

Georgia Park Newsletter



Principal's Message

Happy February, Everyone!

We've officially checked off the first month of 2026, and what a great start to the year it has been! Our classes are in full learning mode with many exciting activities underway. Primary students are exploring forest ecosystems with the support of Robin Williams, our local forestry educator. In the library, Mrs. Morrow—along with Mrs. Zumach and her class—is busy caring for salmon eggs that we hope to release into local streams by mid-April.

Staff also enjoyed learning about local Indigenous history during the January 16 Indigenous Learning Day. A heartfelt thank-you to $\chi^w\text{em}\text{at}k^w\text{u}$ for welcoming us into their community hall and sharing knowledge about the places they lived and the ways they used local plants. We look forward to continuing to learn about the land where we live, work, and play, and deepening our understanding of our connection to this beautiful territory.

We're excited for PAC's upcoming Movie Night on February 12, where we'll be showing the classic film Babe. For many students, it may be their first time seeing it, and we anticipate a fun evening for all. Later in the month, on February 25, PAC will once again host the annual pancake breakfast in celebration of Pink Shirt Day.

As the weather becomes milder and the daylight continues to grow, we hope everyone is able to enjoy the change in season. Could we see a snow day in February? Who knows—but we're pretty sure students wouldn't mind one!

Wishing everyone a wonderful month ahead.



Important Dates:



February 2 - 6

Kindergarten Registration Week

Feb 6,12,19, & 26
School Wide Skate

Feb 11

PAC Meeting

Feb 12

MOVIE NIGHT- 6:15PM

Feb 16

NO SCHOOL - Family Day

Feb 17

NO SCHOOL - Pro-D Day

Feb 25

Pancake Breakfast

Feb 25

Pink Shirt Day

Feb 27

Cross Catchment Requests DUE!! By 4:00pm



School Wide Skate -

Class Dates:

DATE	CLASSES GOING
February 6th	Vaton Davies Zumach - Gr. 4's Kryklywy-Peters (Mrs. K)
February 12th	Savery Lorenzo Zumach - Gr. 5's Holland
February 19th	Horsthuis Anderson Ruiz
February 26th	Berry Pears Stricker



School Wide Skate



We would **LOVE** to have volunteers come to the arena and help with tying skates.

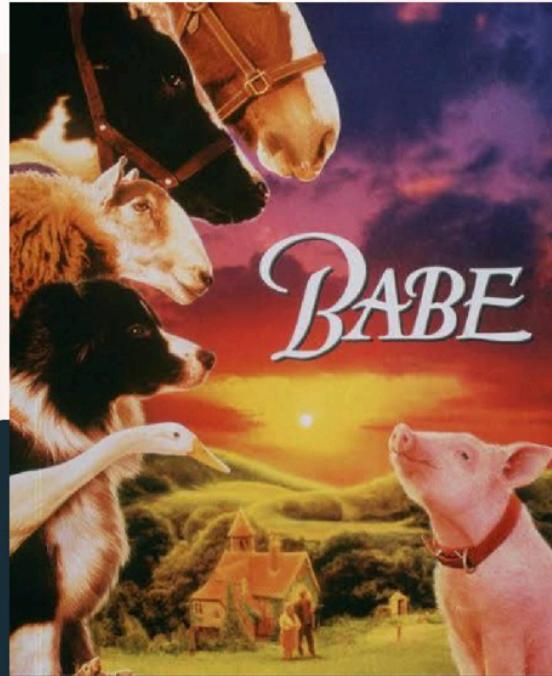
PLEASE!!! ☺

If you are able to help out, please reach out to your child's teacher for more details.

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GEORGIA PARK MOVIE *Night*

FEATURING



**SNACKS AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE**



**NOT A DROP
OFF EVENT**

5:45PM DOORS OPEN

Blanket, lawnchairs, PJs, all welcome!

FEB 12

6:15PM

**FREE
ENTRY**

Questions? Email
georgiaparkpac@gmail.com

PAC MEETING



Wednesday, Feb 11th
6:30pm
in the library

PINK SHIRT
DAY

Feb 25th



NO SCHOOL



Feb 16th = Family Day

Feb 17th = Pro D Day



Pancake
Breakfast

Feb 25th
Doors open at 7:30am

FREE EVENT!

More Info. to come...





2026-2027 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

OPENS FEBRUARY 2, 2026

Register online! www.sd72.bc.ca

What you'll need:

- Child's birth certificate (Canada) or proof of citizenship;
- Child's Care Card;
- Proof of current residence (hydro bill, purchase/rental agreement or property tax notice); and
- Custody agreement, if applicable.



Scan or visit
www.sd72.bc.ca for
more information on
how to register.

