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*We are committed to nurturing a safe, caring and engaging learning environment for all students.
 Kindly contact us with questions, concerns or feedback!*

Things Dunn – March 10th, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 8 th , 2017	Interim Report Cards Go Home
March 12 th , 2017	Daylight Savings Begins (Clocks ahead)
March 13 th – 24 th , 2017	Spring Break
March 17 th	Saint Patrick's Day 
March 20 th	Spring Begins
March 27 th	First Day back from Spring Break
March 30 th	Internet Safety Presentation at ADSS 6:30 pm
April 7 th	School Based Pro D Day (NO SCHOOL for Students)
April 14 th	Good Friday (NO SCHOOL)
April 17 th	Easter Monday (NO SCHOOL)
April 20 th	Second Term Report Cards Go Home
April 22 nd	Earth Day
April 27 th	PAC Pizza Day
April 30 th	PAC Tag Fundraising Day (Volunteers needed)
May 3 rd	Class Picture Day (9:00am)

Kindergarten

**Have you registered your child for Kindergarten 2017-2018 school year yet?
 E. J. Dunn Elementary is accepting applications for the new school year now!
 Registration forms can be picked up at the office and we would also need a birth
 certificate.**

School District 70 (Alberni) Respectful Workplace Expectations

School District 70 is committed to maintaining a respectful workplace where all employees enjoy a workplace environment in which they are valued, respected and are treated with dignity.

A respectful workplace is one in which all employees, students and members of the public demonstrate:

- Respectful behavior at all times
- Mutual respect for all
- Collaborative working relationships
- Inclusion of other people based on the principles of Human Rights Legislation
- Constructive management of differences including respectful dispute resolution and conflict management



PAC information

The next PAC meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11th, 2017 at 6:30pm in the E.J. Dunn Library. If you have any questions about PAC please contact Mr. Brown at the school (250) 723 7522. Brown at the school (250) 723-7522.



PAC Fundraising: April 30th TAG Day

The EJ Dunn PAC will be having a TAG Day at local businesses in Port Alberni on Sunday April 30th as part of their on-going fundraising efforts to build a Playground at EJ Dunn. They are in need of as many Parents and Students to volunteer on this day to help encourage donations. If you are able to volunteer for a shift please contact the school at (250) 723-7522. More details will be coming out after Spring Break.

Thanks you!

When to Keep Your Child Home When They Are Feeling Sick?

For the protection of your child, as well as other children, keep your child home if he/she:

- Has a fever
- Is too sick to take part in all normal school activities
- Has a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, pink eye, chicken pox, or any other undiagnosed rash).

Keep them home until they are no longer infectious.

Please let the school know your child's symptoms.

For further information, call your local health unit or your Family Doctor.

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Safety and Security

There have been a number of events locally and provincially that have reminded us of the importance of school security. We would like to remind you of the following expectations to keep our school as safe a place as possible:

Student supervision begins at 8:30am. Students should not arrive before this time.

School Visitors

Visitors to our school must sign in at the office. This includes parents or family members just dropping items off or bringing in students a few minutes late. Safety requires us to be consistent about this with all adults. We will deliver the items or call the student to the office for you. Unscheduled parental visits into your child's classroom interrupts student learning. Please make prior arrangements with your child's teacher if you wish to meet with them.



THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better results, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behavior and have a better chance of graduating from high school.

When students are absent for fewer days, their grades and reading skills often improve—even among those students who are struggling in school. Students who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to graduate from high school, setting them up for a strong future.

But when kids are absent for an average of just two days of school per month—even when the absences are excused— it can have a negative impact. These absences can affect kids as early as Kindergarten.

For example, young elementary school students who miss an average of just two school days per month often have difficulty keeping up with their peers academically and tend to fall behind in reading.

As a parent, you can prepare your child for a lifetime of success by making regular school attendance a priority. By figuring out the reasons for your child’s absences—whether they’re physical or emotional—and taking advantage of support services—such as afterschool activities—you can help set your child on the path to success.



Spring Soccer registration: Available at www.avsoccer.com

Must register by MARCH 15

Assistance for registration available at the soccer office on Saturday March 4, & March 11, 10-12.

Internet Safety Presentation for Parents and Students at ADSS: Thursday March 30th ADSS is hosting an Internet Safety Presentation for students and parents on Thursday March 30. Our Grade 6 & 7 Students will visit ADSS for a student presentation in the theatre in the afternoon. **Parents are invited to the presentation at 6:30pm in the ADSS theatre.**



The presenter will be nationally renowned speaker Jesse Miller. Jesse has presented to over 175,000 students and parents in BC on the topics of social media awareness, Internet safety & online content evaluation. For more information about Jesse visit this synopsis <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/riverside/Calendar/Attachments/1124/Mediated%20Reality%20-%20Jesse%20MILLER.pdf>

This is an important opportunity for both parents and students to learn what they need to do to keep our community safe.



PAINT NITE

**Wow what a good time everyone had at Paint Nite!
Just under a 100 hundred tickets sold.**



There were draws for gift baskets and the PAC made just over \$2500 dollars for the new playground.

Special Thanks to Shelby Lorimer (PAC President) and Maghen Girard (Vice-Principal) for all their hard work to put this fundraiser together for E.J. Dunn Elementary. They would like to Thank everyone – Parents – Staff who gave their time to this event and a special Thank You to the following sponsors who helped us raise this money for the playground.

Paint Nite
Shoppers Drug mart
Alberni Aquarium & Stewardship Centre
Rainbow Lanes Bowling
Capelli's Hair Design & Home Décor
Treasure Chest Jewellery & Loan
Maghen Girard
Flandangle's Kitchen & Gifts
E.J. Dunn Staff
City of Port Alberni Parks and Recreation
Tim Horton's
Norwex – Elizabeth Plats & Carol Sedgewick
Young Living – Haelie Kynoch & Lindsay's Oils
Diane Girard of Arrowview Kids Club



Thank You Thank You **Thank You**