



Cedar Elementary News

January

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and I would like you wish you all a happy (and very belated!) new year.

The next few months are always very important, as it is a good solid chunk of time for learning. We appreciate all the extra that you do at home to support this by setting aside a time and place for homework.

It is time to register any children that are coming to Kindergarten in September. The process is online only but we can help you at the school or at the board office if you are having difficulty. Please remind friends, family and neighbours to register now and not wait until the summer. Our staffing numbers are based on our registrations - even if you just live across the street, you need to register in order to guarantee a spot.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Here are some dates to remember:

- Jan 8 School reopens
- Jan 18 Exploratories session 1
- Jan 22 Grade 4s to symphony
- Jan 22-27 Literacy Week
- Jan 26 Spirit day - twin day
- Jan 30 PAC meeting 6:00 PM
- Jan 31 Spirit day - jersey day

- Feb 1 Grade 7s to Cedar Secondary
- Feb 2 Progress reports sent home
- Feb 8 Exploratories session 2
- Feb 9 Hot lunch - pizza
- Feb 12 BC family day
- Feb 13 Valentine's cross grade
- Feb 19 Pro D - school not in session
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PROGRESS REPORTS

The first of two written report cards will be sent home on Friday February 2. In keeping with the interim reporting order from the Ministry of Education, these reports will include comments as well as a sliding scale from beginning to extending, of student progress at this time of the year. Please connect directly with classroom teachers should you have any questions or concerns with any of the ongoing communications of student learning.

REGISTRATION 2018-2019

To register your child in Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized registration began on January 10, 2018th. The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you. Take a moment and ask yourself the following questions:

1. Is my child new to Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools?
2. Do I have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2018 that will be entering Kindergarten? Applications must be received by June 15, 2018 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.
3. Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion?
4. Do I want to register my child in Early French Immersion? Applications will be received until January 31, 2018, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2018. Late French Immersion Students are placed as space permits.
5. Do I want to register my child in secondary academies? (Hockey, Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Lacrosse, Baseball, Performing Arts or Jazz)
6. Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of catchment)? Applications are due March 31, 2018. For more information please visit the district website or by emailing ereg@sd68.bc.ca

A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT GRADE 7 to 8 REGISTRATION

Our Grade 7 students are automatically registered at Cedar Community Secondary for Grade 8, as it is our catchment high school. There is no need to apply. Students wanting to transfer to a secondary school other than our catchment area high school, should apply online. Registration opens January 10th. Out of catchment applications will be prioritized based on time and date stamp of the application as per Administrative Procedure 303 <http://bit.ly/studreg303>.

If you currently live in the catchment area of another high school and your child plans to attend that high school (ie: not Cedar Secondary) please ensure the student registration process is completed ASAP.

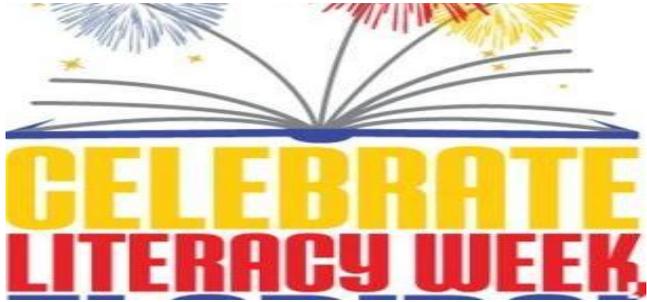
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LITERACY WEEK

We celebrate literacy every day but draw special attention to it for the last week of January.

Family Literacy Day® is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 1999 and held annually on January 27 to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development, improving a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well.



PHONING IN ABSENCES

Cold and flu season is upon us! In order to prevent the spread of germs, please remind your children to wash their hands regularly.

Vancouver Island Health Authority also recommends keeping your child at home for 48 hours after symptoms subside if they have been vomiting. If your child is ill and going to be away from school, just phone the office and we'll be sure to excuse them for the day. Voice mail is available all day so parents can call any time to report students who will be absent or late. This program is for the safety of your child. *All absences and lates need to be called in.*

Please make your plans for after school clear to your child before leaving home. Daily calls to the school to leave messages for students regarding after school arrangements cause unnecessary interruptions. Thank you for your understanding,



SCHOOL CLOSURES

If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be made on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM, WAVE 102.3 FM, and 91.7 COAST FM) by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station - tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis.

In addition, the district will post the information on the district's website, Twitter, Facebook, and mobile app. Please keep in mind, however, that there may be situations where this is not always possible, for example, power outages or technical problems. The most reliable method is to listen to the local radio stations.



APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR WEATHER CONDITIONS

The cool wet weather has not left us and at this point it looks like it will be around for a while. There may be days students will ask the question "Is it an inside day?" The answer is no. Students will be going outside to play at recess and lunch. We thank you for ensuring your child comes to school with appropriate rain and cool weather clothing. We believe in the importance of fresh air and outside play for all students and appreciate your assistance in this regard. It is also advisable students have a change of clothes in their school bags, including socks. Warm gloves are always a good idea as well.

MESSAGES FROM THE PAC

Please join us for our PAC meeting Jan 30 at 6:00 PM in the learning commons. All are welcome.

PAC is pleased to offer two hot lunch days per month starting in February. The easiest option is to prepay to ensure your child does not miss a week. If you require financial assistance, please contact the PAC. Extra hands are always needed - please contact the PAC if you can help.

Please keep collecting the Country Grocer and 49th Grocery receipts - there is a drop off box on the wall outside the office.

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