

Ocean Grove Elementary

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May 2023 Newsletter

Next Year Registration

Current K-4 students will automatically be registered for next year at Ocean Grove, AND grade 5 students will automatically transition to Southgate Middle School UNLESS the Ocean Grove office receives confirmation of other information.

We are currently confirming next year numbers - please advise our office if your child will not be attending Ocean Grove next year.



Hello Ocean Grove Community!

What a difference the sunshine makes. It is so great to see our students playing in the sun, with the primary and intermediate students playing together from time to time. There is still some learning to be done around outside play for the older students to play safely with the younger ones, and be positive role models, but I can see that we are making a positive difference.

There are many events scheduled for the remainder of the year for all grades, including special celebrations, transition meetings and activities for our grade 5's. I will send out a letter to all grade 5 families next week. Even with these special events, it is also still a time of learning and working hard.

Today was *Poetry in My Pocket Day* and it was great to see so many students reading and listening to poems. Thank you to Mrs. Sharpe for spearheading this event.

Please take a moment to review the important information in our newsletter, including parking and pick times.

Thank you and wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Louise Panziera, Principal



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!

School-Wide Hot Dog Lunch

On **Friday, May 5th** all students will be treated to a FREE BBQ hot dog at lunch time.

If your child has a hungry appetite, please ensure that you send other items to eat at lunch/snack time.

The hot dogs served will be all-beef, and we will also have veggie hot dogs and gluten-free buns available to support dietary needs (please email your child's teacher to confirm).

If you would like to be provided with a list of the ingredients in the veggie dogs or gluten-free buns, please email Mrs. Worsley at

oceangrove@sd72.bc.ca.



Neighbourhood Parking Issues

Unfortunately, we regularly receive complaints from our neighbours regarding parking issues before/after school, including damage to lawns and blocking vehicles in driveways.

We recognize with a school our size there is not room in our



parking lot for everyone, however, consideration of our neighbours' property must be a priority to our community.

Behind the school, on Crawford Rd., please do not park (or stop temporarily) on the crosswalk or on grass lawns. In BC, you must park a minimum of **6 metres** from a crosswalk or a stop sign.

Thank you for your consideration of our neighbours and their property.



Out of School Care Program

Starting September 2023

Information was sent home in our April newsletter (and again attached) on the Out of School Care Program that will be located on our school premises in the Fall.

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 and information sheet are available in the school office. Completed registrations may be dropped off at our school office and we will forward to the appropriate individuals. *If you are interested in this program please drop off your completed Application as soon as possible.*

Any questions should be directed via email to: **childcare@sd72.bc.ca**

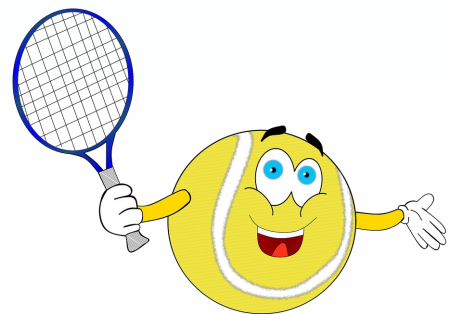


The SD72 calendar committee has now approved school calendars for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 school years. The calendars will be posted on the school and district websites.

Tennis for Grade 4's and 5's

Mondays from 3:15 to 4:30 pm

If interested, please email by **May 8th**
the following information:
name, age, grade & school
to: **Brent.larmour@sd72.bc.ca**





NATIONAL CHILD & YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Online Event for Parents and Caring Adults
with Dr. Ross Greene

Join us to listen to Dr. Ross Greene speak about how Collaborative and Proactive Solutions can help us show our kids we care about them.

Solving problems together creates connection and allows our children to be a part of finding solutions to what is causing their concerning behaviour. Dr. Greene's work reminds us that things go better for everyone, when we solve problems together and that kids do well if they can.

DATE: Thursday, May 4, 2023

TIME: 6:00pm - 8:00pm (PST)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: familysmart.ca/events

This event is part of FamilySmart's National Child & Youth Mental Health Day celebrations, for more info and resources go to: may7icare.ca



**You're
invited!**



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Please join us for the TOUCHPOINTS PARENTING GROUP

April 12th– May 17th

Wednesday's 7-9pm

VIA Zoom

Please Register at touchpoints@cvcda.ca

The Touchpoints Parenting Program is a sequential six week, practical and preventative program designed to meet the needs of

today's families. The goal of the program is to support positive parent-child relationships.

In the six weeks we will look at strategies for engaging parents in conversations about their children's development. We will work on strategies to support parent mastery as we practice new skills within the group.

Email touchpoints@cvcda.ca to RSVP



Session 1: Parenting Our Unique Child: Joys and Challenges

Share the joys and challenges of parenting. Learn “What is a Touchpoint?” Discover its impact on your child’s development. Develop strategies to navigate developmental and relational Touchpoints periods.

Session 2: Understanding Your Child’s Development

Continue to enhance your observational skills by identifying your child’s temperament and your individual parenting style. Reflect on the relationship between personality, temperament and development.

Session 3: Exploring Our Family’s Culture and Language

Furthering our conversations on the uniqueness of our families, this session’s focus is on culture. Discuss “What is culture?” Explore the relationship between language, communication and your child’s emerging social skills.

Session 4: Nurturing and Caring for Our Children: Keeping Our Children Safe and Healthy Using the foundation of your personal experiences, cultural exploration and developmental knowledge shared in sessions 1-3, this session focuses on children’s behavior as it relates to the Touchpoints that they are in. Reflect on how to keep our children safe and healthy.

Session 5: Discipline: Our Role as Parents over Time – Teachers and Guides

This session incorporates all previous developmental concepts and relational strategies from sessions 1-4. Explore discipline, self-regulation and limit-setting. Learn effective strategies to guide your children and help your child learn and practice self-regulation.

Session 6: Wrap up: the opportunity to reflect and celebrate the last 5 weeks.

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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.