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Important Dates:

- Feb 3 PAC Meeting 6:45 pm
- Feb 6 PAC Bingo Night
- Feb 9 - 12 K - 12 Transfer Request Week
- Feb 13 Pro D Day School not in session
- Feb 14 Happy Valentine's Day!
- Feb 16 Family Day School not in session
- Mar 3 PAC Meeting 6:45 pm
- Mar 12 PAC Movie Night
- Mar 13 Last Day Before Spring Break / Learning Updates available 3 pm
- Mar 30 Welcome Back
- April 3 Good Friday School not in session
- April 6 Easter Monday School not in session
- April 7 PAC Meeting 6:45 pm



Thank you to all the Volunteers who sponsor or Clubs

Grade 5 Basketball

- 2:45- 3:30
- Girls - Tuesday
- Boys - Thursday

Gr. 4 Basketball

- Wednesdays
- Lunch Recess



Knitting Club

- Tuesday and Friday
- Lunch Recess



Chess Club

- Fridays
- Lunch Recess



Climate Club

- Thursdays
- Lunch recess



Rainbow Club

- Thursday
- Lunch Recess





Staffing Updates:

We are delighted to welcome **Jessica Drake** to our teaching team! She will be teaching Div. 6 while Mme Steph is on leave.

And welcome back to **Kat Duncan**! We are so happy to have you back at Doncaster as a superstar EA!

We'd also like to extend an enormous Doncaster welcome to **Sanjiv Galhon**, who will be filling in as our Principal while Ms. Fawcett is on leave! We are so glad to be able to borrow him from Vic West for the remainder of the school year! Bienvenue, Mr. G! We're so glad you're here!



Something You're Missing?

Please come *shopping* at our Lost and Found!



Parents & Caregivers: Consider Taking the Student Learning Survey!

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2026** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in **grade 4**, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until **May 1, 2026**.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-595-3611.



There are some interesting
workshops coming up from
FamilySmart!



See the following pages, and
register online at
[familysmart.ca/events!](https://familysmart.ca/events)

Connect & Learn

Online Event for Parents and Caregivers

Parenting ADHD Children A Neuro-Affirming Approach

Build a deeper understanding of how the ADHD brain works. Explore how some aspects of ADHD can act as a strength in certain situations, and a challenge in others. This event is designed for parents of school-aged children.



Join FamilySmart and Mary Klovance live online for an evening to learn neurodiversity-affirming communication strategies to reduce power struggles and strengthen connection. Parents will leave with tools they can use immediately, greater compassion for their child's nervous system, and a clearer roadmap for supporting their child.

Mary Klovance is an award-winning counsellor, author, and founder of The Neurodiversity Family Centre. She has over 14 years of front-line experience as a school counsellor and working with youth facing complex challenges. She is a Registered Clinical Counsellor and ADHD-Certified Clinical Services Provider.

- **DATE:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026
- **TIME:** 6:30 – 8:00pm (Pacific Time)
- **LOCATION:** On Zoom (online)
- **COST:** Free

With gratitude, FamilySmart would like to acknowledge the generosity of the Ministry of Children and Family Development for sponsoring this event.



Register online at
familysmart.ca/events



FamilySmart
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Connect & Learn

Online Events for Parents & Caregivers

Every month, we host events for parents and caregivers of a child or youth with a mental health and/or substance use challenge.

Join us to watch a video and share experiences and strategies that help in the hard moments, focusing on strengthening our understanding and connection with our kids.

For Families: A Conversation About Eating Disorders

Knowing how to help our kids who are experiencing an eating disorder can be a terrifying, isolating and overwhelming experience. Learn about disordered eating, what to be aware of, the importance of connection, and strategies that help support recovery. Learn as Victoria Keddis hosts a conversation with Eating Disorders Therapist & Educator Carmen Kaufmann, and Rylee McKinlay, a young person with lived experience, and Terri McKinlay, a parent with lived experience.

Join us and other families for this video presentation and discussion that's facilitated by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker.

- **COST:** Free
- **DATES:**

Times are in Pacific Time (most of B.C.)

- Wednesday, February 4, 6:30pm
- Thursday, February 19, 6:30pm
- Thursday, February 26, 6:30pm



