



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

I am sure you are tired of reading this next part but the yard is still wet and will be until summer so please make sure your child has a **change of clothes** for those accidental slips, they happen at all ages and it can be uncomfortable to sit in wet clothes for the rest of the day.

A reminder to all our visitors that you need to **check in at the office**, even if you know where you are going, please check in and let us know if you are taking your child for the rest of the day. Our district Learning Services team will be hosting a final **NLPS Parent Information Session** April 17 at 5:45 at Ladysmith Secondary for parents & families to attend to learn more about the changes in our school district. There will be a short presentation and booths to visit to ask questions. There will be some great food and conversations!

Please see the attached flyer **#endbiketheft** - of interest to anyone with a bike.

The district has also attached some information regarding **substance use** - please have a look.

PHONING IN ABSENCES

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.*



DATES TO REMEMBER

Here are some dates to remember:

- Apr 6 Hot lunch
- Apr 17 Duffle Bag Theatre presentation
- Apr 19 Exploratories
- Apr 20 Earth Day performance
Hot lunch
- Apr 26 Young Entrepreneurs Fair
- Apr 27 Gr 7 Swim to Survive
- Apr 30 School Track Meet grades 3-7

- May 2 Jump Rope for Heart
- May 3 Class Photos
- May 4 Gr 7 Swim to survive
Hot lunch
- May 10 Curriculum implementation day
SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION
- May 11 Professional development day
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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 online 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.

Kindergarten Registration Starts Now...

If your child will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2018. It's time to register for Kindergarten. Registration is online only.

Register
<https://sd68.vivosforms.com>
Email
 ereg@sd68.bc.ca
Website
 www.sd68.bc.ca

Welcome to Kindergarten June 7 at 9:30 AM

Principal	Shona Sneddon	ssneddon@sd68.bc.ca	250-722-2722
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Secretary	Kim Freer	kfreer@sd68.bc.ca	250-722-2722
Support Secretary	Tamara Asdal	tamara.asdal@sd68.bc.ca	250-722-2722

EARTH DAY

Celebrated every year on April 21, Earth Day is the largest environmental event in the world. More than six million Canadians—including nearly every school-aged child—participate in an Earth Day activity in their communities. Please check out <https://earthday.ca/> for ideas on how to participate in Earth Day with your family. Cedar Elementary will celebrate with a performance in the gym on April 20 at 11:00.



STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

The Student Learning Survey is an annual province-wide census of Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 students, their parents and staff in public schools. The questions were developed with input from partner groups, teachers and experts in educational measurement and special education. It usually takes about 10 minutes to complete the required survey questions.

Students in grades 4 and 7 will fill out the survey at school by the end of the month. Please take a few minutes to log in to the website below and give your feedback. We appreciate all input.

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

SCHOOL TRACK MEET

Our school track meet will be held at the Rotary Bowl on Monday, April 30. 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 24. 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.



TOYS AT SCHOOL

Sometimes students - especially in the younger grades - like to bring toys to school. Often this is for sharing time or show and tell. If your child brings toys to play with outside, the school will not be responsible for loss or damage to these items so care needs to be taken with putting them away securely and paying attention to them outside.

CELL PHONES & OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

As technology continues to advance, we are seeing students at schools with cell phones, game systems, iPods, digital cameras etc. If your child has any of these at school, please remind him/her that they are for after school and are to be turned off and in the backpack/locker throughout the school day. Any phones that are outside will be taken and held in the office until the end of the day. In particular, cell phones are not to be used outside at any time during the school day. If a student needs to use the phone for emergency issues, the school phone is accessible with permission from a staff member. The other issue around technology that has become increasingly common at schools is the use of digital or cell phone cameras. For privacy issues, as well as personal safety issues, we ask that students do not bring or use personal cameras at school. Also, the school will not be responsible for loss or damage to these items so care needs to be taken with putting them away securely. If a student needs to use the phone during the day, the student phone is available in the office area. If a parent needs to contact a student in an emergency, please call the office and we will pass on the message. Thank you for your support.



MESSAGES FROM THE PAC

Please join us for our PAC meeting May 1 at 6:30 PM in the learning commons. All are welcome. Watch for flyers for our bulb fundraiser - spring is here!

Extra hands are always needed for hot lunch days- 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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COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Pacific Sport is offering an afterschool sport and art initiative starting April 17. Registrations forms are available in the office.