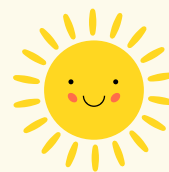


Georgia Park Newsletter



Principal's Message

It's always incredible to reach this time of year and realize just how quickly it has flown by. It feels like only yesterday that we were welcoming our newest kindergarten students, and now they are preparing to head off to Grade 1. At the same time, we are saying goodbye to a wonderful group of Grade 5 students who have been outstanding role models for the students of Georgia Park.

Georgia Park truly is a special place, and I see that every day through the dedication of our staff. They work tirelessly to ensure that our school is a place where students feel safe, cared for, and excited to learn.

This time of year also brings some staff changes, as we say goodbye to a few valued members of our team. Mrs. Kryklywy-Peters has been teaching our Grade 3/4 class this year, and it has been wonderful having her here. We wish her all the best in whatever comes next for her in the district. We also say goodbye to Mr. Davies, who has been job-sharing with Mr. Beavis. As Mr. Beavis returns to full-time teaching next year, Mr. Davies' position will conclude. We thank him for his work with our students and wish him all the best.

Alongside Mr. Beavis on our Learning Support Team, Rachel Black and Olga Skarina have also supported our students this year. Rachel will be moving to Quadra Elementary as principal in September, and Olga will be joining Carihi Secondary as a Learning Support Teacher. All three have done an exceptional job supporting the diverse needs of our students, and we thank them for their dedication. We are pleased to welcome Delta Wingrave back in September as a Learning Support Teacher after her time away welcoming her first child. We will also be welcoming Sarah Baigent-Nixon to the team, who will be working alongside Delta to support our students.

Finally, we have been fortunate to have Kim Zumach serving as vice principal at Georgia Park. She has been a true teacher leader, working closely with our student leadership group to bring many fun and engaging activities to our school this year. While we will miss her, she has made the decision to return to her teaching role at Southgate Middle School. Southgate is fortunate to have her back. At the same time, we are excited to welcome Jacquie Phillips as our new vice principal. She is currently serving as vice principal at Penfield and will be joining us for the upcoming school year.

Thank you for everything you do as families to support both your children and our school community. We are looking forward to a great final month of school and hope it continues to be filled with both fun and meaningful learning for your children.



Important Dates:



June 8^h

Gr. 5 Group Photo

June 12^h

Library Books Due

June 12th

Beach Day

June 23

Gr 5 Fun Day at Southgate

June 23

Gr 5 Celebration 1 - 3pm

June 24

Year End Assembly

June 25

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!

Dismissal @ 11:00am

Report Cards Sent Home

ENJOY THE SUMMER





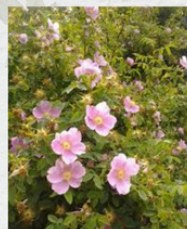
First Nations Language & Culture



Devils club



*Moon of Flowers - ʔagəm qʷasəm
May 31st, 2026*



Nootka Rose

This is the moon of the flowers opening to bloom. The people are actively spending more time outside doing their jobs to prepare for the upcoming winter.

The berries are beginning to show. Our first berry to harvest is the salmonberry (ʔeneqʷ), followed by huckleberry (tuxʷəm) and thimbleberry (toqom). Berries are a welcome sight and taste after a long winter

Throughout the spring, people would continue to harvest food sources such as berries, seagull eggs, fishing for bottom fish and salmon, and edible plants such as cat tail, chocolate lily, fern fiddleheads and stinging nettles.

Many plants were harvested throughout the spring and summer, such as cedar bark for weaving, or many different leaves, barks and roots for medicinal uses. For example, Devil's club has many medicinal uses: bark, leaves and roots can be used in different ways to make teas to help with respiratory issues, as well as can be used to make salves to help with wounds, skin conditions and pain.



Chocolate lily
bulbs



Chocolate Lily

Thimbleberry
Flower



Thimbleberry

Tomorrow, June 5th
we will be having our
INDIGENOUS DAY at Georgia Park!

We always enjoy our time learning about the Indigenous Ways and appreciate the time and effort that goes into this very special day!

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REMINDERS:

Friday, JUNE 12TH

- Bring a Hat
- Bring a Water Bottle
- Bring a Towel
- Come to school with SPF already on but bring bottle for reapplication
- Bring Small Sand Toys
- Bring a snack and lunch





This week is Ocean Week!

