



# MERRITT SECONDARY SCHOOL

## March 2025 Newsletter



### Welcome Spring

As the days grow longer and Spring Break approaches, we embrace the arrival of spring! This season brings fresh energy and new beginnings. From outdoor adventures to creative projects inspired by nature, it's the perfect time for growth and renewal. This month, outdoor ball hockey, spirit week celebrations, and a spring dance will bring excitement and sunshine to our school community!

Happy Spring! 🌞🌸

### Snow Much Fun!



#### Grad 2025

Please ensure 2025 graduates are checking their SD58 E-mail regularly. Important information will be sent as it becomes available.

The next grad meeting is **Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025.**

### De-Colonizing the Code of Conduct We want to hear from you!

Mr. Ian Paluck is working to decolonize the MSS Code of Conduct. Guided by The First Peoples Principles of Learning, The Circle of Courage, and The Seven Grandfather Teachings, he is revising the language within the document to reflect these values.

He welcomes your input! If you have any thoughts on this initiative or would like more information, please contact Ian Paluck at [ipaluck@365.sd58.bc.ca](mailto:ipaluck@365.sd58.bc.ca).

Code of Conduct: <https://mss.sd58.bc.ca/code-of-conduct/>



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### Spring Sports In Full Swing

As the weather warms up, our spring sports teams are ready to hit the field, track, course, and court! Ultimate Frisbee players are gearing up for fast-paced matches, while our golfers are fine-tuning their swings for a strong season ahead. Badminton players are sharpening their skills for exciting rallies, and our rugby teams are preparing for intense competition. Soccer players are lacing up their cleats and working on teamwork to dominate the pitch, while our track and field athletes are training hard to push their limits.

No matter the sport, our athletes are showing dedication, determination, and school spirit. Come out and support them as they take on the season!



### Riddle of the Month

What 4-letter word can be written forward, backward or upside down, and can still be read from left to right?

To win, e-mail your answer to:  
akinchella@365.sd58.bc.ca

### Costa Rica 2025

From March 16 to 26, 27 students and 4 adults will embark on an unforgettable journey through Costa Rica! Their adventure includes exploring the wildlife of Tortuguero National Park, ziplining with monkeys in Siquirres, and whitewater rafting on the Sarapiquí River. They'll kayak on Lake Arenal near an active volcano, visit the stunning La Fortuna Waterfall, and hike through the conservation area of Rincón de la Vieja National Park. The trip wraps up with snorkeling in Palo Verde National Park. This experience blends science and adventure for an incredible learning opportunity!



### Important Dates:

March 17th – 28th – Spring Break  
March 31st – MSS Reopens  
April 18th – Good Friday  
April 21st – Easter Monday  
April 25th – Grade 9 – 12 Reports Home