



Sandowne Newsletter

April 2025

Dear Sandowne Families,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable Spring Break. As we head into the final term of the school year, we're looking forward to a time filled with meaningful learning and memorable experiences.

This last stretch will be both significant and fun, with lots to look forward to around the school:

- Qwaya Sam joins us as our Artist in Residence, bringing drumming, storytelling, and visual art to life for our students.
- The Métis Association is sharing art, culture, and stories with our students this term. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn more about Métis heritage through hands-on experiences and meaningful connections. We're proud to continue celebrating and honoring the diverse cultures that enrich our school community.
- Our school garden is growing and becoming an interactive space for hands-on learning.
- Intermediate basketball tournaments are underway, and we're cheering on our teams.
- Outdoor learning opportunities are expanding as classes embrace the spring weather.
- A variety of exciting field trips are planned to enrich learning beyond the classroom.

We're excited to make the most of this final term together. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Warm regards,

Kelly Gage and Georgina Knox

April 1st

Hot Lunch
Ordering Opens

April 10th

Hot Lunch
Ordering Closes

April 11th

Learning Updates
Go Home

April 18th

Good Friday-
School Closed

April 21st

Easter Monday-
School Closed

May 1st

Student-led
Conferences-
School Not in
Session

May 3rd

PAC Garage Sale-
Donations
Welcome From
7-8:30am

Absences

We appreciate all the parents who are reporting absences in the morning. Thank you!
There are two ways to report an absence:

- 1) Phone **250-923-4248**
- 2) E-mail **Sandowne@sd72.bc.ca**



It is important to give the following information:

Students Name
Date of Absence
Reason for Absence



Bell Schedule

8:25am-Welcome Bell

8:30-Class Begins

10:15-10:30-Recess

**12-12:45-Lunch and
Recess**

2:15-Dismissal

Supervision Before and After School

For safety reasons, it is important to not have students dropped off before our supervision times.

Before School—8:10 until first bell

After School—2:15 until 2:30

Drop off Loop Reminder

Please do not park in the student drop-off area, it creates a hazard for our students and other drivers.

District Cell-Phone Use Policy

Cell phones and other personal digital devices are not allowed at school. If brought to school, they must be kept in the students' bag and can only be used with permission from the teacher or principal.

School Telephones

Our office phone is not to be used during or after school to make play arrangements. Please ensure your child is certain about after-school arrangements before leaving each day so that needless, worrisome situations do not arise. Thank you.

Sandowne Corkboard

Upper Parking Lot

Please do not use the upper parking lot during school hours. This is staff parking only. Thank you for your co-operation.

Don't forget...

- ♦ Dress for the weather
- ♦ Send your child with a water bottle to keep hydrated.
- ♦ Have an extra change of clothes and pairs of socks in backpacks.



Sandowne Elementary
Sandowne PAC

Please remember to sign your child's permission form if they are going on a class field trip. Students cannot go on field trips without their permission form signed by a parent or guardian. Thank you.

Lost and Found

Please remember to label your child's clothing. If items are clearly labelled, we can get them back to their rightful owners.

Thank you for your help with this!

Grade 5 Basketball Tournament at Southgate

Basketball Tournament at Southgate for Grade 5's takes place on Friday, April 11th. Permission forms going home on Monday, April 7th.

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Hot Lunch Ordering Opens	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Hot Lunch Ordering Closes	11 Learning Updates Go Home Grade 5 Basketball Tournament at Southgate	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday- School Closed	19
20	21 Easter Monday- School Closed	22	23 Hot Lunch- Pita Pit	24	25 Hot Lunch- Little Caesars	26
27	28	29	30 Hot Lunch- Katie's Rice Box			



SD #72 ELEMENTARY JUNIOR TENNIS FOR GRADES 2/3 & 4/5

Grades 2/3 on Mondays from 3:00-3:55pm-
April 28th, May 5th, 12th, 26th, June 2nd and 9th

Grades 4/5 on Mondays from 4:00-4:55pm-
April 28th, May 5th, 12th, 26th, June 2nd and 9th

At the Willow Point Tennis Courts

Email your child's name, grade, and school
to Brent.Larmour@sd72.bc.ca before
Tuesday, April 25th

Paper copies of the Tennis Registration Forms can be found in the office.



