

## Ocean Grove Elementary

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# January 2023 Newsletter

Hello Ocean Grove Community,

We are all excited about the learning and activities to come in the next part of the school year. Also, we want to welcome our new students and families who have started in January. The transition back to our routines went smoothly and we look forward to some new ways of doing things in the upcoming months.

At this time, I want to share that the Ministry of Education and Childcare has the final draft of a new K-12 Reporting Policy which will be fully implemented in 2023-24. Many districts have begun the process, and our district will follow some of those changes this year, as it is best practice to pilot changes before final implementation. A report card will be sent home on **February 16th**. Schools have some discretion with the date so do not be alarmed if your friends at other schools are receiving report cards for their children a few days earlier or later.

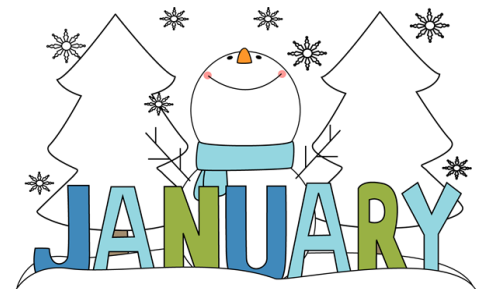
### Requirements of Reporting

- Two Learning Updates
- Two informal updates
- Summary of Learning

### Here is the Schedule for this Year:

- Learning Update #1: November 14 (already sent out with updated Literacy, Numeracy and Learning Behaviours)
- Student Led Conference: November 24
- *Learning Update #2: February 16 reporting on all subjects taught*
- *Student-Led Conference: March 15*
- *Summary of Learning: Final Report Card of all subjects end of June (date TBD)*

There is so much learning and teaching leads up to each of those five opportunities to communicate learning. Remember, these are points in time of your child's learning and ....



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every child has growth to celebrate whether it be in subject areas, social emotional learning, social and personal responsibility, showing resiliency, leadership, making new friends, or learning behaviours.

Our report cards will continue to use a Proficiency Scale. On the report card itself you will see beside each subject the words “Emerging”, “Developing”, “Proficient” or “Extending” with a descriptive comment of what they are able to do, next steps and ways to support.

In our next newsletter I will send home some more information as I feel it is important to offer as much understanding as possible to parents on assessment, and make it available on the website.

Louise Panziera, Principal



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**

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

Please complete the fillable registration form from the website and email it with copies of the following attached (not embedded in the email message) to [ocean-grove@sd72.bc.ca](mailto:ocean-grove@sd72.bc.ca) :

- child's birth certificate (Canadian) or proof of citizenship;
- child's care card (both sides);
- proof of current residence [utility bill, purchase/rental agreement, property tax notice/assessment, or guardian's driver's license (both sides)];
- custody agreement, if applicable.

Additional documentation may be required. If you don't have computer access, you can register in person in the school office.

# Application for September School Transfers

Parents can request that their child(ren) attend a different school than their neighbourhood catchment school. For September 2023:

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

(until Friday, February 24th)

Families that apply before February 24th will have their application processed no longer than the end of April.

Late applications received **up until May 12th** will be processed by the end of May.

Applications received **after May 12th** will be processed before the first day of school where possible, but they may not be processed until the first week of school in September.

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.

## Parent Portal & Mobile App

If you haven't already, check out the new Parent Portal and Mobile App available on both the district and school websites: [Announcing Our New Parent Portal and Mobile App! \(sd72.bc.ca\)](#)

Parents/guardians will be able to see student information including attendance, **report cards**, bus routes and more. You will also receive up-to-date information for everything from events to bus delays and snow day closures right on your cell phone.