

JANUARY 2026

Georgia Park Newsletter

2026



PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!

Principal's Message

Happy New Year

Happy New Year, Everyone!

Welcome back to school after winter break. Even though January isn't the start of a new school year, it's always a natural moment to pause, reflect, and embrace new beginnings.

Last year, I talked about trying to Thrive in 2025. I hope people were able to work towards that. Perhaps in 2026, we can "strive" to do even better. We want our students not only to do well, but to truly strive toward their personal best. Imagine the growth we could see if every student felt empowered to stretch themselves this year.

This stretch between now and spring break is when some of the deepest learning of the year takes place. Strong routines at home make a big difference, so thank you for continuing to support your child's learning by keeping those consistent habits in place. We will also begin looking ahead to the next school year. Please watch for information about kindergarten registration, cross catchment transfers, and registration for Late French Immersion (for families with children currently in Grade 5).

Thank you for helping make our school such a warm and supportive community. We look forward to continuing our work with you and your children throughout the rest of the year.

P.S. I think many of us are quietly hoping for at least one good snow day this winter.

Important Dates:

January: 14th
PAC Meeting

January: 16th
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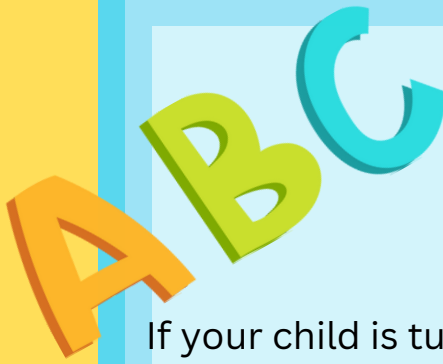
January: 25th - Feb 1st
Family Literacy Week

January: 27th
Rotarians Come to Read

February 2 -6
Kindergarten
Registration Week

Feb 3 - 27
Cross Catchment
Requests





If your child is turning 5 in 2026 , it's time to register for kindergarten! Kindergarten registration week will begin on **Feb 2 - 6th**. Register by May 11th, 2026 to secure your space at Georgia Park!

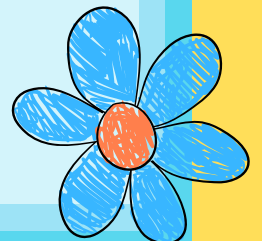
Documents you will NEED to accompany the registration:

- Copy of the student's birth certificate (Canadian) or proof of citizenship
- Copy of front and back of student's BC Care Card
- Proof of parent/guardian residency (BC Care Card, driver's license, utility bill, rental/purchase agreement).

Out-of-Catchment Kindergarten students will be accepted at their sibling's school (without a Cross Catchment Application) provided the siblings will still be in attendance when the Kindergarten student begins attending the out-of-catchment school. Parents or legal guardians are asked to register their child for Kindergarten at the sibling's school by February 6th.

**FOR ALL INFO REGARDING KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION , PLEASE FOLLOW THIS ADDRESS:**

<https://www.sd72.bc.ca/kindergarten>



Cross Catchment Application Information

Applications to attend a different school for the 2026/2027 school year *must* be submitted by 4:00pm on the Last Friday of February. (Feb 27th)

Application = <https://media.sd72.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/form-302-1-application-for-cross-catchment-transfer.bad96a10377.pdf>

To request a school other than your neighborhood catchment school, the student must be registered at their catchment school and then the application for Cross Catchment should be submitted **via email** to ***student.registration@sd72.bc.ca***.

Approval will depend on space and staffing resources. Requests will also be considered based on the date and time that they are received.

Parents should note that if their application is approved, they will be responsible for providing transportation to and from school they are applying to, in accordance with the District's operational procedures for student transportation.

Parents or legal guardians may however apply to the transportation department for courtesy ridership each school year. Courtesy ridership requests are reviewed and approved on a year-to-year basis. The transportation department can be reached at 250-287-8808.



FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

Jan 25 - Feb 1

Focus on making some time
for family learning time and
reading with your children.



Jan 27th - Rotarians Come to the school to read to classes.



Mr. Hatfield wants to say
THANK YOU
again for his own Birthday
pencil last month!

January 16th -

There will be
NO SCHOOL
for a PRO-D -DAY





Subject: Update on Battle of the Books – 2025–2026 School Year

Dear Families & Caregivers,

We want to share an update about Battle of the Books at elementary schools for this school year.

As some of you may be aware, elementary library programs are being delivered differently. Teacher librarians are now providing prep coverage for classroom teachers, which changes how library time is scheduled and supported. Because of this shift, we will not be running Battle of the Books this year.

We know this news may be disappointing for students who enjoy the program. Battle of the Books has been a valued literacy experience for many years, and we appreciate the excitement it has brought to students and families. Staff will be using this year to explore how the program might continue in the future in a way that is sustainable, including looking at coordination and funding needs.