June 1 - 8

Around the school, teachers are incorporating learning about the ocean into their language arts, science, and art classes.

In preparation for our whole school trip to Miracle Beach on June 12, we ask that you review the following guidelines with your children to make sure we are having minimal impact during our upcoming beach trip.



**How do we show that we
R.O.C.K.
in the intertidal zone?**

- R** – Respect all beings
- O** – Observe with your eyes, ears, and nose rather than your fingers. Touch only with your pinky and please don't touch fish.
- C** – Careful walking- walk where there is less life
- K** – Keep the shore clean (pick up any garbage)

There are also tons of fun Ocean Week activities happening around Campbell River. You can find out more here:
<https://www.oceanweekcampbellriver.ca/>

Keep an eye out in the paper for the
Ocean Week Guide



If I were Principal for the day...

Mr. Hatfield held a school-wide writing contest. Students wrote about "If I Were Principal for a Day."

After the deadline, he put all the names of students who entered into a draw box. He picked three names, and those students became principal for the day!

OPHELIA: She would give Popcorn to the WHOLE SCHOOL!

KIARA: She would help people and read to them!

SAWYER: During break, have a dance party and give Skittles to whomever wants any!



★ BEST ★
PRINCIPAL
★ EVER ★



LIBRARY



LIBRARY BOOKS DUE DATE:

All library books are due back by
Friday, June 13th .



Any lost or damaged books can be paid
for at the main office
Suggestion : \$5 donation

ATTENTION

Grade 5 Families!!!

Just a reminder that we are planning for our Grade 5 Celebration Day on June 23!

We are **extending the donation timeline** as so far we have only received the suggested \$10 donation from about one quarter of the Grade 5 families. The \$10 can be turned into your child's teacher or the office.

If it is easier to send an e-transfer please use: **georgiapark@sd72.bc.ca** and add your child's name and Grade 5 Celebration in the note line.

In lieu of a donation, parents are also welcome to drop off a veggie tray, fruit tray, juice boxes, or chips. **Please sign up here:**

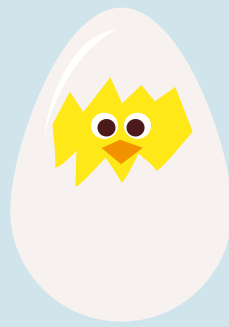
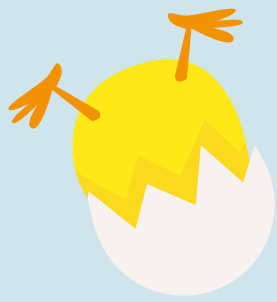
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We appreciate your support in making this a joyful and meaningful occasion for our Grade 5 students.

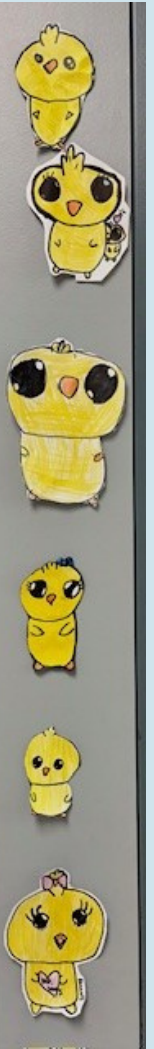
If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Kim Zumach and the Grade 5 Leadership Team

Also, Mon, June 8th is the Gr 5 GROUP PHOTO



Learning
— IS —
FUN!



Mrs Pears, Mrs Lorenzo & Mrs Stricker had baby chicks hatch in their classrooms. It was an **egg**citing time!

After a few days of being hatched they were taken to Holly Hill Farm to live their best life!



Learning
IS
FUN!



Grades 1,2,3, Kindergarten
and Strongstart Program
had caterpillars, that
formed a Chrysalis
and then emerged as
a beautiful butterfly!

