to the English Program
- Become functionally bilingual, that is, to participate comfortably in French and English conversations
- Possess the requirements that would allow them to pursue further education appropriate to their abilities and interests, with French as the language of instruction
- Accept employment where the working language is French
- Gain insight into the common attitudes and values of French-speaking communities

Late French Immersion Middle Schools

School	Address	Telephone	Grades
Arbutus Middle School	2306 Edgelow Street V8N 1R5	250-477-1878	6-8
Central	1280 Fort Street	250-386-3591	6-8
Lansdowne Middle School	1765 Lansdowne Road V8P 1A7	250-598-3336	6-8
Shoreline Middle School	2750 Shoreline Drive V9B 1M6	250-386-8367	6-8

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Interested in Late French Immersion?

INFORMATION SESSION

Grade 6 Late French Immersion



January 14, 2026



6:00 - 7:00 pm



Online - Click to register!



Late French Immersion is offered at four middle schools in SD61: Arbutus, Central, Lansdowne, and Shoreline.

All SD61 Grade 5 students are eligible to join this program!



NOTE:

This information session is being held prior to the Late French Immersion (Grade 6) Registration Week occurring January 26-30, 2026.

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HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
7:00AM - 1:00PM

BREAKFAST 7:00- 8:30
HOT LUNCH SERVED 11:30 - 1:00

OUR HOLIDAY MEAL ON DEC 19
HOLIDAY BREAKFAST 7:00-8:30
HOLIDAY LUNCH 11:30-1:00

RAINBOW KITCHEN WILL BE CLOSED FROM
DEC 25 - JAN 4
OPENING OUR HEARTS AND KITCHEN TO THE COMMUNITY
JAN 5

