

Ocean Grove Elementary

3773 McLellan Rd., Campbell River, BC V9H 1K2

Phone: 250-923-4266 Fax: 250-923-2589

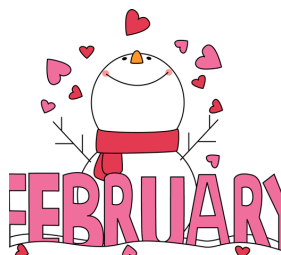
Email: oceangrove@sd72.bc.ca



February 2022 Newsletter

Dear Ocean Grove School Community,

February started out with a beautiful sunny day! It's making us feel very hopeful and excited about the coming spring. Teachers are gearing up for field trips and increased outside activities.



Teachers have been assessing students and are now targeting instruction to move forward in areas where there is a need. You will find out more when report cards come home on February 11th.

I want to really thank the parents and guardians of students in Ocean Grove! Through all the little challenges that we have had this fall and winter you have been amazingly supportive and helpful, even when you had children who were home sick and you were trying to work around that. We are so lucky to have you in our Ocean Grove community.

Deborah Beres, Acting-Principal

Joanna Broadbent, Acting Vice-Principal

New Resources: We are very excited about a new resource opportunity that the school district is making available. Since many students have been sick or having to stay home due to symptoms it is always nice to have something they can work on if they are feeling up to it. Our new District Learning Hub is just that; resources for parents and guardians that you can choose to use with your children at home.

There are different levels of activities for children of all abilities as well as many different subjects from which to choose. There is also a student section where students can sign into their account and access their apps to find the resources. It includes books on-line and cool activities that they can do - feel free to check it out! [72 Learning Hub](#)

Important Dates

Jan. 31 - Feb. 4 Sept.
2022 Kindergarten
Registration Week

Feb. 11 Cross Catch-
ment Transfer Dead-
line

Feb. 11 Report Cards
sent home

Feb. 18 - NO CLASSES
(Pro-D Day)

Feb. 21 - SCHOOL
CLOSED (Family Day)

Feb. 23 - Pink Shirt
Day

Mar. 9 - Student-Led
Conference Day (NO
CLASSES)

**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

Kindergarten Registration for September 2022

Kindergarten registration for September 2022 will take place the week of **January 31st**. Registrations will still be accepted after this period, however, parents are asked to register by Friday, February 4th if possible.

Please provide us with the following documentation via email to "oceangrove@sd72.bc.ca":

- **Completed student registration form (may be downloaded from district or school website);**
- **Copy of student's birth certificate;**
- **Copy of student's care card (both sides);**
- **Proof of residency (ie driver's license, tax/utility bill);**
- **Any legal documentation pertaining to custody/guardianship/access to the child; and**
- **Any materials to support special needs**

Although emailed registration is the preferred method, you may also phone the school office to set up an appointment time for registration. Any visitors to the school must wear a mask and complete a health check upon arrival.

Children must be five years old before December 31st, 2022 to register.

For parents interested in early French Immersion or Kwakwaka'wakw and Likwaka kindergarten, please see information published on the [SD72 website](#).

Cross Catchment Transfers

If you are interested in having your kindergarten child attend a school that is not your catchment school, you will need to submit an application for cross catchment transfer form (Form 302-1) unless you have an older child already attending that school who will still be in attendance in September.

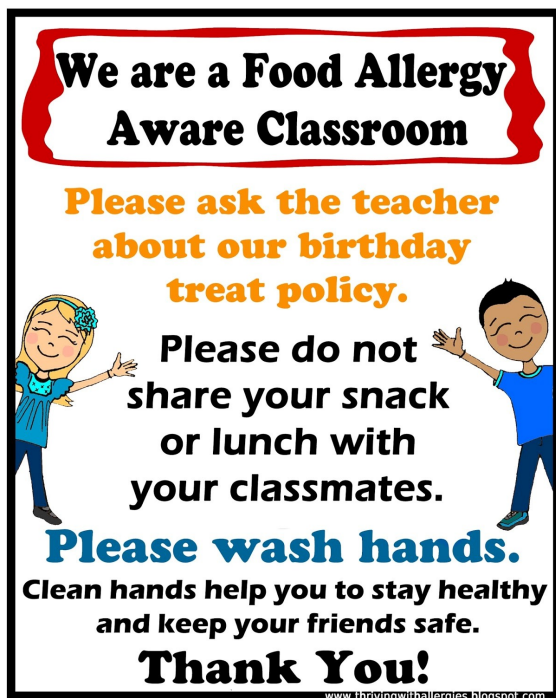
Applications must be submitted by the last Friday in February by 4 pm by emailing the completed form to student.Registration@sd72.bc.ca. **An application does not guarantee acceptance.**

Students must be registered at their catchment school before requesting a cross catchment transfer. Please also provide a copy of the CCT form to your registered school.