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Email: info@sd72.bc.ca

Learning at Home

Choose eBlend when
registering online or visit
Sandowne Elementary
for our elementary
eBlend program.

Liq'wala/Kwak'wala K

Register online with your
neighbourhood school and
upload the expression of
interest form with your
online registration.



CAMPBELL RIVER
School District 72



Kindergarten

Starting kindergarten is an exciting milestone, but we know it can also create some anxiety for both children and parents. We want to help ease some of those worries! This flyer provides some simple ways that you, as a parent, can help prepare your child for kindergarten and some information about what you can expect.

HOW TO PREPARE

As a parent or caregiver you can help your child get ready for kindergarten by:

- Staying positive and cheerful. Talk to your child about the exciting things they will learn.
- Practicing putting on and taking off shoes, packing and unpacking bags.
- Working on zippers, velcro, laces, buttons, snaps and other fasteners on clothing and bags.
- Encouraging independence in opening and closing food containers, using a fork and spoon, peeling fruit and wiping up spills.
- Allowing your child to become independent with bathroom routines in various settings.
- Teaching other basic hygiene like how to cover their mouth when they cough and how to blow their nose and put the tissue in the garbage.
- Choosing a backpack that your child can easily carry, open and close.
- Choosing shoes that your child can safely wear on the playground and in the gym.



We understand gradual entry can be challenging for families with childcare. **Thank you for helping us support your child's positive start to school!**



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TIPS FOR A GOOD START

As the start of school gets closer and as it starts in September:

- Visit the school over the summer to play on the playground. This will help your child start to feel comfortable on the school grounds.
- Keep food choices simple when packing their snack and lunch.
- Cut up fruit vegetables and sandwiches into bite size pieces.
- After the first day, make your goodbye cheerful and brief. Don't come back after your goodbye and don't slip away unnoticed! Let your child know that you'll be waiting when school ends, and be sure to be on time for pick up!

WHY GRADUAL ENTRY?

Gradual entry eases the transition to school by:

- Setting the foundation for a comfortable and secure beginning to your child's school career.
- Giving children an opportunity to adjust to their teacher, classroom, and peers in a smaller group and for a shorter period of time.
- Providing time for a "welcome" conversation between the child, parent and teacher. You can begin to get to know each other and share important information about your child.
- Enabling the teacher to work with small groups of children in order to build positive relationships, familiarize students with classroom routines and introduce basic procedures.

The school will provide more info about gradual entry and your child's entry schedule.



OUR BELIEFS AROUND FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN



Respectful relationships with children and their families are vital.

We create an environment that is welcoming, nurturing, safe and respectful for children and their families.



Most learning in the kindergarten program occurs during play.

All children have potential to learn.

We take children from “where they are” developmentally and help them take their next steps.



Through play-based exploration and inquiry the kindergarten program supports development of communication, thinking, and personal and social responsibility. (BC Curriculum Core Competencies)

Learning environments foster respect for all learners.

- All students will have opportunity to better understand and respect a variety of cultures, both their own and others.
- Indigenous perspectives are an important part of the historical foundation of BC and Canada and are integrated into the curriculum. (BC Curriculum Parent Guide)



Oral language and other forms of representing are the foundations of literacy.

These beliefs were co-created prior to the implementation of full-day Kindergarten in British Columbia with our early learning, Indigenous, and School District 72 communities.

Early French Immersion

The early French Immersion program is a district program housed in two elementary schools, École des Deux Mondes and École Willow Point, aimed to develop functional bilingualism in students whose first language is not French. While parents can indicate a preference of which school they would like their child to attend, enrollment is dependent upon space and staffing considerations.

WHAT IS EARLY IMMERSION?

- Students acquire second language skills by undertaking an extensive study of the language and by receiving instruction in French in other subjects.
- In the early elementary years (K-3) French is the language of instruction. Students are encouraged to interact in French for all school-related activities.
- English language arts is introduced as a subject in grade 4 and in grades 4 and 5, 80 percent of the instruction is given in French.
- The curriculum parallels the English language program. Children are expected to develop the same level of competence in academic, social and physical skills as their counterparts in the English program.

WHO IS IMMERSION FOR?

- Early French Immersion is a program of choice, open to all children entering kindergarten.
- While most French Immersion students come from English-speaking homes, a small number come from homes where neither English or French is the primary language.
- There is no selection criteria or special fees for registration.



IMMERSION IN GRADES 6-12

After grade 5, early French Immersion students continue to middle school (grades 6-8) at École Phoenix Middle School and secondary school (grades 9-12) at Carihi Secondary School.

- In middle school, students in early French Immersion receive 80 percent of their instruction in French. Courses include French language arts, math, science and social studies.
- Starting in grade 9 the instruction in French decreases gradually each year until grade 12.

