



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.

VICE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Happy New Year to the Cedar School Community! It is great to see everyone returning from the winter break refreshed. Speaking of winter, the recent snow has provided students with some great alternative activities to engage in during their recess breaks. It is great to see them return to their classrooms with rosy cheeks and big smiles.

Our peewee triple ball teams have just finished their seasons while our bantam teams are starting their playoffs. Thank you to Ms. Poulin, Ms. Larsson, Ms. Hicks, and Mrs. Bibbs for volunteering their time to support our teams. In addition, a big thank you to Jill Collins who helped coach the bantam girls' team and Theo Fredrich who worked with the peewee boys' team. Good luck to the bantam Timberwolves as they start the playoffs!

As triple ball and volleyball finish, basketball starts up. It sounds like we have quite a lot of student interest in playing basketball. If you have a passion for basketball and can volunteer some time to support one of our teams as a coach or as a referee, please email me at mingalls@sd68.bc.ca.

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 are 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.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Here are some dates to remember:

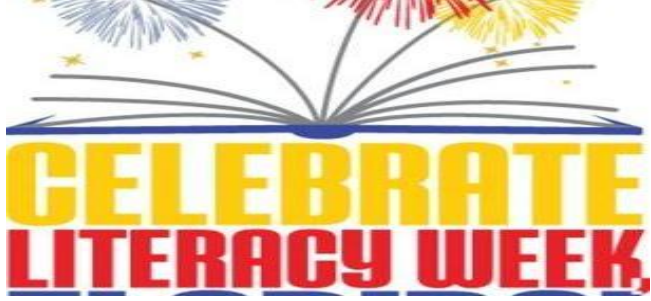
- Jan 20-24 Literacy Week
- Jan 21 Grade 4s to symphony
PAC AGM meeting 6:00 PM
- Jan 22 SPOT vision screening gr 4, 7
- Jan 24 Strong Start closed
Hot lunch
- Jan 31 Strong Start closed
Hot lunch
- Feb 5 Childhood Stress and Anxiety presentation - gym 6-8PM
- Feb 7 Progress reports sent home
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 17 BC family day
- Feb 18 - 21 Scholastic Book Fair
- Feb 18 NS3 - Div. 1, 2
- Feb 24 Pro D - school not in session
- Feb 25 Pro D - school not in session
- Feb 26 Pink Shirt day

PROGRESS REPORTS

The first of two written report cards are sent home on Friday, February 7. 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.

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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 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 a note regarding all our activities, including the opportunity to win a gift certificate, coming home shortly.

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 and our floors stay dry and clean.

MESSAGES FROM THE PAC

Please join us for our PAC meeting Jan 21 at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to this AGM.

PAC is pleased to support the following events: Watch for the next NS 3 Science club classes to start.

We are supporting the Scholastic Book Fair again this year from February 10-21. Watch for notices sent home. If you can volunteer, please let us know!

Please see the attachment regarding the Childhood Stress and Anxiety presentation that PAC is hosting Feb 5. Join us in the gym from 6-8. It is tailored for Parents, Caregivers and Educators supporting children ages 5 - 13 experiencing stress & anxiety. There is some childcare provided - thanks to Happy Faces for donating their time that evening!

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REGISTRATION 2020-2021

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 done for your child.

Students wishing to transfer to a secondary school other than our catchment area high school should apply online by March 31. District Secondary Academy Applications will be accepted between January 9 and March 1, 2020. Applications must be completed and received by Central Registration by March 1, 2020. Applications that are not fully completed will not be considered for entrance to the program. Acceptance into an Academy may be contingent on a student's 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 8, 2020. 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, 2020 that will be entering Kindergarten? Applications must be received by June 15, 2020 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, 2020, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2020. 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, 2020. For more information please visit the district website or by emailing ereg@sd68.bc.ca

Please see the attachments from the district with this email for further information.

