



## Ocean Grove Elementary

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Hello Ocean Grove Community!

On behalf of the Ocean Grove staff, we hope your new year is off to a positive start. Our Professional Development Day was fabulous with the focus on Indigenous Education and resources, and we are now immersed in district wide reading assessments.

I have said it before and I will say it again now, the best part of my day is when I have the chance to visit classrooms and participate in the learning activities with your children. It is a privilege to have a school wide vision of the learning.

Our next report card will be out before Spring Break. Please note that the next Student-Led Conference is April 25th.

This is also the time of the year in which I plan for the 2024-2025 school year. This newsletter has information regarding Kindergarten registration and Cross Catchment Transfers. If you have friends who fall into any of those needs, we encourage them to reach out as soon as possible. Mrs. Worsley does a great job of updating our website so please check it regularly. And thank you to PAC for keeping parents updated with fundraising and volunteer activities.

Sincerely,

Louise Panziera, Principal

### **On the Ocean Grove Website:**

- \* Sept 2024 Kindergarten Registration
- \* Battle of the Books
- \* Ocean Grove Online Auction
- \* Late French Immersion Information Session
- \* Cross Catchment Transfers .... and more!

### **Criminal Record Checks**

#### **\*NEW PROCEDURE\***

Due to the recent closure of the CR Volunteer Centre, the CR RCMP now requires a school letter be provided to the applicant (via email or paper copy), and they take it to the RCMP station with a completed Criminal Record Check application form. This way the applicant will only be charged the reduced rate of \$10, rather than the full \$55 fee.

We have created a form letter to be used for this purpose. If you require this letter, or the CRC form, please stop by the school office.

# 2024 — 2025 Kindergarten Registration

*January 29 to February 2, 2024*

Online registration ([www.sd72.bc.ca](http://www.sd72.bc.ca)) is recommended and preferred, however, if this is not an option, please contact the school office.

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.

For information on learning at home with eBlend (our distributed learning program), call 250-923-4918 for more information.

Liq'wala/Kwak'wala K - register at your neighbourhood school first and submit an expression of interest online or at Ripple Rock Elementary.

**Late French Immersion** for students entering grade 6 in September: Information session Tuesday, Jan. 30th at 7:00 pm at Ecole Phoenix Middle School. Registration opens Monday, February 5th at 9:00 am on the SD72 website.

## Cross Catchment Transfers

Parents who would like their child to attend a different school instead of their catchment school need to submit an application for a cross catchment transfer (SD72 Form 302-1) ("CCT") by

**4:00 pm on Friday, February 23, 2024**

by email to [student.registration@sd72.bc.ca](mailto:student.registration@sd72.bc.ca)

or by uploading it as part of their online registration in MyEd

Kindergarten students **MUST** be registered at their catchment school **BEFORE** submitting an application for CCT, except for those with siblings already in attendance and who will still be in attendance in September at their requested school. In these instances, parents **DO NOT** need to fill out an application for a CCT verifying sibling status, but they are requested to register their child by **Friday, February 2, 2024.**

For all information on CCTs, please refer to information published on our school or the SD72 website.

Please . . . label your child's jacket, hoodie, backpack and other belongings!

## SILENT AUCTION

*The Ocean Grove PAC is searching for donations towards its second annual online auction! Please reach out if you have any gift certificates, goods or services to donate: [pacoceangrove@gmail.com](mailto: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!*

### **Family Sessions: Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities**

Erase (Safer Schools Together), in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Child-care, has opened up four more dates for their “Social Media Awareness” Family Sessions.

These sessions are designed to support families and caregivers to navigate the digital world. Dates, times and information to register can be found in the following link: [Safer Schools](#) (link also posted on our website).

### **SD72 Child Care Applications**

For information on the district's before and after school child care program, please refer to information published on the SD72 website. Applications are to be made through the form on 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](mailto:childcare@sd72.bc.ca).

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

# LET'S HAVE A FAMILY PARTY!



## FAMILY LITERACY WEEK 2024

CAMPBELL RIVER

DAY & TIMES	EVENT
Jan 21: 10:00-1:00 Sportsplex	<b>Family Scavenger Hunt Kit Pickup:</b> Come have a dance, hot chocolate & popcorn with us as we launch Family Literacy Week
Jan 22: 10:30-11:30 Community Centre	Party with our instructors at <b>Free Family Gym</b> CR Community Centre Gym, ages 0-5
Jan 23: 10:30 VI Regional Library	<b>Teddy Bear Tea Party &amp; Sleepover:</b> Bring your stuffed friend to our tea party & leave them for a sleepover
Jan 23-26: 12:00-5:00 CR Museum	<b>Free family admission</b> and adventures in the museum
Jan 23 SD 72 Schools	<b>Rotarians</b> host a <b>reading party</b> in SD 72 Elementary Schools
Jan 25: 6:00-7:00 Island Grind W Point	Join us for <b>story time</b> and bedtime snacks at Island Grind Willow Point and take home a new book
Jan 26 10:30-11:30	Party with our instructors at <b>Free Family Gym</b> CR Sportsplex Gym, ages 0-5
Jan 26 1:00-2:30	<b>Free Family Show at the Tidemark:</b> Mi'kmaq Fiddler Morgan Toney throws a party in-person & livestream
Jan 26: 6:30-8:30 CR Community Centre	<b>Family PJ and Movie Night:</b> Join us for snacks and the movie "Elemental" in the gym with your friends
Jan 27: 10-2 Maritime Heritage Centre	<b>Free and fun marine communication for kids:</b> Free admission and a tour of the BCP45 fishing vessel
Jan 27: 2:00-3:30 Strathcona Gardens	<b>Free Family Swim Wrap Up Party</b> <b>Happy Family Literacy Day!</b>
More Information? Find us on Social Media	   