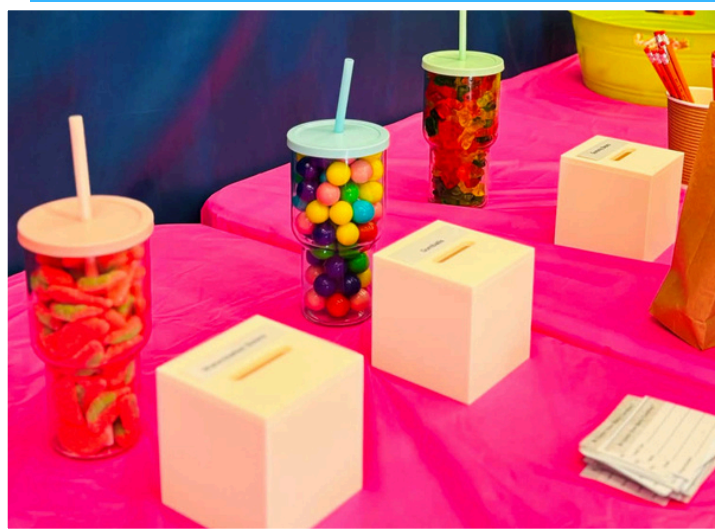
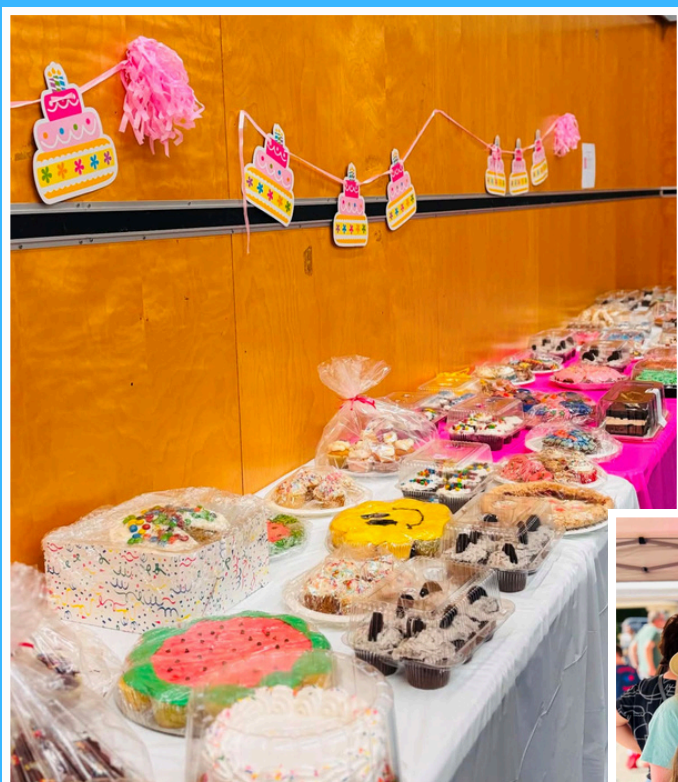


THANK YOU!

A HUGE Thank You to all the Volunteers who helped make our FUN FAIR an amazing event!!!

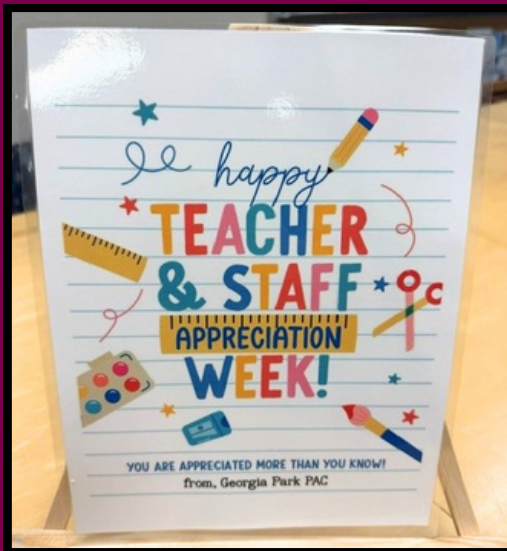
We could NOT have done it without you!

Also thanks to all who came and supported us!



BIG!

THANK YOU!



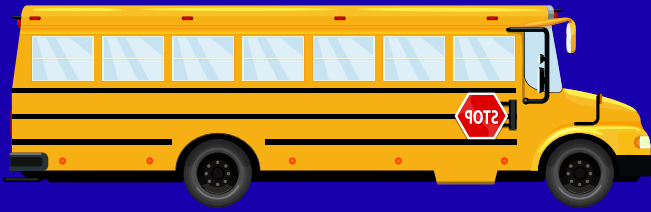
GEORGIA PARK STAFF

Would like to say a
HUGE

Thank You to all
the PAC
and Parents
for contributing to
the Staff Appreciation
Breakfast & Lunch!

Everything was
so lovely
and
DELICIOUS!!!





**ATTENTION
PLEASE** !

FOR BUS STUDENTS ONLY!!!