Battle of the Books will continue in middle schools. Grade 5 students will have the opportunity to participate in Battle of the Books when they enter middle school next year.

Our commitment to literacy remains strong. Students will continue to be supported through classroom learning and library programs that promote reading, inquiry, and a love of books.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.





ATTENTION! PLEASE!

Challenge



A new home reading challenge has started.

Students will be bringing home reading logs that cover the next 10 weeks of reading.

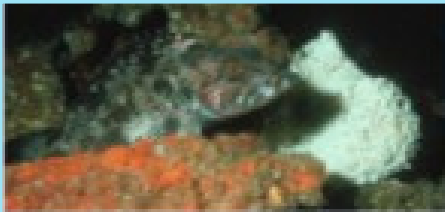
This will take us all the way to spring break.

Please look for the information being sent home with your child.





First Nations Language & Culture



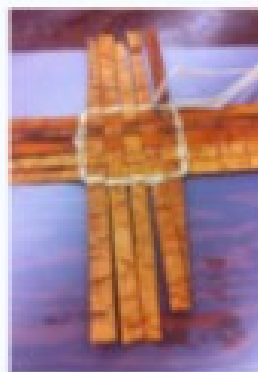
New Moon - *xaws tagəm*

January 3, 2026

In winter, more time spent indoors, sitting around the fire listening to stories from elders and time to continue to create things you need such as baskets, medicine, drums and participate in ceremony such as weddings or potlatches.



Devils club salve



PAC Fundraiser - Paint Nite

Our PAC put on a very successful and FUN fundraiser at the beginning of December.

Amy Pienaar taught us how to paint an adorable winter gnome!

Amy was very patient and kept things simple! We hope in the near future, we might be able to do another paint nite!





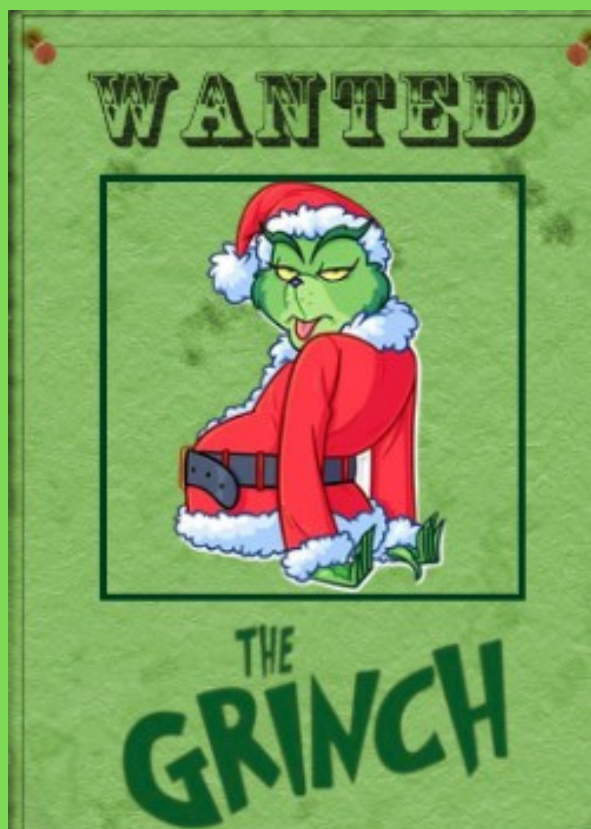
The Grinch?!!! At Georgia Park School?!!!!

Parents/Guardians,

I am sure sometime in December your child came home from school and excitedly told you a tale of the GRINCH being at Georgia Park and doing pranks in the classrooms!!!



Well, it was NO tale!! I have PROOF!!!



He would sneak into the school late at night and choose a classroom and do lots of pranks!!! Such as:

- Taking one shoe from an indoor pair and hiding it!
- Wrapping up desks
- Throwing books all over the room
- Taking down the art
- Putting desks upside down and etc. etc. etc.!!



**GRINCH
ALERT!**



**The kids would eventually find him
HIDING and then it was straight to
GRINCH JAIL!!!**



BUT THEN...

The very next day, when we go to check on him in his jail, he is NOT THERE!!!!

All we find is some green fur and a note written by the GRINCH!!!



Guess who s back??? I am starting to see sum festivideeness at Georgia Park and thot wee cant hav that This skool just cant get rit ov mee If ur crazzee prinsipl theenks he can lok mee up hee haz another theeng coming. Wunder wot the Grinch will do next? Just u wate

Sinsirly Not yorz
The Grinch



Yawho Jorja parc
Thw funn iz gist beegineen I woant st untell u reliez that krismus kant hap yur skool this year Giv up and stop trieen too fined mee U nevr will b abel two preevent mee frum caw kayos

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Grrrrr Jorja Parc

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Sinsirly Not yorz
The Grinch



Mr. Hatfield would try to read the note but oh boy, the GRINCH is a HORRIBLE SPELLER!!!