SPRING CLEANING? SAVE YOUR STUFF!

**TOYS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, CLOTHING,
TOOLS, BOOKS, GAMES***

SANDOWNE PAC'S FUNDRAISING

GARAGE SALE

**Please drop off
donations May
3rd 7-8:30 AM**

**May
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9-1**

We will need donations for a bake sale as well.

Contact sandowneparentadvisorycouncil@gmail.com

****Please no large heavy items or child safety items***

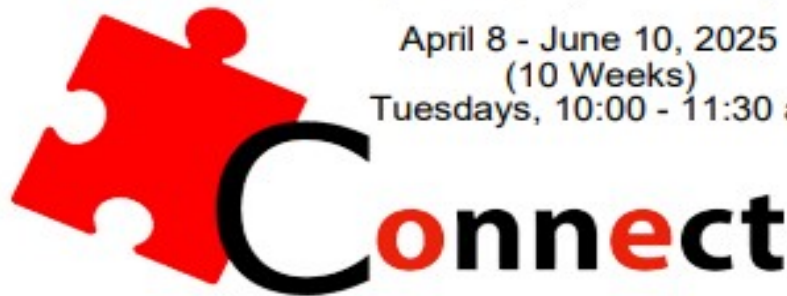
CR Family Services and Foundry are offering a 10-week in-person or online program to help parents support youth ages 8-18 who might be struggling with depression, anxiety, or other intense emotional difficulties.

Are You a Parent, Adoptive Parent, Kinship Parent, or Foster Parent?

Is your pre-teen or teen struggling with depression, anxiety, or other intense emotional difficulties? Are they getting into trouble or having severe behavioural difficulties?



Facilitated in Partnership between Campbell River Family Services Society & The Foundry



April 8 - June 10, 2025
(10 Weeks)
Tuesdays, 10:00 - 11:30 am



is an evidence-based 10-week attachment-based program that helps parents support youth ages 8-18 years, delivered **in-person** or **online**.

www.connectattachmentprograms.org

Contact us or visit our website if you're interested in learning more.



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Strathcona
REGIONAL DISTRICT

Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex

School News

APRIL ARENAS

Hop on the Skating School Bus!

The Skating School Bus program is back!
Students ages 7 and up can get a ride to the rink after school and join the Everyone Welcome & Pond Hockey session for only \$15/day. Visit strathconagardens.com/skatebus for more information. Registration starts two weeks in advance and can be done through our front desk staff anytime up to noon of the same day.



Fun on the Leisure Ice

April 4 - Friday Night at the Movies. 5:15pm to 8:00pm. Movie is D2: The Mighty Ducks. \$7 admission includes 2 slices of pizza and a juice box.

April 25 - Glow Skate. 5:15pm to 8:00pm. Disco & glow lights, glow stick necklaces, and prizes for the best neon outfits! Bring the whole family, regular drop-in admission.



GLOW ON

Floor Hockey Starts May 26!

Little Rascals Floor Hockey: Ages 3 - 5 • Tues & Thurs • 5:15-6pm
Hot Shot Ball Hockey: Ages 6 -9 • Mon & Wed • 5:15-6pm
After School Ball Hockey: Ages 7+ • Mon & Wed • 3:30-5pm

Register online: strathconard.perfectmind.com



Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex

Strathcona
REGIONAL DISTRICT

School News

APRIL POOLS

Lifeguard Programs

Junior Lifeguard Club: Ages 8 to 13. Fridays or Sundays 4pm to 6pm.

Lifesaving Sport: Ages 11 to 14. Tues & Thurs 5:15pm to 6:00pm.

Find out more online:
strathconagardens.com/special-aq

Fun Events in the Pool

April 11: The Grand Thawing. Join us in the pool as we initiate the grand thawing with bone chilling fun. Our ice-filled games are sure to leave you with a chilly smile! 6:30pm to 8pm, regular drop-in admission.

April 20: Easter Egg-stravaganza. Join us in the pool for an egg-stremely egg-citing Easter egg-stravaganza! We'll have an easter egg dive, scavenger hunt, crafts and much more. A great event for the whole family! Time: 1:00pm to 3:00pm. \$6/person for anyone who wants to participate.

