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February 2023 Newsletter

Hello Ocean Grove Community,

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the 100th day of school. Since the start of the school, we have had some special days and activities. I want to share a huge appreciation to our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for organizing fundraising activities and for your participation in them. These funds support school-wide activities and give teachers more flexibility in making some classroom activities and experiences even more special.

I also want to give a special shout out once again to Mrs. Gibson and her leadership students. They volunteer during short recess and long recess, before school and sometimes after school, to plan some of these fun days.

We try to do our best to be diligent about posting recent information on our school website. Please take a look at our website where you will find different kinds of information including past newsletters you may have missed.

I want to thank Mrs. Worsley for being diligent about ensuring parents get all the information they need in a timely manner. If you haven't had a chance to explore the Parent Portal I would encourage you to do so. You can find instructions on how to access and use the Parent Portal on our district website.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Louise Panziera, Principal

***NEW on the Ocean Grove website**

PAC Movie Night - February 9th

PAC Online Auction

(donation requests & auction dates)

Battle of the Books 2023



Out of School Care Program

Starting September 2023

Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet on the Out of School Care Program that will be located on our school premises (and 5 other elementary schools in this district).

Please note that this is a provincial program being facilitated by School District 72, and is not an Ocean Grove program. However, for your convenience, copies of the Application Form are available in the school office. Any questions should be directed via email to: **childcare@sd72.bc.ca**



If your child is turning 5 in 2023, it's time to register for kindergarten for September 2023!

Registration Week: Monday, Jan. 30th to Friday, Feb. 3rd

Registrations may still be submitted after February 3rd, but we recommend submitting them as soon as possible.

Full information is available on both the school district and school websites: [Kindergarten](#)

Application for September School Transfers

Parents can request that their child(ren) attend a different school than their neighbourhood catchment school. Yes, a CCT form is required even if you are moving into a new school catchment. For September 2023:

Early application date: **Monday, February 6, 2023**

(DEADLINE: Friday, February 24th)

Refer to the school and district websites for full information and the Application for Cross Catchment form: [CCTransfer](#)

A printed copy of a blank CCT form is also available from the school office.

Out-of-School Care



CAMPBELL RIVER
School District 72

The out-of-school care program is located at Cedar Elementary, Georgia Park Elementary, Ocean Grove Elementary, Pinecrest Elementary, Ripple Rock Elementary and Sandowne Elementary.

Hours of operation are before school from 7 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and after school from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

LICENSED, QUALITY CARE

- The out-of-school care centres are licensed under the authority of Island Health (Community Care and Assisted Living Act).
- As part of the licensing, at least one responsible adult must have their first aid with CPR endorsement.
- The adult to child ratio will be 1:12.

COST

- Before-school \$10/day
- After-school \$25/day
- Before- and after-school \$35/day
- Full Day (i.e. Pro-D Day) \$45/day

SICK POLICY

- We ask you to keep your child home if they are sick.
- We may call you to pick up your child if they are ill, even if they attended school that day.
- You will be charged for any days your child is away.

Common Questions

Does my child have to attend the school where the childcare centre is located?

Yes. These spaces are only open to children who currently attend the school.

If my child doesn't get into the program, is there a waitlist?

Yes. Your child will automatically be placed on the waitlist, and you will be informed.

Does my child have to attend full-time?

Priority will be given to children who attend five days per week. Part-time children will be considered.

Why does childcare cost so much?

Childcare is not funded by the province and must operate on a cost-recovery basis. We will review the costs to determine if adjustments are required.

How can I pay for childcare?

Payment is due on the first school day of the month. Cheque, e-transfer, or online payments are accepted. A \$50 NSF cheque fee applies to any cheque that is denied or cancelled.

I can't afford childcare, is there a subsidy?

Yes. The Affordable Child Care Benefit is available from the provincial government. Info can be found by searching '[Affordable Child Care Benefit](#)' online.

Will the district cover childcare fees if I can't?

Unfortunately, childcare is unfunded and must not operate at a loss. It also cannot use funds from K-12 school funding. The only support is through the province's Affordable Child Care Benefit.

My child has an educational assistant (EA) during the school day. Will my child have a dedicated EA during childcare?

During the school day, supports are provided based on K-12 funding. For before- and after-school childcare, families must apply through Supported Child Development. (cradacl.bc.ca)

What do I do if I have a concern about childcare?

You should speak to the childcare provider directly. If the issue is not resolved, you can contact the childcare manager at childcare@sd72.bc.ca.