NEWSLETTER: 2023-2024



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Hello Ocean Grove Community!

I want to thank you for your generosity. Our collections for the Knights of Columbus Food Bank have exceeded our expectations. We needed many extra boxes in classrooms to collect the food items. Many people in our community will be thankful from the generous contributions and it makes our students feel proud that we can be a part of helping others.

Also, a huge appreciation to our parent volunteers who organized our Winter Carnival. So much planning and preparation has gone into this event. We hope you can make it to at least part of it, and perhaps squeeze in a visit with Santa!

From the Ocean Grove Staff we wish everyone a wonderful, safe and happy holiday. We forward to the new year, and all the hope it brings with it. Have a great rest!

Louise Panziera, Principal



Last Day of School: Friday, Dec. 22nd Return to School: Tuesday, Jan. 9th

On the website:

Hot Lunch 2nd Term Orders

Battle of the Books

Winter Carnival Update

and more!

SD72 operates on the traditional territories of the Laichwiltach, Klahoose, and K'omoks First Nations. We honour our relationship with these First Nations, the Homolco First Nations and all other First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples who reside in these territories.

Our **Jump Rope for Heart**

earlier this month was a healthy and fun activity for students AND raised over \$300 for the Heart & Stroke Foundation!

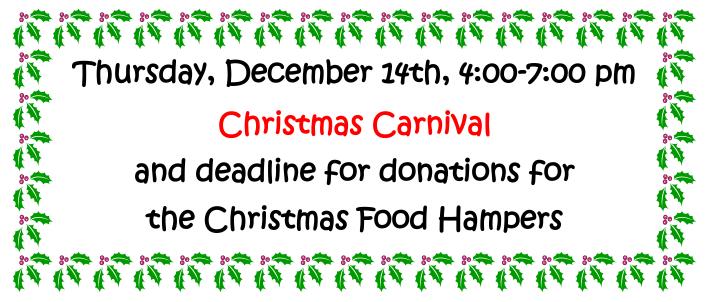
Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Ocean Grove **Scholastic Book Fair** a success! With your support, we have earned **\$2,922.05** in **Scholastic Rewards** to get new books for the Library that all students will be able to enjoy.

Catherine Sharpe, Teacher-Librarian

As a district we are trying to move away from monthly school newsletters and instead have up-to-date information published on our school website.

If you have not done so already, we strongly encourage you to sign up for notifications through the Parent Portal Mobile App. This App will allow you to sign up for categories of events/activities, so you may select as many as you like.

Also, on the bottom of our school website home page there is a section "Upcoming Events" - if you click on the "View All Events" blue button to the right it will take you to the full school calendar (which also lists district information).

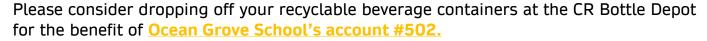


Ocean Grove School Opens Account at Bottle Depot in Campbell River

Island Return-It 1580-F Willow Street Campbell River, BC

Hours: 9:30 to 5:00 pm Tuesday thru Saturday

(closed Stats)



More than a Bottle

- the Depot will accept all ready-to-drink beverage containers that were purchased in BC and have paid a deposit;
- remove all liquids, leave caps on and straws inside;
- separate alcohol & non-alcohol cans (not in cases);
- beer bottles may be left in original cases;
- please note that the website indicates there is no inside sorting at this time.

Thank you for your donations!

BC Healthy Kids Dental Program

Basic dental coverage is available for children through the Healthy Kids Program. Dependent children under 19 years of age may be covered for dental care if the family is approved to receive premium assistance for BC Medical Services Plan (MSP).

Children are eligible for up to \$2,000 of basic dental services every two years. This includes services such as exams, x-rays, fillings, cleanings and extractions. Some services are limited. For example, the program does not cover orthodontic treatment. Healthy Kids may not cover all of the costs and there may be additional charges for each visit. Before treatment begins, confirm that your dentist is accepting children covered by the BC Healthy Kids Program, and what part of the services will be covered.

To use the services, take your child's BC Care Card to the dental office and they will confirm coverage before each appointment:

To find out if your child is covered call: 1-800-866-0800 (have child's Care Card handy)

Or access the **Healthy Kids Program** website.

For more information contact Island Health, Public Health-Dental:

Comox 250-331-8520 Campbell River 250-850-2110

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receive in the App settings.

Lost & Found

All unclaimed Lost & Found items will be bagged and donated to local charities on *Wednesday, December 20th.*

If you are attending the Winter Carnival on Dec.

14th, please take a moment to look through the numerous items to see if you can claim anything belonging to your child(ren).

If you are unable to make it to the Carnival, please feel free to stop by at any time between 7:45 am and 3:30 pm weekdays.

Learning Update #1 will be sent home with all students (paper copy) on Wednesday, December 20, 2023. If your child will be absent next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, their report card will be held by their teacher until school resumes in January.