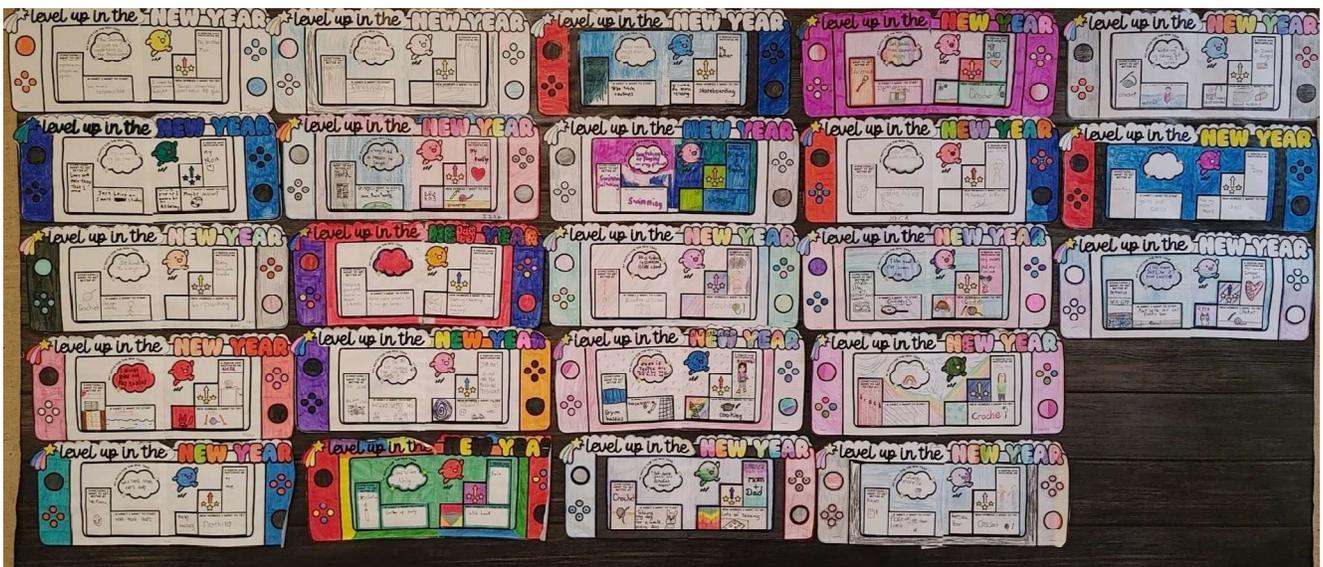
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Happy New Year!



Div 8



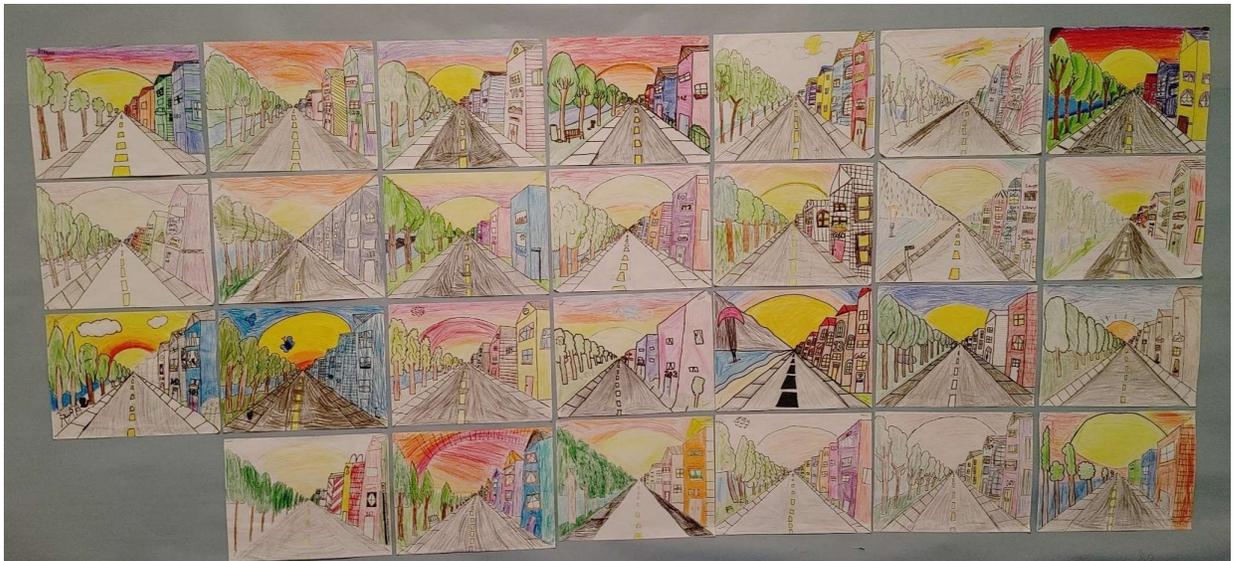
Div 5



Div 1



Div 11



Div 6



Div 10



Youth Softball in Gordon Head

Learn to play softball at Majestic Park in Saanich. Watch your child build physical, mental, and social skills in a fun-filled team environment!

Ages 5 - 17

**REGISTRATION
COMING SOON!**

for the April - June 2026 spring softball season



More information and online registration at:
www.gordonheadfastball.ca

February Wishes



February is a wonderful and unique month at school. It's a month of kindness and friendship, and it reminds us to stop and reflect on the ways we can show people we care.

We wish all our Doncaster families a month of warmth and caring in this final stretch of winter.

With gratitude and appreciation for all you do,



- The Doncaster Team