

NEWSLETTER: 2023—2024



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Dear Ocean Grove Community,

I have enjoyed my last two years at Ocean Grove immensely. Your children gave me more joy, laughter and fun than I have had in a long time. Whoever said “All I ever need to know I learned in kindergarten” was not far off (I would just change kindergarten to *elementary school*).

It’s so good now-a-days to know that Four Square is still a thing, that five dollars in your pocket at a Book Fair is still exciting, that hearts can still be broken when you are 10 but you get over it. It’s comforting to know Lego is still in vogue, recess is still the best subject, cardboard and duct tape is a great investment, unicorns do exist, dinosaurs are marvelous, and butterflies are magical.

I also learned that that getting little kids ready for recess on a snowy day takes the same amount of time as turning left at Crawford between 2:30 and 5:30, and that for the older kids, crocks and shorts are all season clothing. And that for our kids, Mrs. Worsley is “the other principal”.

Being with your children confirms that kindness, inclusion, hope and resiliency are what we should nurture and strive for. Ocean Grove students are the next generations of problem predictors/solvers, compassionate care givers, the next generation of leaders and advocates for a better world. And it all started at elementary school.

Thank you to our parent community for the many volunteer hours in classes, and your help with organizing school events. It has made a difference to the experiences we offer our students, and it builds more of a sense of community when parents are in schools. Many of you support our fund-raising initiatives from home and that is also a contribution that enriches learning and extra curricular activities. A huge shout-out to the Ocean Grove PAC for spearheading and communicating so much of what happens in our schools.

I feel that I have one of the best jobs in the world because I have the chance to be part of your children’s lives. Also, I get to grow and learn. Next year I will be the Principal of Ecole Des Deux Mondes and put my French into some serious practice.

Mrs. Holland and Ms. Stephens are also heading to other opportunities and I wish them all the best. They will be dearly missed. Your children are in amazing hands with next year’s admin team of Mr. Horsthuis and Ms. Beres.

It has been a pleasure. I will miss your children very much and the whole Ocean Grove staff. All the best and I wish you a wonderful summer.



Louise Panziera, Principal

Our Ocean Grove Community works and plays on the traditional territory of the Laichwiltach people. At Ocean Grove we strive to learn about the different First Nations in our community.

Upcoming Events:

June 14th - Hat & Jersey Day

- Gr.5 vs Teachers Kickball @ Lunch

June 18th - Indigenous Celebration

June 19th - Whole School to Miracle Beach

June 26th - Grade 5 Celebration (10:30 am)

June 27th - Last Day: **Early Dismissal at 10:55 am**

- Optional water fight shortly before dismissal

Report Cards will be sent home with students on June 27th.

Any report cards or belongings not taken home will be placed in box in foyer for pick up.

Next Year Student School Supplies

We will once again be purchasing bulk student school supplies for September, and asking that families pay **\$40.00** (all grades) per student to cover the cost.

The bulk order of supplies is purchased from a local company and ensures that consistent quality of exact items is provided for classroom use.



Please note, **we will not be requesting payment from students until the end of August.**

An email will be sent to all Ocean Grove families just before September start-up, requesting payment and providing full details on the payment options.

With lots of outdoor activities, we are noticing an increased number of minor student injuries due to inappropriate footwear.

We strongly suggest that students wear runners or sandals (with heel straps), for running, playing outside, and fieldtrips. Safety first!



Early Pick-Up of Students

(and late drop-off)

Many of our classrooms participate in walking fieldtrips around our neighbourhood. This is likely to increase as the weather improves.

Unlike bus fieldtrips, you may not receive advance notice of the walking fieldtrips.

If you are planning to pick up your child from school early, please remember to email BOTH the office AND teacher no later than 8:00 am, so that arrangements may be made around the fieldtrip. Thank you!

CLASS PHOTOS: each student has been provided with a *FREE* class photo for this school year.

Unless advised otherwise by the classroom teacher, this photo will be placed in the student's report card envelope.

News from the Library

The week of June 10th is the last official week of book exchanges for this school year. All library books are to be returned by **Tuesday, June 18th**. If students are interested in summer book sign-out from our school library, Mrs. Sharpe will be sending home a permission slip shortly.





WORLD of CURIOSITIES



Looking for more
summer reading?
Check out the free book
exchange in the Ocean
Grove foyer!

Summer Reading Club 2024

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NOTICE

For the last Parent Newsletter in June 2024

Summer Reading @ Vancouver Island Regional Library

Summer vacation is almost here and your children are no doubt dreaming about fun times and adventures! But in order to keep your children's reading skills sharp, it's also a smart idea to include reading as a part of their summer fun.

