

2026.10.01 SD8 Weekly Bulletin - Family Edition



Mission - We inspire and support each learner to thrive in a caring learning environment

 Remember to check out the [SD8 calendar](#) for important dates and to find out what is going on around the district!

(downloadable/printable version - [2026/2027 School Year](#))

Family Engagement Sessions 2026-2027!

Join SD8 staff throughout the year to learn about various programs and initiatives.

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

[Zoom Link](#) | Password: parent

October 1, 2026 - Trades Programs and Three-Year Grad Plan Student and Parent Engagement Night
SD8 Trades Program overview for parents and students.

November 5, 2026 - Scholarship Information Night Overview of Scholarship Process and Three-Year Grad Plan
SD8 scholarship process and opportunities overview for parents and students.

December 3, 2026 - French Immersion Information Night (Creston and Nelson) for Families
SD8 French Immersion in Creston overview for parents and students (Program and application process)

April 1, 2027 - Scholarships: What to Expect During Adjudication
Review for students and families.

DPAC Meetings (virtual)

Please join us virtually for our next DPAC Meeting!

Find meeting dates, agendas, DPAC contacts and more [here!](#)

Next meeting is October 22, 2026 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM PST - hope to see you there!

Attendance

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school - and themselves. You can help your

children start building this habit early so they learn that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help your children do well in school, post-secondary, and at work.

Did you know?

- ▶ By encouraging good attendance, you will make an important difference to the education of your children. Regular attendance is key to educational success.
- ▶ It's understandable that challenges to daily attendance are unavoidable - like illness and urgent appointments. But try not to let absences add up! Studies show that students who miss 18 or more school days each year usually suffer academically!
- ▶ It doesn't matter if absences are excused or unexcused. They all mean lost time in the classroom, and that means a lost opportunity to learn.
- ▶ Attendance matters as early as kindergarten! Studies show that students who attend more in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are less likely to struggle with reading by third grade.
- ▶ Students with good attendance are more likely to graduate from high school.
- ▶ Children who have good attendance rates are less likely to be involved in behaviours that will get them in trouble. Studies show that students who attend school regularly

[**SD8 News**](#) - *catch up on the latest announcements, Board Highlights and news in SD8!*

[**Superintendent's Report**](#) - *Read the latest blog from Superintendent Smillie to find out what's being celebrated and what is going on around the district this month!*