



Ocean Grove Elementary

# NEWSLETTER

2026



## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe we've arrived at the first week of May already! This time of the year always brings a wonderful sense of energy – both in the classroom and beyond. As the days grow longer, it's been a joy to see students outside more often and to hear about the many activities they're involved in across our community, whether it's baseball, hockey, dance, swimming, soccer or something else that sparks their passion.

We are now well into the final term of the school year. While the end of June is on the horizon, learning is still very much in full swing. In fact, this is a meaningful time for students to reflect on and demonstrate just how much they've grown since September. Over the coming weeks, they'll continue to engage in a variety of projects and experiences that highlight their progress and celebrate their learning journey.

On behalf of the entire Ocean Grove staff, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents and guardians who support our PAC. Your generosity of time and effort makes a real and lasting difference for our students. From beach day to field trips to cultural performances and hot lunches, these opportunities enrich our school in countless ways – and they simply wouldn't be possible without you. We are truly grateful.

Finally, thank you to all our Ocean Grove families for the care, encouragement, and partnership you show every day. Your support helps create the strong, connected community we are so proud of.

*With gratitude,  
Hendrick Horsthuis*

## Upcoming Events

- May 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>** – Hip Hop dance lessons (all classes)
- May 14<sup>th</sup>** – District Track Meet at Phoenix
- May 14<sup>th</sup>** – SCHOOL CLOSED (Victoria Day)
- May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Canucks for Kids Floor Ball
- May 21<sup>st</sup>** – Indigenous Recognition Assembly
- May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Welcomed to Kindergarten
- May 28<sup>th</sup>** – Class Photos
  - Cultural Performance

*Please refer to communication directly from teachers regarding class fieldtrips.*

## New Playground

The BC government has announced that five schools on Vancouver Island, including Ocean Grove, will be receiving **\$200,000** each in provincial funds to build accessible new playgrounds.

More details to follow regarding the timeline and selection.



## Adult Volunteers

As we approach the last couple of months of the school year there are more fieldtrips and classroom events offering opportunities for adult volunteers to participate.

In accordance with district policies, all adult volunteers must have on file a completed Volunteer Application form and Criminal Record Check. Please check in at the office for these forms.



## Class Photos



Classroom photos and a school-wide group photo to be taken on **Thursday, May 28th**

## Early Pick-Up

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** (or drop off late), please remember to email BOTH the office AND teacher **no later than 8:00 am**, so that arrangements may be made around the fieldtrip.



## Next Year School Supplies

We will again be purchasing bulk student school supplies for September, and asking that families pay **\$45.00** (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.

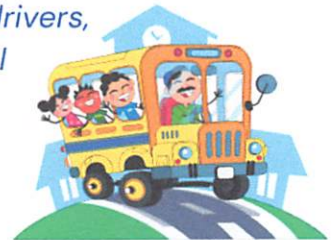
Please note, **we will not be requesting payment from students until the end of August**. An email will be sent to all Ocean Grove families just before September start-up requesting payment and providing full details on payment options.

## Fieldtrip Permission

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

Please check your child's backpack daily for fieldtrip permission forms or other classroom communication.

Students **MUST** have a signed permission form returned prior to the fieldtrip, whether walking, with volunteer drivers, or by school bus. Verbal permission is not accepted. Thanks!



## SD72 Junior Tennis



**SD #72 ELEMENTARY  
JUNIOR TENNIS FOR  
GRADES 2/3 & 4/5**

Mondays from May 4th-June 15<sup>th</sup> (Not on Victoria Day)

Grades 2-3 from 3:00-4:00pm  
Grades 4-5 from 4:00-5:00pm  
At the Willow Point Tennis Courts

Please Register Your Child on [Teamlinkt.com](http://Teamlinkt.com)  
Grade 2/3. 3-4pm team code is: N8U8-UJNU  
Grade 4/5. 4-5pm team code is: 9BFC-GN9A

The Cost is \$20. Please e-transfer to  
[brent.larmour@sd72.bc.ca](mailto:brent.larmour@sd72.bc.ca)  
Note. Please put your child's name in the e-transfer  
note section

*Registration forms are available in the school office, or contact Brent Larmour directly at the above email address.*

*Transportation is NOT provided by the school/district for this after school program.*

## School Garden

Our school garden club has been very active in the past couple of weeks preparing our garden for plantings. All students are welcome to join in the fun during outside lunch recess. Thank you to our garden committee - we can't wait to see what you grow!