Like all skills, a little practice goes a long way. Vancouver Island Regional Library invites kids aged 0 - 12 years to join Summer Reading Club. Participants will embark on a reading adventure at the library with this year's theme: **World of Curiosities!** Summer Reading Club encourages children to read a little every day by providing:

- Fun tools, such as colorful reading records, tattoos, and medals.
- Trading cards – get additional cards throughout the summer to trade with friends!
- Chances to win cool prizes — the more they read, the more chances to win.
- Amazing in branch library programs, performances, contests and activities.

Summer Reading Club officially begins **July 2nd**. You can register by picking up a special package at your local branch starting on **June 18th**! The package includes a reading record to track reading, stickers and other fun stuff.

For more information, call or visit your local branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library or visit www.virl.bc.ca/src. In remote areas, the program is available through our Books by Mail service. Please call 1-877-415-8475 for information.



It is a continual challenge trying to return
Lost & Found items to students.
Most items are not labelled with students'
names/initials.

Lost & Found items are on display in the
main foyer.

*Any items not claimed from our Lost & Found by noon on
Wednesday, June 26th will be collected and
donated to a local charity.*

Student Medications

All student medications provided to the school this
year must be **PICKED UP before leaving
for the summer.**

We are not permitted to keep medications at
the school over the summer. New medical
information forms will be required again
in September.

To help parents stay on top of all the information that they need from their
child's school and the school district, there is a **Parent Portal** available
through a website and a mobile app on IOS and Android devices (search for
CRSD72 Parent App in the App Store or Google Play). Through the Parent
Portal, parents and guardians can see:

- school and district news relevant to your child(ren);
- upcoming events;
- emergency contact information on file at the school;
- your child's absences AND you can report new absences/lates;
- report cards, and more!



If you haven't already, check it out: [Parent Portal](#) (ctrl+click)

Some classes will be participating in a **water fight** the last day of school at 10:30 am.

Your child's teacher will advise if they are participating.



A huge thank you to our wonderful PAC, parents and community members for their support throughout the school year!



Your contributions of both time and energy to our school help to make it a special place for all to work and learn.

2024 - 2025 Student Bus Passes

Bus pass applications for the Fall have been opened on the district website using this link: [Student Transportation \(sd72.bc.ca\)](https://sd72.bc.ca)

The **application deadline** to ensure approved ridership bus passes are available at school start-up is **June 30th**. Ensure that you are selecting the correct year in the drop-down menu.

Please do not duplicate applications. One application per child is sufficient. If you feel that you have made an error, please call the Transportation Dept.

The Transportation Dept. has noted that there have been an extraordinary amount of lost bus passes this year, so students are reminded to keep care of their passes to ensure seamless ridership throughout the school year.

The policy of **MUST HAVE** a bus pass to ride the school bus will be strictly enforced in the Fall, and will likely be in full effect by the end of September.





CAMPBELL RIVER CHILDREN'S CHOIR

CRCC IS A COMMUNITY BASED
ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PERSUING
CHORAL EXCELLENCE

WE ARE ACCEPTING CHILDREN IN GRADES
1-12 WHO LOVE TO SING TO JOIN US FOR
OUR UPCOMING 2024/2025 YEAR

BREEZE CHOIR - GRADES 1 AND 2
ECHO CHOIR - GRADES 3-5
RIVER CHOIR - GRADES 6-12

EMAIL
ADMIN@CRCHILDRENSCHOIR.CA



Beginning September 2024

Register for Breeze Prep Choir
Children in grades 1-2
Rehearsals Wednesdays 3:15-4:00

Audition for Echo Choir
Children in grades 3-5
Rehearsals Wednesdays 4:00-5:15

Audition for River Choir
Children in grades 6-12
Rehearsals Wednesdays 5:30-7:30

Please email our artistic director
Jennifer Abbott at
admin@crchildrenschoir.ca to register or
to book an audition time

We hope to see you there!

Walking Alongside Youth with Depression - [Healthy MindsBC \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www.healthymindsbc.ca)

Healthy Minds BC has created an online learning resource for parents and caregivers called “Walking Alongside Youth with Depression” or WAY. It is designed to provide parents and others caring for a child or youth experiencing mild to moderate depression with practical and accessible information, tools and insights for use in daily life.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Ocean Grove’s office will be open Tuesday, August 27, 2024 through Friday, August 30, 2024 for new registrations and information.

You may leave a message via voicemail or email to oceangrove@sd72.bc.ca prior to that date if necessary.

September Start-Up

Grades 1 thru 5: School starts on Tuesday, September 3rd. Students will come to school from **8:25 to 10:10 am** on the first day. Additional information will be emailed the week before school starts.

Kindergarten: New kindergarten students come to school for one hour on Tuesday, September 3rd, between **10:45-11:45**. Additional information will be emailed over the summer regarding the gradual transition program.

Check the SD72 website and/or the local newspapers for news about school openings and bussing. Please note times may change dependent on bussing.

