

NEWSLETTER: 2023—2024



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Hello Ocean Grove Community!

Thank you so much for supporting our Used Book Sale. If you know of any charities or organizations that would like boxes of books for adult readers let me know. They are slowly making their way to thrift stores. The sale was very successful and thank you to PAC for organizing it.

We had a great day yesterday of growing our professional learning in literacy, math and reviewing our science resources. Pro D days foster excellent collaboration at Ocean Grove. This is our last one of the school year.

I will have more information in our June newsletter about the upcoming school year and will send out an email to all families at the end of this month.

In the meantime, take care.

Louise Panziera, Principal

InstaCake
CAKE IN A CARD

Great to mail or give to friends or family to celebrate not only birthdays but other events too (including grad!).

Orders & Payment Due by: **May 15, 2024**
and
Deliveries Expected Week of June 3, 2024

**Don't just give a card,
send an *Instacake* card!**

In an InstaCake card, you get a
greeting card plus everything you
need to make a celebration cake,
except for water!

Check out their website:
instacakecards.com
(based in Parksville, BC)

Made in a peanut-free facility

See our school website for
full information, including
colour brochure and Order
Form!

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.

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!

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.



Monday, May 20th
SCHOOLS CLOSED

Hooray! Our new Out of School Care Program building is finally ready and the first day of occupancy was Monday, April 29th.

Any questions regarding this program should be directed to:

childcare@sd72.bc.ca

Heads-Up!

There are LOTS of fieldtrips during the months of May and June.

Please check your child's backpack daily for fieldtrip permission forms sent home for signature.

Students **MUST** have a signed permission form returned prior to the fieldtrip - verbal permission is not acceptable. Thanks!



Monday, May 6th

Professional Development Day

*Regular Classes will NOT
be in session*



Classroom Photos and
School-Wide Photo

to be taken on

Tuesday, May 14th



FOYER BOOK- CASES -

we have set up a couple of bookcases in the foyer in front of the Library windows. This is our new "take one / leave one" station, for both students and adults.

Feel free to participate!
Many thanks to the Ocean Grove family that donated the lovely bookcases to the school!

The Ocean Grove PAC has discounted all left-over stock of this year's fundraiser chocolate bars. If interested, email: pacoceangrove@gmail.com

(Original price was \$90/case)

**SALE
NOW
\$60/case
(30 BARS/CASE)**

**-MILK CHOCOLATE
-MINT CHOCOLATE
-TOFFEE CRUNCH
-70% COCOA DARK
-PUFFED RICE**

A Guide to the

Canada Dental Benefit



Tooth decay is the most common, but preventable, childhood chronic disease both in Canada and around the world. Oral diseases frequently begin in the preschool years which is why it is so important to establish good oral hygiene behaviours in those early years.

The Government of Canada has implemented the interim **Canada Dental Benefit**, which is designed to provide some financial support to help Canadian families access dental care. With this benefit, families can start addressing some of the basic dental care that their young children need while the Government continues its plans to develop a long-term Canadian dental care program.

? WHAT is the benefit?

The interim Canada Dental Benefit provides payments **up to \$650** per eligible child under 12 years of age, per year for two years.

\$650

if the family's
adjusted
net income is
under \$70,000

\$390

if the family's
adjusted net
income is **between**
\$70,000 and
\$79,999

\$260

if the family's
adjusted net
income is
between \$80,000
and \$89,999

The benefit can be used for any dental care provided by any regulated dental professional.



WHO can apply?

Parents/Guardians who:

- ✓ Have a child under 12 years of age, who does not have access to private dental care insurance.
- ✓ Have an adjusted family net income under \$90,000 per year.
- ✓ Have filed last year's income tax return—for more information on how to file a return, visit Canada.ca/doing-your-taxes.
- ✓ Receive the Canada Child Benefit for each eligible child.
- ✓ Have or will have dental care expenses for each eligible child that have not been fully reimbursed under another federal, provincial or territorial government program.



HOW can you apply?

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) **My Account** will be the quickest, easiest and most secure way to apply for the Canada Dental Benefit. If you don't yet have a CRA My Account, you can register at Canada.ca/my-cra-account.

You will need to **provide information** on the dental care visit, including the name of your child's dental care provider(s) and your employer information.

If you apply online and are signed up for **CRA direct deposit**, you can receive your payment within five business days!

If you're unable to apply for the Canada Dental Benefit online, **call 1-800-715-8836** to get your application started.

Make sure you have your Social Insurance Number, address, date of birth and a copy of your income tax return from last year.



WHEN can you apply?

Parents can apply **starting December 1, 2022**, for dental care received by their eligible child back to October 1, 2022, so long as their child will still be under 12 on December 1. For the second payment, parents can apply starting July 1, 2023.

Visit Canada.ca/dental for more information, or call 1-800-715-8836