BUS PASS APPLICATIONS FOR 26-27

Starting this fall, most families will no longer need to apply every year for a school bus pass. If your child already has a bus pass and their situation has not changed, no action is needed for the 2026-2027 school year.

You only need to apply for a bus pass if your child:

- Has changed home address or school (and is eligible based on walk limits)
- Is entering middle or secondary school
- Requires accessible transportation
- Had a courtesy ridership pass last year

If your child meets any of the criteria above, **please apply by June 26, 2026**, to get your child's bus pass by the end of the first week of school in September. **Note**, courtesy ridership is only approved if there is remaining space on the route after all eligible riders have been processed and is on a first come, first served basis. **Courtesy ridership passes may not be issued until after September 30.**

Students who live on reserve **DO NOT** need to apply because they will be registered by the Indigenous Education department in partnership with their band office.

Returning international students must apply for bus transportation through the international student program.

Apply online at: <https://forms.office.com/r/tyTpxWA2kp>

If your child's lanyard is in good condition, please keep it so that it can be reused next year. School offices will have a limited supply of lanyards for those who need replacements.

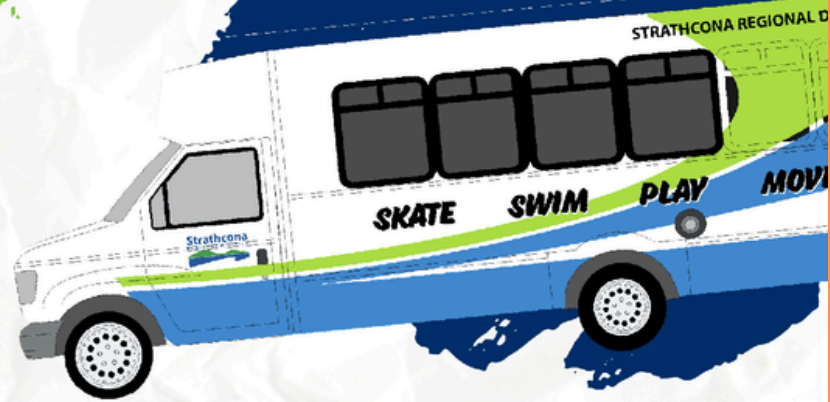
Full details, including eligibility and walk limits, are available on the district website: sd72.bc.ca/student-transportation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the transportation department at (250) 287.8808 ext. 2 or email transportation@sd72.bc.ca.

Sincerely,
Jason Decksheimer
Director of Operations

This Notice has also been emailed to all Bus Families.

STRATHCONA GARDENS
RECREATION COMPLEX



SWIM & SPORT BUS

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Catch a ride to Strathcona Gardens on our bus or
get dropped off for after school fun!

- ✓ Ages 7+
- ✓ \$10/day or \$5/day
without bus pickup
- ✓ Register up to 12pm same day

Call 250-830-6777 to register

Indoor Sports

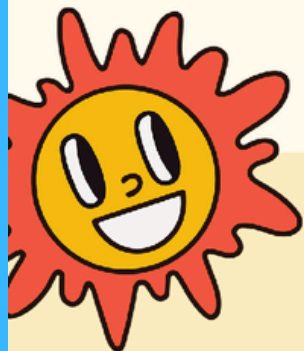
Outdoor Sports

Swimming

More info:
srd.ca/sgbus

STRATHCONA GARDENS
RECREATION COMPLEX

SUMMER CAMPS



Outdoor Adventure Quest

Your kids will enjoy hands-on experience in the outdoors through fun activities such as nature walks, wildlife observation, games, and outdoor skill-building. We will learn about local ecosystems, conservation, and respect for the outdoors.

Intro to Fishing
Critter dip
Nature Walks

Bear Awareness
Fish Hatchery Tour
Bird Watching

Saturdays 9am to 1pm
July 18 to Aug 29
Ages 8-13



It's not too late!

Give your child an unforgettable summer.

Many of our summer camps still have registration space:

- Water adventure and aquatic skills camps featuring obstacle courses, boating safety, fitness, and pool games.
- Combo pool & ice camps with swimming, skating, sports, games, and daily excursions.
- Cool off in our ice camps and build skating confidence, balance, and hockey skills through fun games, lessons, and supervised ice activities designed for all skill levels.