Drop Tickets Off Here

Grinch Editor / Reader
Extraordinaire!

First Name:

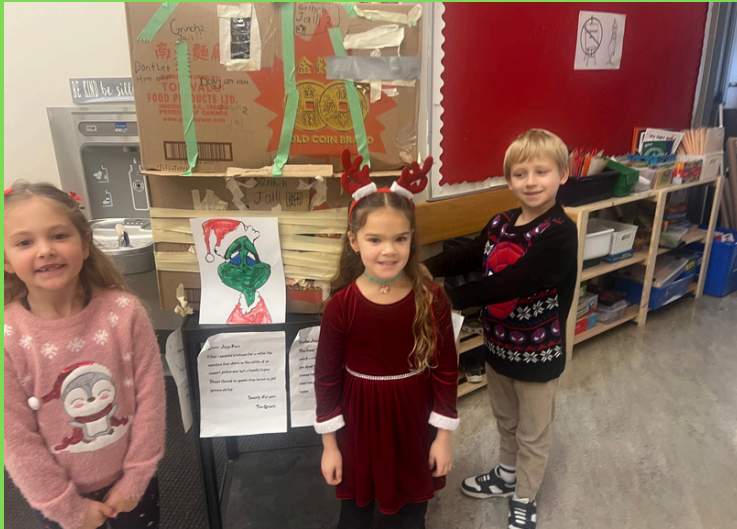
Last Name:

Teacher:

CONGRATS
to Nolan for getting his
ticket drawn and winning
a bone dragon!!

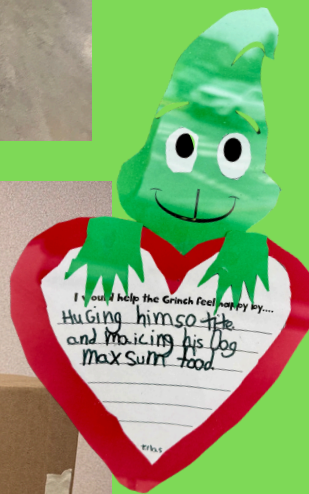
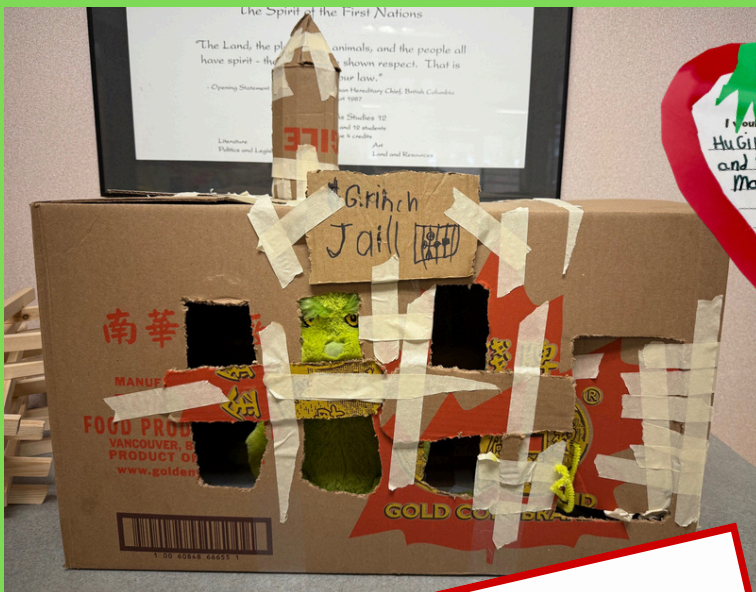
Mr. Hatfield told the kids that whoever could "decipher" what the GRINCH was trying to say, they were to put their name and guesses onto paper and put in the draw box!!

Then we would hear **EXCITEMENT** and **COMOTION** and lo and behold, kids from another class would be coming down the hall to tell Mr. Hatfield that the **GRINCH** had struck again !!!



It would go on like this, back and forth, back and forth...UNTIL...

On the last day of school and the last classroom was pranked, the **GRINCH** just disappeared!!!



School?



Please remember these guidelines...

I need to stay home if...