Drop-in to swim with us!

Leisure Swim Tues, Thurs & Fri from 3:30pm to 5pm *Leisure pool only.*

Family Swim Mon, Wed & Fri from 5pm to 6:30pm
Tues & Thurs from 6:30pm to 8pm
Sat & Sun from 11:30am to 1pm
Parents & caregivers in the water swimming with children

Public Swim Mon, Wed, Fri from 6:30pm to 8pm • Sat & Sun from 1pm to 3pm

strathconagardens.com | 250-830-6777 | info@strathconagardens.com

STRATHCONA GARDENS RECREATION COMPLEX

SPRING 2025 EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL

FRIDAY
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FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES



Enjoy a relaxing skate on the leisure ice watching "D2: The Mighty Ducks" on the big screen. Admission is \$7/person or \$24/family of 4 and includes 2 slices of Little Caesars and a juice box. All ages. **Time:** 5:15pm to 8:00pm.

FRIDAY
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THE GRAND THAWING

Join us in the pool as we initiate the grand thawing with bone chilling fun. Our ice-filled games are sure to leave you with a chilly smile! **Time:** 6:30pm to 8:00pm during the public swim.

SUNDAY
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EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

Join us in the pool for an egg-stremely egg-citing Easter egg-stravaganza! We'll have an easter egg dive, scavenger hunt, crafts and much more. A great event for the whole family! **Time:** 1:00pm to 3:00pm. \$6/person for anyone who wants to participate.

FRIDAY
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FRIDAY NIGHT GLOW SKATE

Join us for a family friendly skate with our disco & glow lights. Glow stick necklaces will be provided for each participant and there will be prizes for the best glow in the dark outfits! All ages, regular admission. **Time:** 5:15pm to 8:00pm.

MAY

FRIDAY
MAY
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UNDERWATER ADVENTURE

This ocean inspired event is a must for those who love the water. Anything can happen when we open the secret message in a bottle! **Time:** 6:30pm-8:00pm during the public swim.

FRIDAY
MAY
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FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES



Enjoy a relaxing skate on the leisure ice watching "Moana 2" on the big screen. Admission is \$7/person or \$24/family of 4 and includes 2 slices of Little Caesars and a juice box. All ages. **Time:** 5:15pm to 8:00pm.

SUNDAY
MAY
11

MOTHER'S DAY MINI GAMES

Bring your grandma, mom, auntie or caregiver in for a special day where they can pick and choose what mini games they want to play. Regular admission, moms swim free! **Time:** 11:30am to 1:00pm during the family swim.



JUNE

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WHEELS & REEL MOVIE NIGHT

Enjoy a relaxing evening on the leisure floor watching the movie "Dog Man" on the big screen! While the movie is playing, everyone is welcome to ride their trikes, bikes, roller skates, skateboards, or scooters on the Leisure & Arena 2 dry floor. Please wear a helmet while riding your toys! **Time:** 5:15pm to 8:00pm.



FRIDAY
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DRY FLOOR LASER TAG

Laser tag is taking over the arena for a night of laser tag fun! Play with up to 10 players at a time for each 10-minute game of laser tag. Admission fee includes 2 slices of Little Caesars Pizza and a juice box, and at least 2 games of laser tag per participant. Please note: Space is limited to a maximum of 40 participants ages 8-14 yrs. **Time:** 6:30pm to 8:00pm. **Pre-registration starts on May 5 at 9am.**

FRIDAY
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13

BUILD YOUR OWN BOAT

Feeling creative? This is your day to build your own boat. You supply the creativity, and we'll supply the cardboard and duct tape. **Time:** 6:30pm to 8:00pm during the public swim.

SATURDAY
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15

FATHER'S DAY UNIQUE SPORTS

There are some sports we just don't get to play very often. Bring grandpa, dad, uncle or caregiver and join us for new and unusual water-based sporting events. All ages, regular admission. **Time:** 11:30am to 1:00pm during the family swim.



