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Principal's Message: The Power of Showing Up

Dear E.J. Dunn Families,

As we settle into the fall season, I want to take a moment to thank all of you for your continued support and involvement in your child's learning. One of the most impactful ways you can support your child's success is by helping them attend school consistently.



Regular attendance builds strong learning habits, supports academic growth, and helps students build lasting connections with their peers and teachers. Whether your child is in Kindergarten or Grade 7, each day at school matters — every lesson, every interaction, every opportunity to grow.

We recognize that some absences are unavoidable due to illness or family emergencies, but we encourage families to make attendance a priority whenever possible. Let's work together to help our students thrive by showing up — everyday counts!

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[When to Keep or Send Your Student to School](#)

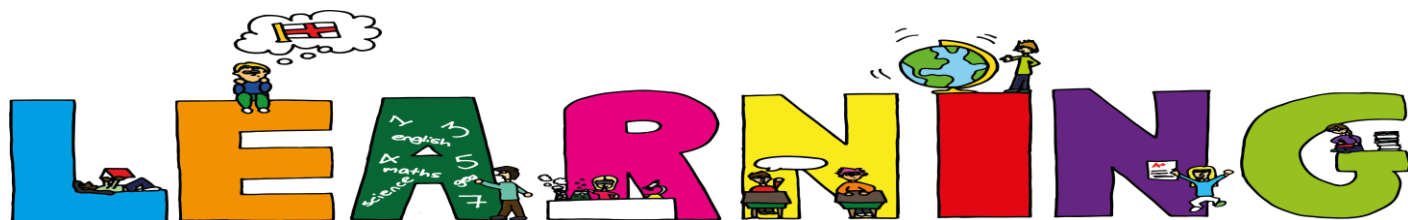
When Should I Keep My Student Home from School?

- Have a fever, stay home until fever-free for 24 hours without medication.
- Have vomited within the last 24 hours.
- Have had diarrhea within the last 24 hours.
- Have a contagious illness (e.g., strep throat, pink eye, chickenpox) and haven't been cleared by a doctor.
- Are too tired or unwell to participate in regular school activities.
- Have a severe cough that prevents learning or disturbs others.

When Should I Send My Student to School?

- Have mild sniffles, a light cough, or seasonal allergies but feel well enough to learn and play.
- Have a runny nose but no fever or major symptoms.
- Are recovering from illness and have been symptom-free for 24 hours.
- Are having a 'bad morning' — learning to work through tough days builds resilience.
- Say they 'don't feel like going' but have no real symptoms — often, a good day at school turns things around!

Healthy attendance habits support learning, growth, and connection!

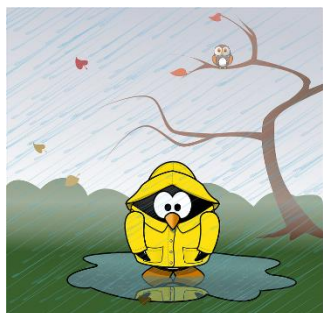


Learning update Conferences – October 28 and 29:

Conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 28 and Wednesday, October 29. Early dismissal of students will happen on both days. Students will either need to be picked up by 11:47 am or, if they are usually bused home students should head immediately to the bus loop at the dismissal bell.

Conference times will be sent home with your student. Please, communicate with your child's teacher to confirm, reschedule, or if you cannot attend your child's conference.

Dress for the Weather



It's that time of year again! As the weather remains cool and wet, we would like to remind caregivers that it is helpful if students have a change of clothes with them at school in the event that their clothes get wet or muddy outside. Many classes participate in outdoor education opportunities - having a change of clothes at school minimizes disruption to both the student and caregivers!

HALLOWEEN ~ OCTOBER 31ST

We're excited to celebrate Halloween together! Here are a few reminders to help us ensure a fun and safe experience for everyone:

- Costumes should be non-scary and non-violent — we have young students in the building.
- Please avoid sending fake weapons, hair dye, or makeup to school.
- Our Costume Parade will take place at 2:30 pm in the school courtyard. Families are welcome to attend and cheer on our creative students!

Thank you for helping us create a fun, inclusive Halloween celebration for all!



HEAD LICE INFORMATION

We have identified that there are students in the school who have lice. To help minimize the transmission of lice to others, we ask that families assist by talking with their students about not sharing clothing, combs/brushes, hats, etc., and avoid close head contact with classmates. Additionally, we ask that families please check their students' heads regularly and treat them when required. If they have been treated, students can continue to be at school.

For more information on Head Lice, please see the link below from Island Health, and have a look at the [Head lice](#) | [HealthLink BC](#)

[Please contact the office if you would like support with treatment supplies.](#)



DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 24, 2025 – Friday – Non-instructional day – No school for students

October 28 and 29, 2025 – Tuesday, Wednesday – Learning Conferences – Early dismissal

October 31, 2025 – Halloween – Classrooms arrange their own celebrations.

November 4, 2025 – Cross Country Meet, 3:00 pm – (for those students participating).

November 14, 2025 – Gr 6/7 Volleyball wrap up – (for those students participating).

November 7, 2025 – Retake Day – (AM only) – if you had pictures taken in October, please bring package back and give it to the photographer directly.

November 7, 2025 – Remembrance Day Assembly – (11:00 am)

November 7, 2025 – Wrestling Wrap-Up (for those students participating).

November 10, 2025 – School Based Pro Day – No School for Students

November 11, 2025 – Remembrance Day holiday – NO School

December 9, 2025 – Winter Wonder Land – More information to follow.

December 11, 2025 – Christmas Concert – More information to follow.

December 22 – January 4, 2026 – Winter/Christmas Holiday – No School

January 5, 2026 – First Day of School in the new year.

Do you have a sick child?

Keep your child home from school if they have...

A FEVER

A temperature of 100 degrees or higher.



A PERSISTENT COUGH

Or other abnormal breathing problems.



DIARRHEA OR THEY'RE VOMITTING

Within the past 24 hours.



A RASH

Body rash with itching and/or fever.



AN EYE INFECTION

Eye is red and oozing a yellow or green discharge.



All Clear to Return to School:

Fever free for 24 hours without medication.

Cough is mild and infrequent and evaluated by doctor if needed.

Free from diarrhea and/or vomiting for at least 24 hours and evaluated by a doctor if needed.

Free from rash, itching or fever and evaluated by doctor if needed.

24 hours after starting antibiotic eye drops or ointment.