Common Questions

Will my child receive the same quality of education in the Immersion program?

Yes. Both programs follow identical curriculum from the Ministry of Education.

Will my child adapt to a class where no English is spoken?

Yes. Children adapt very easily. Those who are very confident begin using the language right away. Others need more of an initiation period. As their confidence builds, they begin to interact more in French.

Will my child keep up in their English language development?

Yes. Language mechanisms are taught in both English language arts and French Immersion. Skills learned in French language arts tend to strengthen first language skills and vice-versa.

How can I help my child at home?

At the early elementary level, parents can encourage their children by demonstrating an active interest in their language learning. Parents should continue to read with their child in English. As children progress through intermediate years, continue to take an active role in your child's education.

For more information contact either of the two French Immersion elementary schools.

Cross Catchment Application Information

Cross Catchment Transfers

Parents who would like their child to attend a different school instead of their catchment school need to submit an application for cross catchment transfer (SD72 Form 302-1) **by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2026** by uploading it as part of their online registration in MyEd or emailing it to student.registration@sd72.bc.ca.

Kindergarten students **MUST** be registered at their catchment school **BEFORE** submitting an application for cross catchment transfer, except for those students with siblings already in attendance and who will still be in attendance in September at their requested school. In these instances, parents **DO NOT** need to fill out an application for cross catchment transfer verifying sibling status, but they are requested to register their child by Friday, February 6, 2026.

The associate superintendents' office will notify cross catchment transfer applicants as to whether their application has been approved or not by the end of April.

Students can submit a late application by the second Friday in May. Those that submit after the last Friday in February but before the second Friday in May will have their application processed no later than the end of the school year where possible. Those that apply after the May deadline will be processed before the first day of school where possible, but they may not be processed until the first week of school in September.

INSTRUCTIONS

for Cross catchment transfer applicants:

Instructions for cross catchment transfer applicants:

1. Download an [application for cross catchment transfer form](#).
2. Complete one form for each student requesting a transfer.
3. Upload the completed form as part of their online registration in MyEd (the instruction video will tell them how to do this) or email it to student.registration@sd72.bc.ca.

Please go to the web address down below for more information and to access the application forms etc.

<https://www.sd72.bc.ca/changing-schools>

Child Care Applications

Any parents asking about out-school-care should be directed to the out-of-school care page on the district website and to apply through the forms posted on the website. Completed childcare applications should be emailed to childcare@sd72.bc.ca or dropped off at the board office.

All other questions about out-of-school care should be directed to Early Years and Child Care Principal Melinda Gaberel.

THANK YOU!

Georgia Park's **PANCAKE**

Breakfast



Bring
cutlery,
plates and
cups

**FREE
EVENT**

Bring
water
bottles

• WED, FEB. 25.2025
DOORS OPEN 7:30AM •

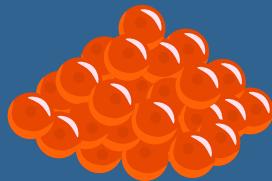
WANT TO HELP?

Email PAC at georgiaparkpac@gmail.com

JUICE • PANCAKES • SAUSAGES • COFFEE • ORANGES

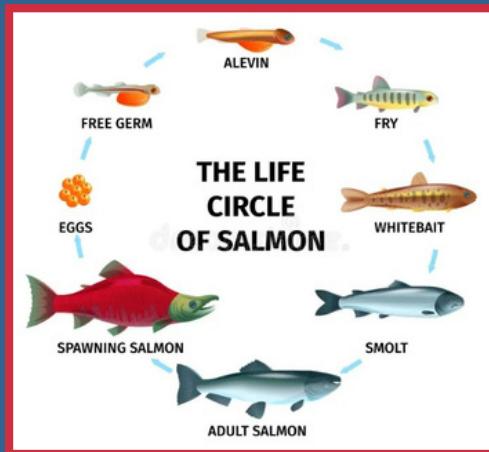
DONATION JAR

In early January, we welcomed 175 Coho salmon eggs to Georgia Park- 100 eggs to a tank in the library with Mrs. Morrow and 75 to a smaller tank in Mrs. Zumach's room.



So far, about half of the eggs in Mrs. Zumach's room have hatched into alevin. The eggs in the library haven't started hatching yet, but we expect this to happen soon.

Many classes are learning about the different types of salmon, the stages of the salmon lifecycle and the importance of salmon to our ecosystems around Campbell River.



We look forward to observing our fish as they grow in the coming weeks.



