



Cedar Elementary News

April

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I cannot believe how quickly this year is passing. We have finished March Break and Easter is almost here - May will be here before we know it. I hope everyone enjoyed the family time. 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. Please see the attached information from the district about things happening in Nanaimo Ladysmith.

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 an assembly in the gym on April 26 at 11:00.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Here are some dates to remember:



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| Apr 11 | Puppet show presentation |
| Apr 12 | Jump Rope for Heart |
| Apr 17 | Hot lunch |
| Apr 19 | Good Friday - school not in session |
| Apr 22 | Easter Monday-school not in session |
| Apr 23 | Swim to survive - Grade 7 |
| Apr 26 | Earth Day assembly |
| Apr 29 | School track meet - grades 3-7 |
| Apr 30 | Swim to survive - grade 7 |
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| May 3 | Hot lunch |
| May 10 | Pro d - school not in session |
| May 16 | Hot lunch |
| May 20 | Victoria Day -school not in session |
| May 22 | Zone track meet |

Welcome to Kindergarten May 28 at 9:30



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. The survey is open until May 3rd.

No log in is required, just choose our school district 68-Nanaimo/Ladysmith from the drop down menu and then Cedar Elementary. www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

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SCHOOL TRACK MEET

Our school track meet will be held at the Rotary Bowl on Monday, April 29. 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 22. 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.



MEASLES IMMUNIZATION

The Province of British Columbia is launching a measles immunization catch-up program to help B.C. families ensure their children are protected from measles. The program will run from April through June 2019, with a goal of immunizing as many of the under immunized school aged children as possible by the end of the school year. Immunization consent packages will be sent home for students in kindergarten to grade 4 who are behind on their immunizations. Students will be offered immunizations at a public health office or a school-based immunization clinic with the consent of a parent, guardian or representative. Parent(s), guardians or representatives will be required to accompany students to the public health immunization appointment or school based immunization clinic. Students who are up to date on their immunizations will receive a record of immunization. Please keep this record to provide to your child's school this fall.

First Nations children who receive health services in their communities may be able to access immunization records and services at their Community Health Centers.

Please contact the local Health Unit at 250-755-3388 and ask to speak with a Public Health Nurse if you have any questions.

Nanaimo/Ladysmith/Gabriola Public Health is currently organizing immunization clinics for under immunized school aged children. Please watch for further information regarding the dates and locations of these clinics.

TOYS AT SCHOOL

Sometimes students - especially in the younger grades - like to bring toys or special items 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.



FROM THE PAC

Please join us for our PAC meeting May 18 at 9:00 AM in the learning commons. All are welcome.

Thanks to all who helped at the recent pancake breakfast - it was great to see so many parents there!

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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