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November 2021 Newsletter

Ocean Grove Families,

After torrential rains and hurricane winds, we are happy to see some beautiful sunshine. We hope that the next few days will continue to be sunny so that we can all add some needed vitamin D and energy.



November is the month that most often provides us with opportunities to reflect and remember, to make random acts of kindness and to show others how much we appreciate them. We also take time to pay tribute to those who keep us safe and give us the gift of freedom. Our school Remembrance Day will take place on November 10th, when our students and staff will take time to recognize and be grateful for the freedoms which they have fought for.

Students are now in full swing at Ocean Grove and we are looking forward to conversations between your children, parents and teacher(s). This month, teachers will be working hard with your children, preparing to share their learning with you during the student-led conferences on November 22nd to 26th. Frequent communication between families and teachers is so important. Most student-led conferences should be scheduled on November 25th, however, we recognize that not all parents are able to attend during the work day and therefore our teachers do their best to accommodate meetings after school hours and on particular days.

Here are some “stay connected” school related tips:

- Congratulate children for completing tasks and use school projects and challenging issues, as a way to spark conversations.
- Start by celebrating small successes and acknowledge their perseverance.
- Education is definitely a team effort that creates a sense of accomplishment for children.
- We believe that teachers work most effectively when parents are partners in their child's learning.

Rhona Soutar & Deborah Beres

Important Dates

Nov. 1 - NO CLASSES
(District Pro-D Day)

Nov. 4 - Photo Orders
Due

Nov. 5 - Photo Retakes

Nov. 11 -
SCHOOL
CLOSED
Remem-
brance
Day



Nov. 22-25 - Scholastic
Book Fair

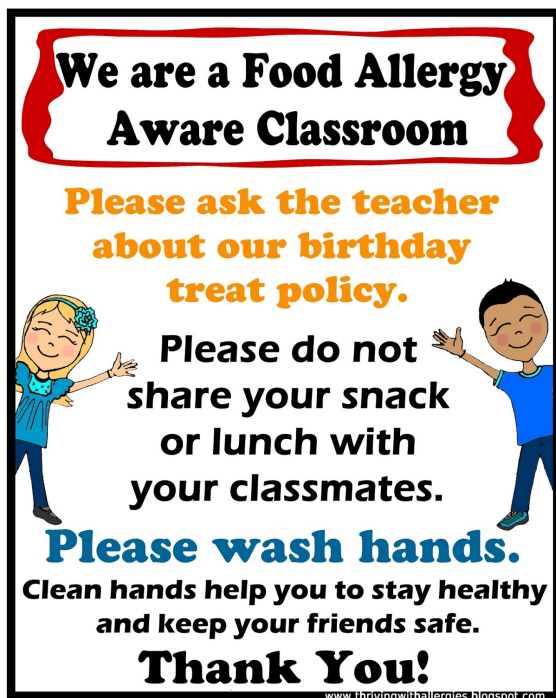
Nov. 25 - NO CLASSES
Student-Led Conference
Day

Dec. 17 - Last Day of
Classes before Winter
Break

Bell Schedule

8:25	School Starts
10:15-10:30	Recess
11:55-12:40	Lunch
2:10	Dismissal





Student Photos

Student photo proofs have been given to students to take home. Please follow the instructions on your package for ordering photos. You may order photos either ONLINE or by paper brought to your child's teacher **by November 4th**. If you have any questions regarding your photos please contact Lifetouch directly: 1-866-457-8212.

Photo retakes day is Friday, November 5th.

Please send your child with their photo proof envelope if you wish to have retakes. Any students absent on the original photo day will also have their photos taken this day.

Classroom Allergy Alerts

Please note that we have allergy alerts in certain classrooms.

Please help us keep our classrooms free of these allergens to protect these children.

Mrs. Kretlow
All nuts and eggs

Ms. Menard
All nuts

Mrs. Holland/Beres
Peanuts, cashews & pecans

Ms. Watkinson
All nuts & fish

Ms. Menard
All nuts

Mrs. Jarvis
Tree nuts, sesame, pistachios & cashews

Mrs. Hatfield
All nuts & lentils

PAC Chocolate Almond Fundraiser:

Thank you to everyone participating in this fundraiser.

The PAC will not be collecting returned boxes or receiving payment in person. All payments can be sent via e-transfer to pacoceangrove@gmail.com OR exact cash/cheque (payable to Ocean Grove PAC) given to your child's teacher in a labelled envelope with child and teacher names. Payments and the return of unsold chocolates are now due.

As a thank you to our students, the PAC will be having a draw for some gift certificates to be given to four lucky students who have sold the most boxes or their entire case. Stay tuned!