SWIM WITH THE SALMON KINGS

SUMMER SWIM CLUB AT CENTENNIAL POOL



Swimmers Age 5-18 •

Build Swimming Skills •

Affordable Fees •

Registration Opens April •

Recreational and Competitive •

Scan To Learn More



campbellriversalmonkings.ca



ATTENTION Parents and Guardians:

Don't let your child miss out on a \$1,200 grant!

The B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant (BCTESG) is available to eligible children for a **three-year window only**. It can be used for their future post-secondary education and training.



Is my child eligible?

- ☐ Parent or guardian, plus the child are B.C. residents and have Social Insurance Numbers (SINs)
- ☐ The child is between their 6th birthday and the day before they turn 9

Make a plan today!

Step 1: Contact or visit your financial institution and ask if they offer the grant (most will).

Step 2: All you need is:

- ☐ Proof of residency: e.g. *BC driver's licence, BC Identification Card, BC Services Card, or recent B.C. utilities bill*
- ☐ Your Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- ☐ Your child's Social Insurance Number (SIN)*
*Apply for a SIN: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin/apply.html>

Step 3: During your appointment with your financial institution:

- ☐ Open a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) for your child (skip if already done)
- ☐ Complete application for the BCTESG. No need to add any of your own money!

If eligible, \$1,200 will be deposited into your child's RESP. Apply today!

Learn More: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG> or contact: BCTESG@gov.bc.ca.



Ministry of
Education and
Child Care

Services and Technology Division
Student Certification Branch

Mailing Address:
PO Box 9886 STN PROV GOVT
Victoria B.C. V8W 9T6

BC YOUTH WEEK

MAY 1 – 7 | 13–18 YEARS OLD

Youth Week celebrates youth ages 13 to 18 and aims to help them connect with their communities.

Join us for our **FREE** Teen Open Courts at the Sportsplex on May 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7 from 3:00–5:30 pm for ages 13–18.



COLOURFUL RUN

SATURDAY, MAY 3

7–12 YEARS OLD = \$5 | 13–18 = \$2 | 19+ = \$10

You can choose to walk, jog, or run through our 1K or 5K route. This is not a timed race—it's all about having fun, being active, and creating unforgettable memories! After the race, join us at the splash park for the colourful after-party full of refreshments, snacks, music, and more.

We'll be splashing colour everywhere, so please come dressed to impress in a white T-shirt and your favourite sunglasses. The dye is non-toxic but may stain some clothing, so dress accordingly.

We can't wait to see you for a morning filled with colour, laughter, joy, and community connection as we celebrate Youth Week!



**Register for all
programs and
events now.**

For more information, visit
www.campbellriver.ca/parks-recreation-culture

Follow us on social media (@cityofcampbellriver) to stay up to date on future programs.





NEED SOME
EXTRA CLOTHING
FOR YOUR CHILD?

MINI FREESTORE



FREE GENTLY USED CLOTHING
ROBRON CENTER RM A119

Request a package to be put
together or arrange a time
to select items

Contact your child's school or Erin at
erin.stephens@sd72.bc.ca

Sandowne's Illness Reference Guide

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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School District 72 Campbell River

2024-2025 CALENDAR

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

Aug. 29	Pro-D Day
Sept. 2	Labour Day
Sept. 3	Schools Open
Sept. 30	Schools Closed - Truth & Reconciliation Day
Oct. 14	Schools Closed - Thanksgiving
Oct. 25	Pro-D Day
Nov. 1	Student-Led Conference Day
	Schools to Provide Details About Student Attendance.
Nov. 11	Schools Closed - Remembrance Day
Dec. 23 -	Winter Break
Jan. 3	
Jan. 17	Pro-D Day
Feb. 17	Schools Closed - Family Day
Feb. 18	Pro-D Day
Mar. 17 -	Spring Break
Mar. 28	
Mar. 31	Pro-D Day
Apr. 18	Schools Closed - Good Friday
Apr. 21	Schools Closed - Easter Monday
May 1	Student-Led Conference Day
	Schools Provide Details About Student Attendance.
May 19	Schools Closed - Victoria Day
June 27	Schools Closed - Administration Day

 Instructional  Non-Instructional  Vacation Period  Statutory Holiday



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