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April 2022 Newsletter

Dear Ocean Grove School Community,

Happy Spring Everyone! I hope that you all had a restful and restoring Spring Break! I was very envious of some of the tans that students were sporting upon their return from holidays. The sun is out, the birds are chirping and we are excited about our upcoming spring activities and field trips. What could be better than that!



Last week we had our first partial assembly (one for primary/one for intermediate). It was the first time that we have gathered as a school in two years and it was so wonderful to see everyone in one place again. If everything continues to go well, next month we will have a whole school assembly.

Research has shown that **parent involvement is the number one predictor of early literacy success and future academic achievement for students.** We want to give a big thanks to all of those parents/guardians and siblings who have been reading to their children/siblings every night. **We are really beginning to see the improvement from all that hard work.**

Bitter Sweet - Ocean Grove Elementary wants to give a very big thank you to Mrs. Joanna Broadbent for her assistance as our acting Vide-Principal for the last three months. We have really enjoyed getting to work with her and appreciate her jumping in to help when we really needed it.

Mrs. Soutar will continue to be away for the time being. I will continue as the Acting Principal and we are very happy to announce that our own Mr. Wilson will step in as Acting Vice-Principal until the end of the school year. We look forward to continuing to support students, staff and parents as the Spring term unfolds.

Volunteers - We are once again able to welcome a limited number of volunteers into the school to help support our students. Teachers will let you know how you can help. Interested volunteers do need to have a current volunteer form and criminal record check on file in the office (see more information on page 2). Forms are available in the office if you need one. See you soon!

Deborah Beres, Acting Principal

Information for Next Year . . .

- Please let us know if you are moving and/or plan on attending a different school in September 2022.
- Registration for Fall Kindergarten will continue, if you or someone you know has not yet registered please do so sooner rather than later so that we can make sure we have space for everyone.
- Grade 5 students from Ocean Grove will automatically feed into Southgate Middle School. Please let us know if you wish your child to attend Phoenix Middle School (a Cross Catchment Transfer application will be required) for regular or late French immersion.

Important Dates

April 6 - Fire Drill

April 15 - Good Friday
SCHOOLS CLOSED

April 18 - Easter Monday
SCHOOLS CLOSED

May 23 - Victoria Day
SCHOOLS CLOSED

For individual classroom fieldtrips please see information provided directly by classroom teachers.

Please ensure that you perform a Daily Health Check on your child every morning, and follow the directions as to when to keep them home. (see website to download K-12 health check App)

Bell Schedule

8:25	School Starts
10:15-10:30	Recess
11:55-12:40	Lunch
2:10	Dismissal

SD72 K^wak^wala and Lik^wala Bilingual K-2 Programs

School District 72 is excited to offer the K^wak^wala and Lik^wala bilingual programs, housed in Ripple Rock Elementary, aimed to develop K^wak^wala and Lik^wala bilingual speakers. The classroom teachers and language and culture teachers work together to create an environment where students can learn, play and grow in K^wak^wala and Lik^wala.

Next year there will be classes offered in kindergarten through grade 2. enrollment is dependent upon space and staffing considerations.

All information about the program can be found on the school district website. Families can register online or at their neighbourhood school (call to make an appointment).

If interested, please let your school know you have an interest in the district program and ask for an expression of interest form.



Fieldtrips & Parent Participation

Parent/guardian volunteers are now permitted to accompany classrooms on fieldtrips (at the discretion of the teacher). However, there are certain documents required prior to parents/guardians being permitted to participate.

Criminal Record Check - this form is required for any person accompanying students on a fieldtrip. A completed volunteer registration form must accompany the CRC (so that the processing fee is waived). Once completed, these forms are to be dropped off directly to the RCMP office in Campbell River. Blank forms are available from the school office. Criminal Record Checks are valid for a period of three years. Please note this process may take several weeks and participation on fieldtrips is not permitted until the process has been finalized and the completed check has been received by the school office.

