



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 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 if you are having difficulty. Please remind friends, family and neighbours to register now. 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 7 School reopens
- Jan 15 PAC meeting 7:00 PM
- Jan 17 Hot lunch
- Jan 22 Kindergarten screening
- Jan 23 Dufferin open house
- Jan 21-25 Literacy Week
- Jan 28 Strong Start closed
- Jan 31 Hot lunch

- Feb 4-8 Scholastic Book Fair
- Feb 6 DuffleBag theatre presentation
- Feb 8 Progress reports sent home
- Feb 18 BC family day
- Feb 12 Swim to survive - grade 3
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 19 Swim to survive - grade 3
- Feb 25 Pro D - school not in session
- Feb 26 Pro D - school not in session
- Feb 27 Pink Shirt day

PROGRESS REPORTS

The first of two written report cards will be sent home on Friday, February 8. In keeping with the interim reporting order from the Ministry of Education, these reports will include comments as well as a sliding scale from emerging 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 2019-2020

A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT GRADE 8 REGISTRATIONS

Grade 7 students are automatically registered and scheduled at Cedar Secondary for Grade 8, as Cedar is our catchment high school. There is no need to apply to Cedar Secondary as this is automatically taken care of for your child. Students wishing to transfer to a secondary school other than our catchment area high school, should notify their Principal and Grade 7 teacher and apply online. District Secondary Academy Applications will be accepted between January 9 and March 1, 2019. Applications must be completed and received by Central Registration by March 1, 2019. Applications that are not fully completed will not be considered for entrance to the program. Acceptance into an Academy may be contingent on a students' record of behaviour and attendance in the past school year.

ALL OTHER REGISTRATIONS

To register your child in Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized registration began on January 9, 2019. 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, 2019 that will be entering Kindergarten? Applications must be received by June 15, 2019 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, 2019, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2019. Late French Immersion Students are placed as space permits.
6. Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of catchment)? Applications are due March 31, 2019. For more information please visit the district website or by emailing ereg@sd68.bc.ca

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LITERACY WEEK



We celebrate literacy every day but draw special attention to it in 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.

Watch for the family literacy bingo card coming home and join us for our community celebration read on Jan 25. A note regarding all our activities will be coming home shortly.

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 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 that students have a change of clothes in their school bags, including socks. Warm gloves are always a good idea as well. If students have indoor shoes they always have dry footwear.

MESSAGES FROM THE PAC

Please join us for our PAC meeting Jan 15 at 7:00 PM in the multipurpose room. All are welcome.

We are supporting the Scholastic Book Fair again this year from February 4-8th. Watch for notices sent home. If you can volunteer, please let us know!

If you require financial assistance for hot lunches, please indicate this on the form or 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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