

2018/19 DRM Clubs/Organization and Sports

Please note that this list reflects the current school year and is subject to change.

Club/Organization/Sport	Adult Sponsor(s)	Description
Book to Movie	Tina Sherlock	Grades 7-9 students are invited to read a book, watch the movie, and discuss. Past books include: <i>The Ring, 1408, Simon vs. the Homo sapien Agenda, The Hate U Give, Every Day</i> . We watch the movie in the library or go for fieldtrips to the Whistler theatre or Adventure Centre theatre. Books are available via circulation through the library, but students are encouraged to purchase their own copy at a subsidized cost.
Equality Club	Stan Thomson, Tina Sherlock, Sally Paquette	We meet every Wed at lunch in the conference room across from the office. Guest speakers are invited to chat to the kids about local resources, gender transition, and personal experiences. We also try to organize a potluck movie evening once/month and hope to plan some outreach trips to the local elementary schools.
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)	Christina Smyth, Tina Sherlock (fresh DI skipper)	S.T.E.M. club is an opportunity for students to explore different concepts in science, technology, engineering and math. Each week we do a hands on activity. We have experimented with chemical reactions and Bunsen burners, looked at different types of rocks, learned to use microscopes, and created our own self-contained ecosystems. A few of our S.T.E.M. club members have decided to participate in Destination Imagination. Destination Imagination is a global organization in which students from around the world compete in regional, provincial and even global S.T.E.M. challenges. Our club will be designing an aircraft that can drop a payload on a target.
Cross Country Running	Greg Day	Our cross country running team trains and competes from September until late November. Our team runs in the competitive North Shore league. This past season Don Ross Middle School had some great successes. Our Junior girls team were the North Shore Zone League Champions, and went on to

		the Provincial Championships to represent Don Ross. These girls took home a fantastic 8th place in Nanaimo at the Provincials.
Ski/Snowboard	Greg Day	The Don Ross Ski and Snowboard Club meets once a month at lunch to hang out, and watch skiing, and riding movies to get stoked to head up the mountain! This year we have two days of skiing and riding booked at Whistler Blackcomb. The club participants take a bus up to Whistler as a group, and get a coached lesson based on their experience and ability.
Basketball	Greg Day, Ellen Sobieniak, Elyse Cochrane, Stephan Guerin	This year we have a number of basketball teams coached by a variety of teachers and community members. Stehpan Guerin is coaching our grade 7 girls team. Elyse Cochrane is coaching our grade 8/9 girls team. Hakan Koc is coaching our grade 8 boys team. Wade Farquar is coaching our grade 9 boys team. We are still missing a coach for our grade 7 boys team, so if you know someone who has a passion for coaching basketball please get in touch with our school. Ellen Sobieniak, and Greg Day are our Athletic directors, who coordinate the nuts and bolts of the basketball programs, as well as act as officials for the home games.
Mountain Bike	Greg Day	Don Ross has a rich history in competing in the sport of Mountain Biking for over 20 years. Greg Day is the head coach for this program, and is helped by Olivier Gendron, Katie Mac, and Nicole Hoskin. The mountain bike team/club starts up in late February depending on how much snow is on the trails. Our team competes in the North Shore League, and races begin in April. This year Don Ross Middle School will be hosting the Provincial Mountain Bike Championships in the Alice Lake surrounding trails. Students who do not race are also encouraged to join our club rides.
Retro Gaming Club	Sean Carter, Paul DeGroot	The Retro Gaming Club is all about old school fun. No digital interface or controller, just classic board games and new favourites. Monopoly, Settlers of Catan, Uno, Dungeons and Dragons, and Connect Four are some of the favourites!
Flow Arts	Lucie Lhotak	The Flow Arts Club is a group that meets every Friday in the drama room and focuses on using special equipment such as poi, hoops, staffs, etc (also known as 'flow toys') in a form of dance or rhythmic gymnastics. We also use objects with LED lights for extra dramatic flair, to create a geometric light show. We are always happy to have new members, and will teach them all we know! Mme. Lhotak is our wonderful teacher supervisor and the one who introduced us to poi and Flow Arts.

		There aren't many of us at the moment, but we make up for small numbers with passion and creativity. Everyone chooses some of the choices we have or finds a new art form then finds a way to self teach or ask one of the other members.
Cave Dwellers	Lucie Lhotak, Christina Smyth, Jeremy Blumel	Cave Dwellers happens every Monday. Thanks to a generous donation from our PAC we are soon going to be able to expand our club into both bouldering and top roping. Cave Dwellers is open to any interested DRM student.
Student Council	Melissa Zaron	Who: open to anyone in the school! Lucy Gill and Sonoma Brawley are co-presidents. What: planning events and projects around the school for the entire student body to enjoy Where: Room 130 When: every second Thursday at lunch
Volleyball	Ellen Sobieniak, Nicole Hoskin	Morning and afternoon practices 2 - 3 times per week from September - mid-November. Players learn basic volleyball skills, formation, set plays, and have fun in a team atmosphere. Teams sometimes take part in additional experiences like attending a UBC Varsity volleyball match, tournament play and team dinners. The season winds up with the Sea to Sky Championships in Whistler. Classy new uniforms are in the works for the 2019 season. In 2019, there will be a once-per-month open gym volleyball night for all players, siblings, parents who would like to participate to keep up the development of players skills.
Wrestling	Sherman Hiller, Paul DeGroot	Wrestling is brand new to DRM this school year. We have had a couple of practices and are hoping to expand the team. We have also connected with the wrestling team at HSS and will be hosting joint practices.
Track and Field	Ellen Sobieniak	DRM students compete in various disciplines across the Sea to Sky, Sunshine Coast and Vancouver.
School Play	Whitney Keyes	An amazing group of grade 7-9 students are currently in rehearsals for our school play "Flip Turn." Students rehearse 2-3 days a week in preparation for our public evening performances in March. In February, we will also be looking for students to join our team backstage, in tech, and to work front of house. Students in Mrs. Hughes's class are hard at work creating tickets, posters and programs - watch for these and our announcements for show information!

Aquaponics	Susan Allen Lucy Gill	A small group of students have approached me to clean up the aquaponics lab. We have started the clean up and will be learning how to cycle the tank to get it ready for fish and plants. I haven't made a formal meeting date but this will probably be once or twice a week at lunch. Open to any interested students.
Soccer Academy	Nicole Hoskin	The DRM Soccer Academy is a collaboration with Vancouver Futsal. Students spend half a day, every other day, working with coaches and teaching staff.
Hockey Academy	Greg Day	The DRM Hockey Academy is a collaboration with RPM Hockey. Students spend half a day, every other day, working with coaches and teaching staff both on and off ice.
Band/Music Program	Lisa Jensen	The DRM Band/Music Program is offered to grades 7 through 9. A variety of instruments, composition software and music selection are used to learn the <u>fundamentals</u> of music. The Explore 7 program is a band instrument intro course for all grade seven students, while Explore 8 teaches students how to play the guitar. Students in Grades 8 and 9 can choose Band 8/9 as an elective, and they enjoy fun activities like band performances and field trips. This year's big field trip to Vancouver will involve DJ school and glow-in-the-dark bowling!