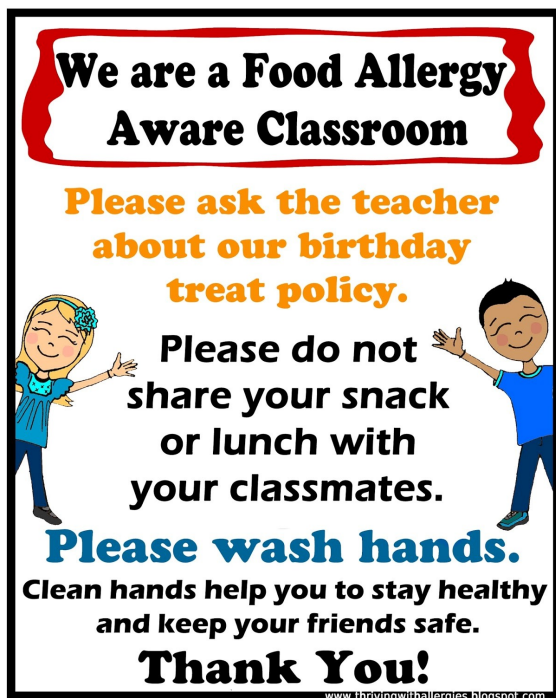
Driver Information Form - this form is required if teachers elect to have parent drivers (rather than using a school bus) on a fieldtrip AND you are transporting students not related to you. This requires completion of three items:

- * Driver Information Form (blank form available from school office);
- * Photocopy of Driver's License ("N" drivers may not transport students); and
- * Driver's Abstract. *To obtain Abstract online: www.icbc.com, select "get your driving record or abstract" and request email to:

oceangrove@sd72.bc.ca (a copy can also be sent to your email)

The Driver Information form is valid for a period of one year. Paperwork can be completed within 24 hours.

If you are unsure whether you have current documents, please ask your child's teacher.



March Birthdays

Happy birthday wishes are sent out to all of the following students having a birthday in April:

Eli	Gracie	Colton
Scotia	Jace	Levi
Audrey	Kuilin	Cameron
Mallorie	Peyton	Rylan
Malaya	Isla	Nathan
Declan	Taggart	Aaro
Cynthia	Noah	Ryan
Logan	Karys	Trystan
Aldin		
Noah		
Aurora		
Freya		



Classroom Allergy Alerts

Please note that we have allergy alerts in certain classrooms.

Please help us keep our classrooms free of these allergens to protect these children.

Mrs. Kretlow
All nuts and eggs

Ms. Menard
All nuts

Mrs. Holland/Beres
Peanuts, cashews & pecans

Ms. Watkinson
All nuts & fish

Ms. Menard
All nuts

Mrs. Jarvis
Tree nuts, sesame, pistachios & cashews

Mrs. Hatfield
All nuts & lentils

Bus Students

We ask that all students taking the school bus respect and do not trespass on the neighbours' properties. Parents are responsible for the behaviour and safety of their children at bus stops.

Please review passenger conduct expectations with your child, in accordance with SD72 Operational Procedure #380: <https://www.sd72.bc.ca/page/150/student-transportation>

Taking the school bus is a privilege, not a right, and appropriate behaviours must be maintained. In addition, any student found willfully damaging a school bus will be required to pay for damages and additional disciplinary action may be taken.





Check out our awesome birthday board (currently showing March, April and May) which is displayed for all students courtesy of the PAC volunteers.

Mrs. Watkinson's grade 4 students made some very creative, colourful and scented soap as one of their classroom projects.



Reporting Student Absences

We require parent/guardian notification of student absences EACH day (unless you have pre-notified of a block absence).

Two ways:

(1) Phone

250-923-4266,
Option 2 for
Attendance Line

(2) Email

oceangrove@sd72.bc.ca

When leaving a message please state the REASON for the absence (ie sick, appointment, vacation, etc.)

We track for health reasons. Thank you!

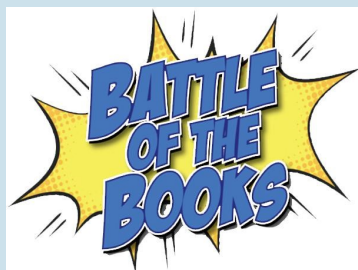
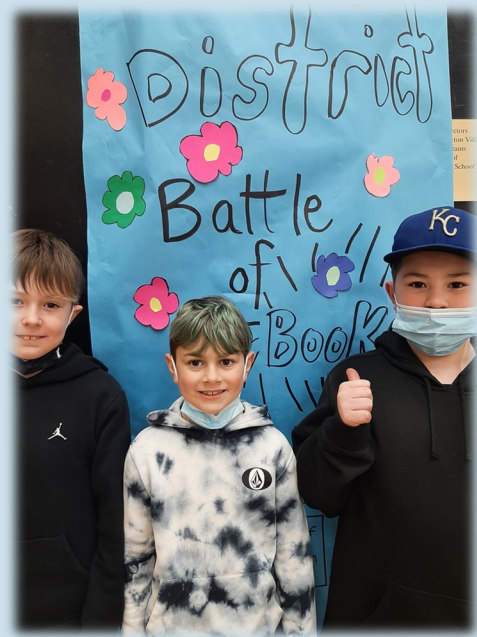
Thank You very much to everyone calling in or emailing student absences/lates. It is very much appreciated!!!

