



Cedar Elementary News

May/June



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As May has totally escaped without a newsletter going home, I thought I would do a combined newsletter for the last two months. This has been an eventful and busy year and it is quickly drawing to a close. We have so many good memories of our first year as Cedar Elementary and look forward to a summer to relax.

During May and June, we will continue to focus on important skills and concepts. We ask for your support in making sure that your child stays focused during these significant final weeks of learning. Please continue to check daily planners for notices and assignments. Together we ensure our children have the best opportunities possible.

Although the "Dates to remember" is as up to date as of this printing, more items may be added - continue to check planners for field trip forms and reminders.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing everyone for the rest of this school year and in the fall.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Together, let's make your child's start to Kindergarten a big success!

Join us for a Welcome to Kindergarten™ orientation June 7 and learn about family activities that will help your child have a successful transition to kindergarten.

More information will be sent to parents who have registered for school in the fall.

Welcome to K will be held in the gym but our new students will be able to see the classrooms as well.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Here are some dates to remember:

- May 29-June 2 Bike and Walk to work week
- May 30 Zone Track meet
- May 31 Div 12, 13, 14 to Tillicum Lellum
- June 1 Div 3 to Frog pond
Div 5 to Hemer
Div 13, 14-community project
- June 2 Hot Lunch
- June 6 DARE Grad 9:15
Div 9 to Hemer
- June 7 Welcome to Kindergarten 10:00
Grade 7 swim to survive
Div 5 and 13 pool trip
Div 6 to Morell Sanctuary
Div 10 to Departure Bay
- June 8 District Track meet
Div 3 and 4 to art gallery
Div 9 to Hemer
- June 13 Div 9 to Hemer
- June 13-15 Seashores activities visit
- June 15 Div 5 to Hemer
- June 16 Div 7 to Ladysmith
Div 9 to Hemer
- June 21 National Aboriginal Day
- June 22 Beach Day - Rathtrevor and
Transfer Beach
- June 23 Grade 7 Leaving assembly 10:30
- June 27 Year end concert 10:30
Parent Appreciation Tea 11:45
- June 28 Div 10 and 11 to Parksville
Last day for Strong Start
- June 29 Last Day for Students
Assembly 10:30
Report Cards home
- June 30 Admin Day - school not in session
- July 10- Aug 28 Office Closed

DARE

Our grade 5 classes have completed their 10 sessions of DARE training with our school liaison officer, Constable Dmytar. They will be holding the DARE graduation on June 6th at 9:15 in the gym. Parents of those students are welcome to attend.

GRADE 7 LEAVING

Save the Date! The Grade 7 Leaving Assembly will be held at the school on June 23rd at 10:30 am.

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COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT

Cedar Memorial Gardens is having a Seniors Health and Fitness day June 1st from 1-5. Ms. Larsson and Mr. Vincent's classes will be attending to act as companions on the nature walks or to assist where needed. What a great opportunity to give back to our community - thanks to those classes.

STREET HOCKEY

Join in the fun as Ladysmith sets another Guinness World Record for the World's Largest One Day Street Hockey Game on Sunday June 4. Visit their website for details www.ladysmithstreethockey.com



ARE YOU MOVING?



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 register before June 15 for guaranteed placement in our school.

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](#)

TRACK & FIELD

Our yearly school track and field meet took place at the Rotary Bowl on May 1st. Top four finishers qualified for the zone track and field meet which took place at the Rotary Bowl (behind NDSS) on May 30th. We appreciated all parents who are able to drive students in relays or the first events. Thank you very much to all staff and parents who helped make the school and zone track meet a success!

A number of students will now compete at the district level on June 8th - watch for permission forms coming home.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our school jump rope events will occur during the week of June 13th. Students who are interested in collecting pledges can see Ms. Wilcox for an envelope. The rest of the students are encouraged to bring in a donation a day for that week. We will start with twenty-five cents on Monday, fifty on Tuesday, seventy-five on Wednesday, a loonie on Thursday and a toonie on Friday. This is a quick and easy way to support the Heart and Stroke foundation and receive equipment for our school without having to go door to door for donations. Thank you to all parents, guardians and community members for your generosity to the Heart and Stroke Foundation!



MINISTRY SATISFACTION SURVEY DEADLINE EXTENDED

The ministry satisfaction (gr. 4 & 7) parent survey has been extended until **June 16th**. This will provide important perceptions on how Cedar Elementary is doing in terms of student achievement and learning, safety and social responsibility, environmental education and health and fitness at school. Parents of grade 4 and 7 students may complete a survey for each child in each of those grades. Unfortunately, our school name change was not corrected. If you cannot find Cedar Elementary, please use North Cedar Intermediate. Please go to: http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm and click on: **direct access to parent satisfaction survey** and select the district: **68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith** and school: **North Cedar Intermediate** to complete the online survey in less than 10 minutes. Thank you in advance for completing this survey!

YEAR END CONCERT

All students will have a part in our year end concert June 27th at 10:45. Please feel free to join us if you are available. WE love to perform!

PARENT APPRECIATION TEA

Please join us after the year end concert on June 27th for our parent appreciation tea. We thank all our parents for supporting with homework, volunteering, driving, coaching and providing us with such wonderful students! The tea will be held on the gym stage during long recess so you will have a chance to talk to other parents and staff members while the children play outside.



BEACH DAY

This year the entire school will have a beach day as their fun day on **June 22nd**. Our primary students (Strong Start to Grade 3) will enjoy the tidal pools and sand play at Rath Trevor Beach in Parksville and our intermediate students (grades 4-7) will head for some fun and activities at Transfer Beach in Ladysmith.

Just a few reminders about beach day: Please feel welcome to join us. Many parents come and we always have a great day. Unfortunately, we do not have room for parents/family members on our buses. You will need to drive in your own car. If you decide to take your child in your car, please let your child's teacher know of your plan. If your child rides there on the bus and you take him/her home in your car, **PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER BEFORE YOU LEAVE.**

Please also:

- Ensure that your child is dressed for the weather and has a change of clothes.
- Mark sand toys with names for our younger students
- Send plenty of water to drink.
- Send sunscreen and a towel.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our school district offers various support and opportunities for students of Aboriginal ancestry. Aboriginal ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification. No documentation other than self-identification is required. Aboriginal ancestry can go back several generations. If you have a change in status, please let the office know and we will update our records.

PAC NEWS

PAC will once again be providing families with the opportunity to purchase school supplies as part of a fundraiser. Lists for each grade will be sent home with instructions on how to order online. The supplies will be delivered right to the school at the beginning of September - no taking the kids to the store and waiting in line! However, if you and your family enjoy the "back to school" shopping as an annual event, just hold on to that list and take it with you when you shop.

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SOUTH ZONE 2 COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PRESENTS: 2017 SUMMER PROGRAMS

Karen St Cyr has been very busy getting ready for summer. Watch for registration forms in your child's planner but here is an outline of what is offered:

Selena's Summer Fun **pre-school camp**
Kids in the Kitchen

Esteem Chics

Beach volleyball

Registration forms will be going home this week.

You may also call Karen-community school coordinator at 250-722-2414 ext 249.

Registration forms need to be back to the school office by June 15th.

Calling all residents of cedar & area!

Through a grant from Canada 150, there is a history book in the making!

If you or your family live in: Cedar, North Oyster, YellowPoint, Boat Harbour and Cedar-By-The-Sea, or Cassidy area if you own a business or have a historical story about this area, We Want To Hear From You!

With your stories we will assemble a print and e-book on behalf of the Cedar School and Community Enhancement Society's (CSCES) Cedar Heritage Centre. All proceeds will go to the Cedar Heritage Centre.

Here's how to get involved.

- Assemble a history of your family, with names, dates, and properties going back

- Volunteer to collect photos, research and interview

- Talk to your neighbours and tell them about the project

- Piece together a story that we can use

Deadline: July 15, 2017

For more information and forms to help the interview process visit <http://take5.ca/cedar-history-book/>

Or call TAKE 5 office for Marina Sacht or Angie Haslam 250-245-7015 or after hours and weekends 250-756-8892. Email:

editor@take5.ca

FRIENDLY REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

Please check the **lost and found** box one more time before the last day of school; you may not even know that you are missing it until you see it in the box or lying out beside the gym.

Please check your home for **school jerseys**; some students may have taken them home from track or after a game.

Report cards can be mailed to you if you are not here to pick it up on the last day of school, just leave your mailing address with Kim. Otherwise you can drop into the office at the end of August.

STUDENT PLACEMENT

Student placement is an involved process that looks at a number of factors. Teachers use their experience and professional judgement in creating new classes. Each student's placement will be carefully considered in light of all areas of development including intellectual, social and emotional.

Requests for specific teachers are discouraged. If a parent requests a particular teacher who does not return or who changes grades, this request gives little useful information about a parent's concerns for the child. Outlining your child's strengths, weaknesses, needs and learning styles gives much better information that helps in placement. Thank you for your support in our placement process.

Have a wonderful summer!