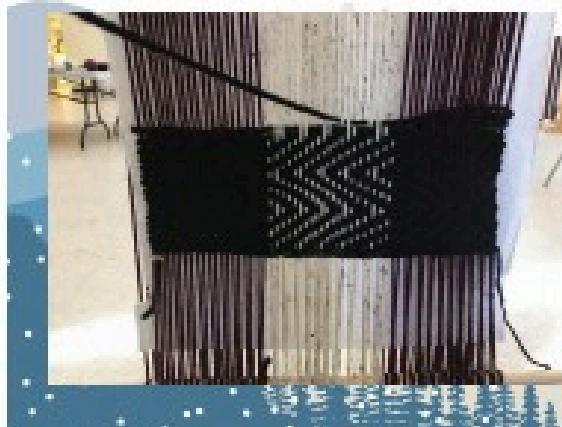
First Nations Language & Culture



Short moon - čičúł tagam

February 1st

It is also the moon of the cod eggs, a delicacy the people looked forward to. The weather is still cold, more time indoors in the longhouse learning from elders and knowledge keepers around a cozy fire. This would be a time of continued making of items you needed for the year such as baskets, bentwood boxes, blankets/shawls, rope and having ceremonies.



LIBRARY NEWS



Georgia Park will be hosting a
District Chess Tournament on
Wed Mar 4th, for students in Grades 3-8.

To determine our top three Grade 3, 4 and 5 GPK
players Mrs. Morrow will host a school tournament
Tues Feb 24 and Wed Feb 25.

Interested players need to sign up on a
sheet outside the library by **Feb 20.**

We are asking for volunteers with experience
playing chess to help with judging.

Contact Mrs. Morrow if you are interested.
Good luck to everyone!

PLEASE

help your child return their library books every week!

If items are lost, please consider making a donation
to the office to help with replacement costs.





Dear Parents!

Our school has a subscription to TumbleBookLibrary, and your family can access it from home! It's unlimited, and it's **FREE** for you to use!

TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of e-books for children in grades K-6. They are a great way to encourage and foster a love of reading with your kids!

There are over 350 animated, talking picture books! The site also features books in Spanish and French, read-along chapter books, graphic novels, and non-fiction books, plus quizzes and puzzles! Use our TumbleSearch to find books by title, author, subject, and Lexile and Accelerated Reader Level.

We hope that you will get the chance to check out the collection with your child! Below is all the information you'll need to login:



www.TumbleBookLibrary.com

Username: sd72bc

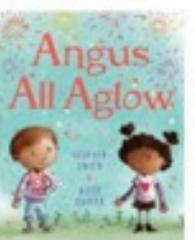
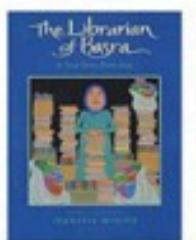
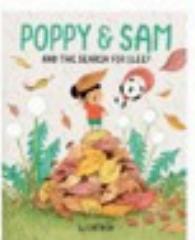
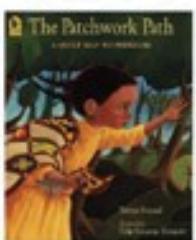
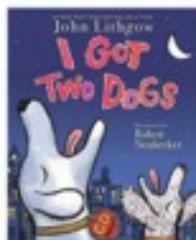
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You can use your computer or download our TumbleBookLibrary App from the Google Play or Apple App store!

Happy Tumbling!



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DON'T
FORGET

PAC'S ONGOING FUNDRAISER



EARN BACK PROGRAM

Eating at CR Boston Pizza ?

After your dinner, please write your names and GEORGIA PARK PAC on the back of your receipt and drop it IN the EARN BACK box on site - the School PAC gets a percentage of that sale!!!



*Tell your
Family & Friends!*



Georgia Park Bulletin Board

PAC INFO:

Email:
georgiaparkpac@gmail.com

FB Page: Georgia Park PAC

Don't Forget!

- Dress for the Weather
- Send your child with a water bottle to stay hydrated
- Have an extra change of clothes and socks in backpack

Lost & Found

Please remember to label your child's clothing.

If items are clearly labelled, we can get them back to their rightful owners.



Georgia Park
ROCKS!!!



Georgia Park Elementary

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 January 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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SCHOOL DISTRICT 72 CAMPBELL RIVER

2025-2026 CALENDAR

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- 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 Day
 Oct. 24 Pro-D Day
 Oct. 30 Student-Led Conference Day
 Schools to Provide Details About Student Attendance.
 Nov. 11 Schools Closed - Remembrance Day
 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 - Schools Closed - Good Friday
 Apr. 2 Schools Closed - Easter Monday
 Apr. 3 Pro-D Day
 Apr. 6 Student-Led Conference Day
 Apr. 7 Student Attendance.
 Apr. 30 Schools Closed - Victoria Day
 Schools Closed - Administration Day

May 18

June 26



Ministry of Education