I have a fever	I am vomiting	I have diarrhea	I have a rash	I have an eye infection	I have been in the hospital
Temperature of 100°F or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Redness, itching and/or 'crusty' drainage from eye	Hospital stay, and/or ER visit



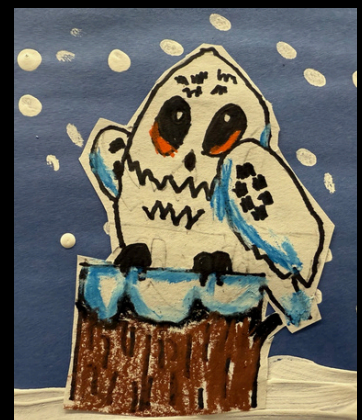
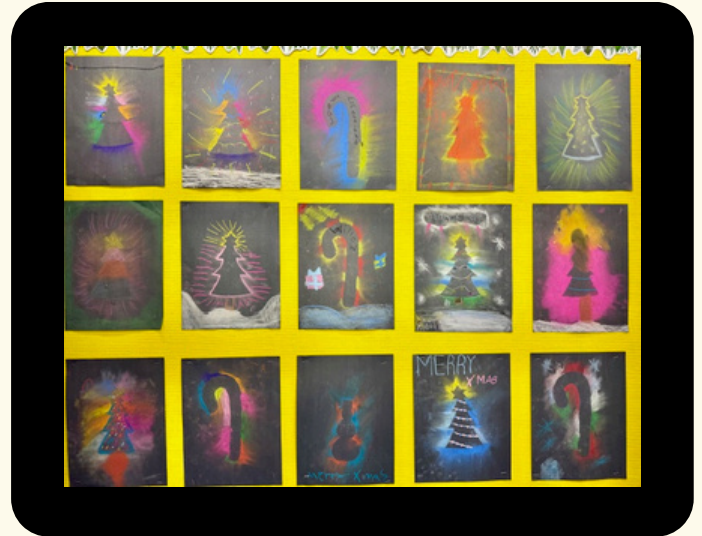
I am ready to come back to school when I am.....

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication. ie. Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 48 hours	Free from diarrhea for at least 48 hours	Free from rash, itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Evaluated by my doctor.	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
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ART Corner

Georgia Park December Art

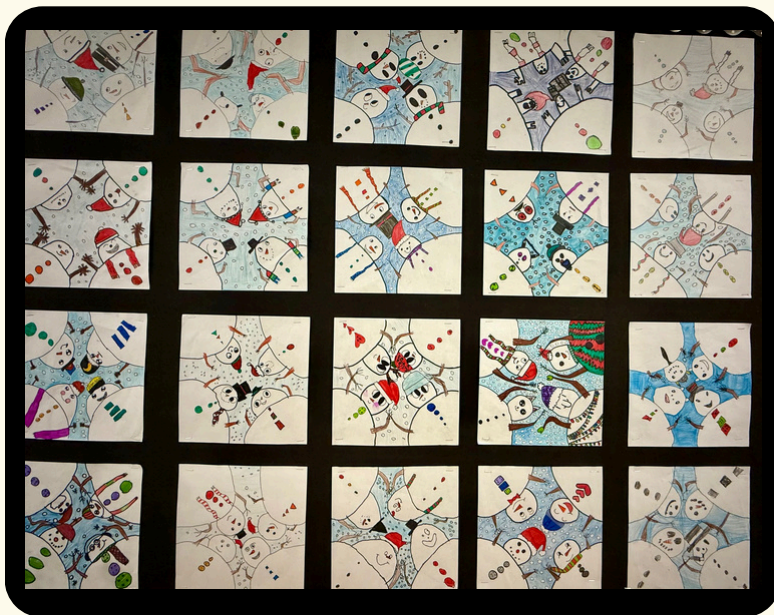
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SCHOOL DISTRICT 72 CAMPBELL RIVER

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Instructional Non-Instructional Vacation Period Statutory Holiday

Instructional	
Non-Instructional	
Vacation Period	
Statutory Holiday	
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	
Administrative	
Student led conference	

Aug. 28	Pro-D Day
Sept. 1	Labour Day
Sept. 2	Schools Open
Sept. 30	Schools Closed - Truth & Reconciliation Day
Oct. 13	Schools Closed - Thanksgiving
Oct. 24	Pro-D Day
Oct. 30	Student-Led Conference Day
	Schools to Provide Details About Student Attendance.
	Schools Closed - Remembrance Day
Nov. 11	Winter Break
Dec. 22 -	
Jan. 2	Pro-D Day
Jan. 16	Schools Closed - Family Day
Feb. 16	Pro-D Day
Feb. 17	Spring Break
Mar. 23 -	
Apr. 2	Schools Closed - Good Friday
Apr. 3	Schools Closed - Easter Monday
Apr. 6	Pro-D Day
Apr. 7	Student-Led Conference Day
Apr. 7	Student Attendance.
Apr. 30	Schools Closed - Victoria Day
	Schools Closed - Administration Day
May 18	
June 26	



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