Battle of the Books 2021/2022

It was another very successful year for battle of the books! We had 60 students participating in grade 3-5 this year. Each grade level had a virtual author visit with an author of one of the battle books. Congratulations to all participants on all your hard work and thank-you to families for all of the support from home.

For the school battle we were able to have a student audience which was a nice experience for our teams. For our Zone battle, we competed against Ecole Willow Point and we had one grade 4 team advance to represent our school at the District battle which was held at Pinecrest.

Hopefully next year we will be able to have parents as part of our audience! One of the main purposes of the battle is to expose students to outstanding books chosen by our Teacher Librarians throughout the district. There was a lot of great feedback from battle students and, now that the battle is done for this year, all students have the opportunity to sign out these books.



NIC YOUTH ACADEMY SUMMER CAMPS

- ⚙️ Exciting new summer camp opportunities for ages 9-14
- ⚙️ Camps offered in three core program areas
- ⚙️ View the full lineup: www.nic.bc.ca/youth-academy



Jr. STEM | 9-12 years

The 2022 lineup features the new STEM & Sport Camp series. Sport-based activities will provide the framework for participants to explore the world of Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM).

Cost: \$210 (+ GST)/week **Comox Valley only**



STEM Teens | 12-14 years

Choose from a variety of hands-on camps offered in interest areas such as Science, STEAM, Coding, Engineering, Tech and more. Participants will explore their passions and learn new skills in a fun and exciting post secondary environment.

Cost: \$235 (+ GST)/week **Comox Valley & Campbell River**



NICBot Camp | 9-14 years

Learn to build, program and control Lego EV3 robots using Lego Mindstorm technology. No previous experience required. The 2022 lineup includes NICBot Camp Xtreme for advanced participants.

Cost: \$200 (+ GST)/week **Comox Valley, Campbell River, Port Alberni, Tofino**

Interested in all-girls STEM programming? Look for the **All Girls*** indication on the camp schedule online.



**Youth Academy holds an inclusive view of the word "girl." Anyone who identifies with this programming is welcome.*

Registration opens April 1

All camps run Monday-Friday, 9 am-3 pm (no camps on statutory holidays) and will follow the most up-to-date Provincial Health Orders.

For full details, schedule & registration:

www.nic.bc.ca/youth-academy

  @NICYouthAcademy

NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE



Youth Academy

LEARN TO SKATE FOR ALL ICE SPORTS

WITH THE

**Campbell
River**
SKATING CLUB



Spring session starts April 2nd!

- CanSkate Learn to Skate
- PreCanSkate (age 3-5)
- Parent and Tot
- CanPowerSkate Hockey
- STARSkate Figure Skating (Youth or Adult)

Learn more and sign up online!

SkateCampbellRiver.ca



SPRING INTO SPRING

Island Health recognizes the importance of daily physical activity. Are your children getting 60 minutes of physical activity a day?

"Together, we can make active travel, like walking, cycling or taking transit, part of our school Routine—for the good of our physical and mental health and our communities."

- *Dr. Murray Fyfe, Medical Health Officer, Island Health*

Spring is a great time to think about walking and wheeling to school. What a wonderful way to enjoy the smells and sights of spring!

- Active travel to and from school helps children and youth meet the goal of at least 60 minutes per day of moderate to vigorous physical activity. It also helps build life-long healthy habits.
- It's a great time to think about forming new habits. Only 9% of Canadian kids aged 5 to 17 get the 60 minutes of heart-pumping activity they need each day (2016 ParticipACTION Report Card).
- Talk with parents about getting kids walking and cycling together.
- For younger children, physical literacy skills such as balancing, hopping and jumping can be developed on the walk to school.

For more ideas and information: Your local Public Health Unit

Canadian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines for Children and Youth (Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology)