



Cedar Elementary News

April

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I cannot believe how quickly this year is passing. We have finished March Break and Easter - May will be here before we know it. I hope everyone enjoyed the family time. I would like to welcome a number of new families to our school. We had some students move but new faces are filling those empty desks - it is always nice to meet new people.

The final part of the year has begun and there are many activities that students will be involved in over the next few months. It is important that students maintain their focus on their school work and attend each day. Regular and punctual school attendance enhances personal growth and helps students to develop lifelong habits. Your help in keeping your child(ren) focused on their work and attending is greatly appreciated

This week we will celebrate **Earth Day** with a **short assembly on April 21**. All students will be participating in this musical presentation so feel free to **join us at 1:00** that afternoon in the gym.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Here are some dates to remember:

- April 14 Good Friday - no school
- April 17 Easter Monday - no school
- April 19 DARE for grade 5s
- April 20 Div 5 to Nanaimo Museum
Grade 4 and 7 vision screening
- April 21 Earth Day performance 1:00
- April 26 Div 10, 11 to Victoria
- April 27 Science Fair - intermediates
- April 28 Hot Lunch
PAC movie night

- May 2 Class photos
- May 4 Div 5 to Hemer
Div 1, 10 to fish hatchery
Swim to Survive - grade 7s
- May 5 School Track meet
- May 8 Ready Set Learn 2:30
- May 9 Provincial election - gym closed
- May 10 DARE for grade 5s
- May 11 Hot Lunch
- May 12 Pro D - school is not in session

ARE YOU MOVING IN OR OUT OF THE AREA?



If you are moving (and your child is changing schools) please advise the office as soon as possible. Your cooperation greatly assists

us in determining our numbers and school organization for the upcoming school year. Please also ensure you have registered your child at your new catchment area school as well. If you know of a family moving into our school community (or has already moved in), encourage them to come in to register for guaranteed placement in our school. After June, we can still accept students from within our community providing we have room for them, but we may not be able to confirm this until September.

REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018

Register @ www.sd68.bc.ca

Registration information is posted on the district's website. There you will find detailed information for all new registrations; the registration form; out-of-catchment form; Early and Late French Immersion application forms; Eco-School application forms and Academy applications.

[For more information email: ereg@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:ereg@sd68.bc.ca)
[Registration is online only](#)

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

I have been providing updates at our monthly PAC meetings and was pleased to let everyone know that District staff have concluded its work on replacing all the water supply lines, fixtures and fountains at Cedar Elementary and is now completely upgraded.

We are happy to have this work complete and appreciate all the work that went into this project.

READY, SET, LEARN

Please join us for a special **READY SET LEARN EVENT** for 3 and 4 year olds on Monday May 8 from 2:30-4:00 pm. A variety of fun preschool activities will be in the gym and the Strong Start Room. **READY SET LEARN** is FREE. Let us help your pre-schooler get ready for kindergarten.

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SCHOOL TRACK MEET

Our school track meet will be held at the Rotary Bowl on Friday, May 5. Students in grades 3-7 sign up for various events and compete on that day. Top finishers qualify to attend the zone meet on May 31. In order for this event to run smoothly, we require a number of parent volunteers.

There will be more than one adult at a station, so even if you have never helped out before, you can come and learn and provide needed support. We need timers for our running events and volunteers for the field events. This is a great way to see your child in action at the track meet and help the school at the same time.

Please let the office or Mr. Vincent know if you can help by filling out the bottom of the permission slip or giving us a call.



NANAIMO LADYSMITH SCHOOLS APP

The mobile app was recently upgraded. You will NOT receive notifications until you update it and once again choose the schools or sites you want to subscribe to. The app should automatically update once you log onto the app from your mobile device.

SATISFACTION SURVEY

Students in grades 4 and 7 will be bringing home a letter regarding the satisfaction survey that is filled out every year. Please take a few minutes to log in and use the personal, anonymous code on the letter to complete the form. We appreciate all input.

POSITIVE DISCIPLINE PARENTING CLASSES

Positive Discipline offers parents long-term parenting skills that will encourage their children to think for themselves, become more responsible and have greater respect for themselves and others. The teachings of Positive Discipline are filled with nonpunitive, respectful tools that incorporate kindness and firmness into parenting, help parents get to the core of their child's behaviours and bring more joy into the home.

These classes are offered at no cost to parents of children ages 2-12 for seven weeks starting April 19 from 6-8pm. Please contact Karen St. Cyr to register (250) 741-2414 ext. 249



PAC NEWS

Movie night coming up - Friday, April 28th. We will be showing Lego Batman - doors open at 6:00 and the movie starts at 6:30. This will be a family event, not a drop off, please. Children must be accompanied by an adult or with another family. PAC is offering free admission and 1 free popcorn per person ☺

If you missed the deadline for hot lunch orders, please send a lunch with your child on those days, as we cannot guarantee that the order will be filled but we will try our best. Please have the forms back by the date to ensure your child is not without a lunch.

(mike3494@telus.net).

LOOKING FOR HOMESTAY FAMILIES

Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools is currently seeking caring and supportive homestay families who would welcome the opportunity to share their home with an international student. The students are generally 15 to 18 years of age and would attend the high school in your neighbourhood. The district pays a stipend to homestay families.

If your family is interested in this rewarding experience to share our Canadian culture, and offer support and guidance to young international students, please contact Diane Carswell, Homestay Coordinator at diane.carswell@sd68.bc.ca.

OF INTEREST TO PARENTS

Harewood Urgent Counselling Walk-in Clinic
Do you sometimes need someone to talk through something that's really bothering you, but to someone who is not involved? This free clinic may prove helpful!

Similar to the Crisis Walk-in Clinic at Brooks Landing, this clinic is open to the general public it operates on Fridays from 4 - 8 p.m. No appointment is necessary. The Harewood Clinic is located at Georgia Avenue Community School, just south of the University Heights mall on Georgia Avenue.

Our goal is to help adult clients turn their crisis/urgent matter into an opportunity for positive change in a single 40 minute session. Clients are welcome to return for another brief session if they wish. Longer-term therapy is available at our office located at #306 - 285 Prideaux Street (where appointments are required).

Island Integrated Counselling has served the community for 19 years and has had a presence in Harewood for more than a decade.

For more information visit

www.islandintegratedcounselling.com, our

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/IslandIntegratedCounselling> or phone 250-716-8888