

NEWSLETTER: 2023—2024



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Hello Ocean Grove Community!

I had the pleasure of watching parts of the Battle of the Books today and it was so exciting. Our school has a high participation rate, and I am so impressed. Then I had the chance to quickly pop in to our Sparks Groups, mixed grade 1-3 groups that has those students interacting with different peers and adults. Both of those events needed parent/grandparent volunteers, and I can't thank you enough. We do have a new district process for volunteers and we will guide you along the way.

Next week we have activities, presentations and assemblies with a focus on kindness and compassion. Many classes are also reading the same book called *Wonder* which focusses on those qualities. Michael Bortolotto was raised in Campbell River and has Cerebral Palsy. He now presents to organizations and schools on the topics of inclusion and resiliency. All our students will have the chance to meet Michael and attend his presentation. If you remember, perhaps ask them what they learned.

Once, again if there is a possibility that your family is moving out of our catchment, I would appreciate a quick email, even if the move is pending. It will help with pre-planning for next year.

Thank you for the support you give to your children and our school programs. Your involvement directly and indirectly makes a positive difference.



Sincerely,

Louise Panziera, Principal

Adult Volunteers

In accordance with changing district policies, effective immediately all adult volunteers must complete a [Volunteer Understanding Letter](#) (copy available from the office).

Thank you!

Next Year Students

We are already looking at our enrolment numbers for next school year. Please advise our office ASAP if you have a grade K-4 registered child who will NOT be attending our school in September. Also, if you have a current grade 5 student who will not be transitioning to Southgate, please advise. Thank you!



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Kindergarten Registration

If you missed kindergarten registration week, it's still not too late to register your child for September!

Please complete your online registration

(www.sd72.bc.ca) as soon as possible. If you are unable to register online (won't work on cell phones), you can either download a paper registration form or contact the office to pick up a copy.

What you'll need:

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



Ocean Grove School Clothing

We have a limited supply of various sizes of Ocean Grove t-shirts and hoodies available to purchase.

T-shirts are \$20 each, and hoodies are \$38 each.

If interested, please email your request to oceangrove@sd72.bc.ca.

SD72 Child Care Applications

If you are interested in the district's before and after school childcare program, please refer to information published on the SD72 website.

Online applications are to be made online through the district website.

Completed applications should be dropped off at the board office (425 Pinecrest Rd.) or submitted by email to: **childcare@sd72.bc.ca**.

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

Ocean Grove School *2nd Annual* ONLINE AUCTION March 1 & 2

Feb
27-29

Auction items
posted for
viewing

Mar
1

Bidding
Begins at
9am

Mar
2

Bidding
Ends at
9am

Mar
2

Highest bid
wins, winners
will be
contacted via
FB messenger

Mar
3

Items
to be
picked up

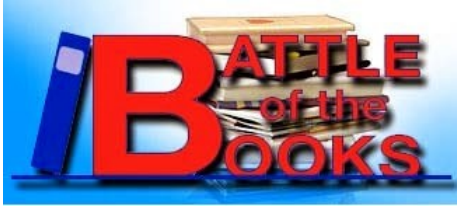
● PLEASE NOTE: ●

*Bids can only be in \$5 increments

*winning bids to be e-transferred to
pacoceangrove@gmail.com on March 2

Enquiries: pacoceangrove@gmail.com

All funds raised go towards student field trips, sports equipment, school events, art supplies, Classroom necessities, and more. Thanks for your support!



Battle of the Books 2024

Congratulations to all of the teams that participated in the School Battle on February 21st, and good luck to those moving on to the next round!

Zone Battle: Tuesday, February 27, 11am-2:30pm at Penfield Elementary

District Battle: Tuesday, March 5 at Timberline Theatre

School Messenger Contacts

School Messenger is a program used by the school/district to send email or phone messages to parents/guardian contacts of registered students.

This program has now expanded its program (*finally*) to include four parent/guardian contacts (instead of two), so that messages are distributed from the following fields for each student:

Student Home Phone

Guardian 1 Cell

Guardian 1 Email

Guardian 3 Home Phone

Guardian 3 Cell

Guardian 3 Email

Guardian 2 Cell

Guardian 2 Email

Guardian 4 Cell

Guardian 4 Email

It is important to keep your contact information up-to-date. If you are not receiving messages for all four guardians, it could be that the relevant box has not been selected. Please email our office to confirm any changes required.



CHESS CLUB
CHESS FOR KIDS

CHESS CLUB
for students in
grades 3-5

Fridays at Lunch

Starting Feb. 22nd

Thank you Mrs. Sharpe and Mrs. Hatfield!

Friday Fun Run

For students in
Grades 2-5

Fridays at Lunch
with Ms. Panziera