Why parents love Strathcona Gardens camps:

- Safe, supervised programs
- Active, screen-free fun
- Experienced camp leaders
- Great mix of recreation, learning, and adventure
- Indoor and outdoor activities



Learn more & register:
srd.ca/camps





UNDER the SEA



SUMMER READING CLUB 2026

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NOTICE

For the last Parent Newsletter in June 2026

Summer Reading @ Vancouver Island Regional Library

Summer vacation is almost here and your children are no doubt dreaming about fun times and adventures! But in order to keep your children's reading skills sharp, it's also a smart idea to include reading as a part of their summer fun.

Like all skills, a little practice goes a long way. Vancouver Island Regional Library invites kids aged 0 - 12 years to join Summer Reading Club. Participants will embark on a reading adventure at the library with this year's theme: **Under the Sea!** Summer Reading Club encourages children to read a little every day by providing:

- Fun tools, such as colorful reading records, tattoos, and medals.
- Trading cards – get additional cards throughout the summer to trade with friends!
- Chances to win cool prizes — the more they read, the more chances to win.

Amazing in branch library programs, performances, contests and activities.

Summer Reading Club officially begins **July 2nd**. You can register by picking up a special package at your local branch starting on **June 16th**! The package includes a reading record to track reading, stickers and other fun stuff.

For more information, call or visit your local branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library or visit www.virl.bc.ca/src. In remote areas, the program is available through our Books by Mail service. Please call 1-877-415-8475 for information.



COLOURFUL RUN

JUNE 14 2026



**RUN AROUND WILLOW POINT PARK
GETTING COVERED IN COLOUR!**

Check-in 9 a.m., run starts 9:30 a.m.
6+ years: \$5/person, 0-5 years: free!
After Party at Splash Park 10 a.m. - Noon
DJ, foam pit, food, and lots of colour!



City of
Campbell
River

Learn more or register now at
campbellriver.ca/recreation



DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS WALK & PICNIC JUNE 13TH, 2026

**ROBERT OSTLER PARK
CAMPBELL RIVER**
(Near the playground)

10:30 AM TO 2:00 PM

To register:

info@vidownsyndrome.ca
250-230-7665



- ☀ Check in at 10:30am – collect t-shirts
- ☀ Awareness Walk starts at 11:00am
- ☀ BYO Picnic with family and friends
- ☀ 50/50 Draw
- ☀ Order T-Shirts by May 24th
- ☀ Support Community
- ☀ Face Painting

Our awareness walk and picnic will coincide with the annual Kite Festival hosted by the Campbell River Downtown BIA which will feature:

- ☀ Kite Flying for everyone
- ☀ Shoo-shoo the Clown
- ☀ Crafts/Bubbles
- ☀ Cotton Candy
- ☀ So much fun

Order your T-shirt!
by May 24th
request an order form at
info@vidownsyndrome.ca
Crew Necks \$18
V-Necks \$25

EVERYBODY WELCOME

SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2026-2027



COST = \$45 per student
Pay by Cash or E-transfer

Send E-transfers to: georgiapark@sd72.bc.ca

When sending an E-transfer please put in note box:

Full Name of Child(ren) -
School Supplies

PLEASE NOTE: You can make ONE EFT for all your children,
just put in first and last name for one child, then put the initials for the others!

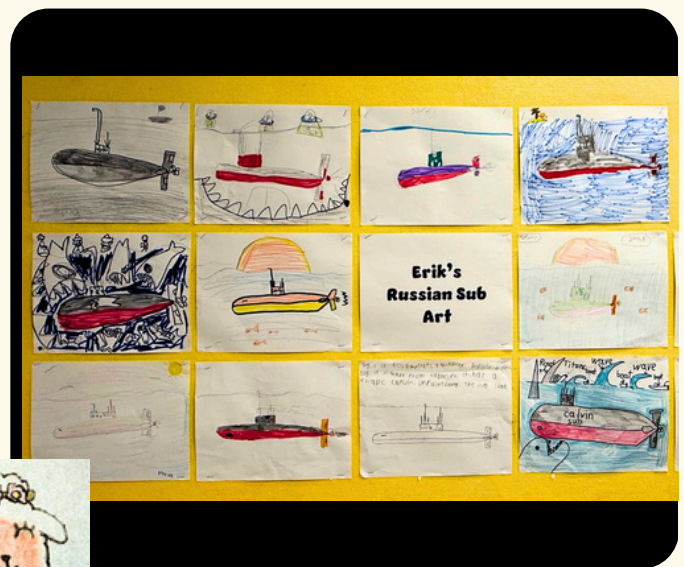
IMPORTANT!!!