If you are unsure which location is your catchment school, you can enter your primary home address into the SD72 school locator for confirmation.

Families should note that if a cross catchment transfer is approved the parent/guardian is responsible for providing transportation to school.





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

Valentines' Day - February 14

Valentines' Day is quickly approaching and may be celebrated in your child's classroom. Due to directives received from the school board office, please note the following restrictions this year:

- **Paper Valentines** (with no attachments) are **OK** for students to bring to school;
- No food items (whether home made, commercially made, individually wrapped or otherwise) may be brought to school; and
- The school is providing each classroom with a nominal amount of funds in order to buy celebratory food items to share (if wanted by teachers).

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with these requirements.



Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday, February 23rd

Pink Shirt Day is a date each year when Canadians are asked to take a stand against bullying and to take that stance public by wearing a pink shirt.

We encourage our community to practice kindness all the time and, if they wish, to wear an article of pink clothing on Wednesday, February 23rd.

February Birthdays

Happy birthday wishes to the following students having a birthday in FEBRUARY:

Brian	Sylas	Olivia
Lacey	Atlee	Jordyn
Myla	Jordan	Rhylan
Blakely	Abigail	Levi
Van	Lena	Sam
Braxton	Ryder	



Hallway birthday board for December, January and February



BC Family Day

All schools will be CLOSED on Monday, February 21, 2022 for Family Day.

We hope you have the opportunity to spend some valuable time with your family.

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!



THE MANY ACTIVE WAYS FOR YOUR CHILD TO GET TO SCHOOL

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

Walking or wheeling all the way to school or every day may not be possible for your family, but there are alternatives that you may not have considered. If you want to make the journey to school more active and get your kids into the lifelong habit of active travel, consider these options:

Walking or wheeling (bicycle, skateboard, scooter, wheelchair) part way to school or one day a week for Freedom Friday or Walking Wednesday.

Taking the school bus or public transit for all or part of the way.

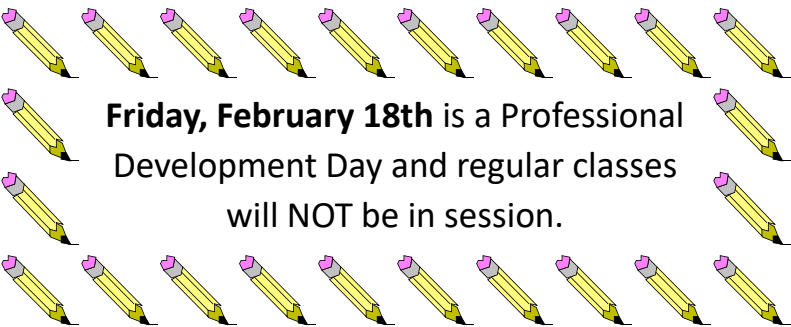
Ever heard of "Drive to Five"? A Drive to Five Zone is an area where parking is less congested but only a five-minute safe and comfortable walk from the school, so that kids can still stretch their legs (and their brains) with a five-minute walk.

Ever heard of a "Walking School Bus"? Same idea as a school bus, but with walking. A group of students walk with adult chaperones along a designated route to school. Many schools have a walking school bus organized by parents. Get one going at your school!

Ever heard of a "Bicycle Train"? Same idea as the Walking School Bus, but on wheels. It consists of a group of children with at least one Bicycle Train adult leader, cycling to school together along a designated route.

For more ideas and information:

Your local [Public Health Unit](#)
[Drive to Five Toolkit](#) (CRD)



Friday, February 18th is a Professional
Development Day and regular classes
will NOT be in session.



Connect and Learn with Us

An online event for families and caregivers

ADHD - The Real Deal

Speaker: Dr. Don Duncan

Dr. Duncan will dispel the many myths surrounding ADHD by presenting up to date scientific facts about cause, prevalence, diagnosis and treatment. He will explain how and why the ADHD brain works the way it does.

FEB
16

What to Say to Kids (and Teens) When Nothing Seems to Work

Speaker: Dr. Ashley Miller

Dr. Ashley Miller will share quick and effective strategies to help your child and you weather difficult moments in a way that strengthens resilience and relationships.

FEB
23

(1 hour Presentation and 1 hour Q & A)

Cost: Free

Required Registration: familysmart.ca/events



KIDS IN CONTROL



***An online group workshop and discussion for
kids ages 8-12, who have a family member
with mental illness.***

**For more information and
registration, please contact:**

www.bcss.org/bcssyouth
kidsincontrol@bcss.org

Follow us at:



@bcssyouth



@bcss_youth



@bcssyouth

Funding for these programs provided by:



A REASON TO HOPE. THE MEANS TO COPE.
BRITISH COLUMBIA SCHIZOPHRENIA SOCIETY
BC SCHIZOPHRENIA SOCIETY FOUNDATION
SUPPORTING THE BC SCHIZOPHRENIA SOCIETY