



Cedar Elementary News

May

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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. Regular and punctual school **attendance** enhances personal growth and helps students to develop lifelong habits. 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. A reminder to all our visitors that you need to **check in at the office**, even if you know where you are going. Please let us know if you are taking your child for the rest of the day. Please check the **lost and found** box; you may not even know that you are missing it until you see it in the box or lying out beside the gym.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our school jump rope event was held on April 12. Every class went to the gym at some point during the day to skip and participate in other physical activities. Thanks to Ms. Wilcox's class for organizing the gym and keeping us on track. Students raised over \$800! Thank you to all parents, guardians and community members for your generosity to the Heart and Stroke Foundation!



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Together, let's make your child's start to Kindergarten a big success! Join us for a Welcome to Kindergarten™ orientation May 28 at 9:30 AM in the gym 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.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Here are some dates to remember:

May 13-17	Healthamongus - various classes
May 15	Artists in the School
May 16	Division 10 field trip PAC meeting 9:00
May 20	Victoria Day - school not in session
May 21	Public Library presentation
May 22	Zone track meet
May 23	Final exploratories
May 24	Hot lunch
May 28	Welcome to Kindergarten
May 29	Author visit
May 30	Hul'q'umi'num' competition Grade 7s visit Cedar Secondary
June 3	Strong Start closed
June 4	Swim to Survive - grade 7 Div 7 field trip
June 5	Grade 7 field trip
June 6	District track meet
June 7	hot lunch
June 11	Immunization clinic 2:45
June 14	Lunch with the Fire Department
June 18	Year end concert Parent tea
June 20	Grade 7 Leaving
June 21	National Aboriginal Day Totem Pole ceremony
June 24	Grades 4-7 to Transfer Beach
June 26	Strong Start to 3 to Rath Trevor
June 27	Final Day Assembly 1:00 Reports home Strong start closed
June 28	Admin Day - school not in session

TRACK & FIELD

Our yearly school track and field meet took place at the Rotary Bowl on April 30th. Top four finishers qualified for the zone track and field meet which will be at the Rotary Bowl (behind NDSS) on May 22th. We appreciate 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!

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MEASLES IMMUNIZATION CATCH-UP PROGRAM

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.

If your child receives a consent package, please complete the consent form and return it to the school office within 2 days. If your child has received immunizations that are not included in the immunization history section on the back of the immunization consent form please include a copy of your records when you return the consent form to the school. Students from our school have been invited to attend an **immunization clinic at Cedar Elementary School on Tuesday, June 11th between 2:45 and 6:00**. Please note that a parent must be present for immunizations. If you have any questions please call the Nanaimo Health Unit at 250-755-3388.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Bookfest is happening in downtown Nanaimo on June 1 - tickets are available for purchase through the website- <https://www.bookfest.ca/>

We have one of the authors J Torres coming to our school on May 29 to talk about his comics and graphic novels, thank you to PAC for making this possible.

Also on May 22, Vancouver Island Public Library is doing a short presentation on the Summer Reading Club to get us reading in the summer

Please look for any overdue library books as June is approaching

MESSAGES FROM THE PAC

Please join us for our PAC meeting on May 16th at 9:00 AM.

Thanks to all of those who supported the flower basket fundraiser.

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. These generous stores offer us a percentage of the receipts that are collected and give them to the PAC as gift cards to help offset the cost of food for hot lunches or family events.

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PARENTAL REQUESTS FOR STUDENT PLACEMENT 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

We are in the process of planning the next academic year. It is important you trust the teachers and administration to build classes, which suit the students' both academic and social needs. We take a lot of care in doing classroom composition for each grade. We make up each class list in a way that maximizes the quality of teaching and learning conditions for all students. The decision for placement is based on many factors, such as: balancing academic ability, levels of independence, learning styles, social/emotional maturity, previous placement, and maximizing the positive learning environment for the whole class. The classroom composition for each grade has to reflect the acceptance of all individuals within an inclusive school as we attempt to provide appropriate educational programming to all children. If you have specific educational reasons/concerns, you would like us to consider about your child, please contact Mrs. Sneddon (in writing) as soon as possible, but no later than May 24th. We do consider these requests along with all other pertinent information provided by classroom teachers and support staff. Please note your request will be considered but we do not guarantee it can be honored. It does become an important part of our planning process. As teachers may change schools, and grade groupings are dependent on our enrolment numbers and balancing learning needs, please describe optimal learning environments without referring to specific teachers. We are not able to take requests for individual teachers.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NEWS

Watch this space in June for exciting programs planned for the summer!