

2026.10.08 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](#))

INFORMATION FOR SD8 FAMILIES

Happy Thanksgiving to all our SD8 families!

Reminder: Monday, October 12th is a Statutory Holiday - no school in session

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

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 - hope to see you there!

Why Encourage Your Children and Teens to Attend School Each Day?

We all know that attending school is critical to students' success in their classes. But did you know that helping your children and teens attend school does much, much more?

► By attending school regularly, your children are learning to plan and follow routines, which can help students feel more secure, confident, and competent.

► Getting into the practice of arriving at school on-time is building lifelong skills. It helps develop good habits that children and teens can use throughout their education, into their careers, and throughout their lives.

► Making an effort to arrive at school on-time each day improves students' organizational skills. It helps students think about ...

- how they can prepare ahead (such as getting organized the night before).
- how important it is to go to bed on time, so they can get up in the morning feeling ready for the day.
- time management -- paying attention to the clock and planning how long it will take to complete their morning routine.

[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!