**We are not accepting any payments for 26 - 27
school year until the last week of August please!**

ART Corner

Georgia Park May Art

The Students at Georgia Park do incredible art work! Thought it would be fun to showcase some of it every month!



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STRONGSTART



Welcome to Georgia Park StrongStart



Georgia Park schedule:

Monday - Friday 9-12

The last day of the program this year is June 5th.

June 2 - 10:00 - Saratoga Beach fieldtrip (the parking lot is on Eyre Rd) Bring your own snack/drink/ beach toys & dress for the weather.

June 4 - Year end potluck. Please bring a potluck item to share. There will be a sign up sheet in the classroom.

June 5 - 10:00 - M.A.R.S (Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society) Fieldtrip. Meet at MARS 1331 Williams Beach Road in Merville. Cost is a \$5 donation per person. More info on the back.

June 8 - closed for the summer. There will be more information on start up posted near the end of September.

It's been great getting to know you and your families this year & I will see you in the fall!

Have a wonderful summer!

Julie



678 Hudson Rd, Campbell River V9W1T4

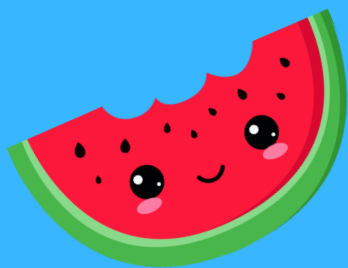
Facilitator: Julie Webb Email: julie.webb@sd72.bc.ca

June 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9-12	2 10:00 Saratoga Beach Fieldtrip	3 9-12	4 9-12 Year end Pot- luck	5 10:00 MARS Fieldtrip	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	Closed for Summer Break					20
21						27
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To find us on Facebook-search Georgia Park StrongStart (it's a closed group)



MARS Fieldtrip June 5th 10:00

Meet in front of the MARS building (1331 Williams Beach Road in Merville) Cost is a \$5 donation per person paid in the gift shop.

All guests are required to be calm, both in voice and movement, around all the animals. Please prepare your child to be quiet and respectful whenever around live animals. Please do not let children go into the Gift Shop without adult supervision.



We gratefully acknowledge the financial contribution of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

Be Sun Smart Myths and Facts

MYTH: The sun can't hurt you if it's cloudy.
FACT: Clouds do not offer complete protection from sun exposure. Up to 80% of the sun's rays can penetrate light clouds, so be sure to apply sunscreen.

MYTH: I don't need to drink until I am thirsty.
FACT: Thirst is a sign that your body is already dehydrated. Drink water regularly throughout the day, particularly if you are outside in the sun and/or enjoying physical activity.

MYTH: Any hat or pair of sunglasses will protect me from the sun.
FACT: To protect your eyes and skin wear sunglasses that provide 100% UVA/UVB protection. Choose a hat that has a wide brim and/or a flap at the back to cover your ears and neck.

MYTH: It takes at least 30 minutes after applying sunscreen before the active ingredients wash onto your skin. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours or immediately after swimming, toweling off or sweating a lot.
FACT: It takes at least 30 minutes after applying sunscreen before the active ingredients wash onto your skin. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours or immediately after swimming, toweling off or sweating a lot.

MYTH: A high SPF sunscreen is all you need for sun protection.
FACT: Wearing a high SPF sunscreen does not mean you are completely protected against sun damage. For good coverage, seek out shade and wear sunscreen as well as protective clothing.

The 5S's of Summer Safety

slip slop slap seek slide

SAVED 2008, 2011 TANNING IS OUT

Canadian Cancer Society Island Health

Slippery Fish
Slippery fish, Slippery fish
Swimming in the water
Slippery fish, slippery fish
Glub glub glub
OH NO, he's been eaten by an
Octopus, Octopus
Swimming in the water
Octopus Octopus
Glub glub glub
OH NO, he's been eaten by a
Tuna fish, tuna fish
Swimming in the water
Tuna Fish, tuna fish
Glub, glub, glub
OH NO, he's been eaten by a
Great white shark, great white shark
Swimming in the water
Great white shark, great white shark
Glub, glub, glub
Oh no, he's been eaten by a
Humongous whale, humongous whale
Swimming in the water
Humongous whale, humongous whale
Glub, glub, glub
BURP



Sunny the Gnome says have a
WONDERFUL SUMMER!!!!