Items collected from our Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Important of Being on Time

How does being late just 10 minutes per day affect your child's learning time? These are the facts:

*Just 10 minutes a day = 50 minutes a week
= 200 minutes a month
= 2,000 minutes per school year
= 7 days of missed learning time per year!*



Missed learning time means less opportunity for children to succeed with their learning. At Ocean Grove we know that there are times when lateness is impossible to avoid. Establishing daily family routines with your children will help you to work together to ensure that your child arrives to school on time each and every day. Helping your child develop the habit of being on time is a life skill which will benefit them now and in their future.

We recognize that things have changed with additional absences due to illness, covid testing/results, however, this just makes it all the more important for students to make every effort to attend on other days. If possible, please schedule appointments and vacations during non-school hours in order to maximize your child's time in school.

Student Emergency Release

Thank you to everyone who has already re-turned their *Student Release Emergency Forms* to school.

PLEASE NOTE: If there is an emergency and you have authorized the release of your children into the custody of non-guardian adults, those adults **must present identification** if they come to pick up your children.

Please pass this message along to any adults you have authorized for emergency pick-up on your completed *Student Emergency Release Form*.



Student-Led Conference Day: Thursday, November 25th

Thursday, November 25th has been set for Student-Led Conferences (Parent/Teacher Interview Day).

Please keep an eye open for information from your child's teacher as to what form of communication will be used for this event.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher directly.

Again, regular classes will NOT be in session on November 25th.



November Birthdays

Very happy birthday wishes to the following Ocean Grove students celebrating a birthday in November:

Olivia	Elaina	Morgan	Kaycee
Mason	Thomas	Haiden	Junior
Caelan	Dawson	Mia	Brantley
Juniper	Mateo	Rachel	Casen
Avery	Owen	Guy	Lucas
Carter	Adeline	Halen	Jake
		Sam	



Our awesome Birthday Board created by our parent volunteers.

Early Pick-Up of Students

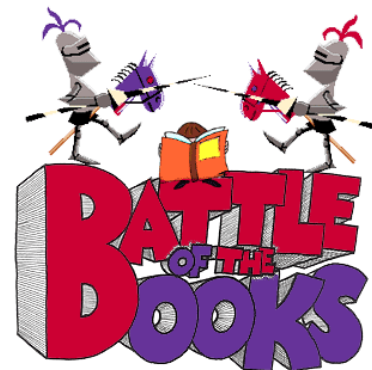
If you will be picking up your child early from school, we appreciate advance notice before 8:30 am if possible. Please email BOTH the school (oceangrove@sd72.bc.ca) AND your child's teacher.

Unless other arrangements are made with the teacher, please pick up your child from their exterior classroom door. Thanks!

Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books 2021/2022 kicks off on November 1, 2021! The Battle of the Books is District-wide reading challenge for students in grades 3, 4, and 5. Each year, the Teacher Librarians of School District #72 choose 5-6 high-quality, engaging books for each grade level.

Students who choose to participate will strive to read all the selections for their grade level. Books can be read any way the student chooses such as, but not limited to, shared reading at home, buddy reading at school or reading independently.



The books are available through the Ocean Grove Library Learning Commons or are also available at COHO bookstore or through the public library.

Once the books are read, students make teams of 2-3 and then participate in the Battle! There are three levels of the battle; School, Zones and District.

All teams will participate in the School Battle answering questions about the books and the teams that earn the highest points will move on to the Zone Battle where they will compete with students from two other schools.

If they earn the highest points at the Zone Battle, they will compete at the District Battle against teams that have earned the most points from the other Zone Battles.

The team that earns the most points at the District Battle will be proclaimed DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!

The purpose of the Battle of the Books is to promote the reading of high-quality material and hopefully encourage more students to read for pleasure.

Titles for Battle of the Books 2021/2022

Grade 3

High and Dry by Eric Walters
Megabat by Anna Humphrey
The Adventures of Arnie the Doughnut - Bowling Alley Bandit by Laurie Keller
Zac Power - Thrill Ride by H. I. Larry
Big Foot Boy - Into the woods by J. Torres

Grade 4

Inkling by Kenneth Oppel
Wild Robot by Peter Brown
Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
Rabbit and Bear Paw - Sugar Bush by Christopher Meyer
Full Moon Lagoon by Monica Nawrocki
Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman

Grade 5

A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry
The Barren Ground by Dave Robertson
Pax by Sara Pennypacker
Where the Mountain meets the Moon by Grace Lin
Star in the Storm by Joan Harlow
Cardboard by Doug TenNapel

Scholastic Book Fair

This year the book fair will be a combination of in-person, for students, and on-line for families.

Students will have the opportunity to look at the books in-person on the Monday and Tuesday to write down a "Wish list" of titles with the price and then families can choose whether to send money or a cheque with the student to purchase the book in-person or to order on-line.

The link for on-line ordering will be sent that week as well and any books ordered with the on-line link will be sent to the school and then sent home with students when the books come in.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the Teacher Librarian, Mrs. Sharpe, by email catherine.sharpe@sd72.bc.ca or by calling the school at 250-923-4266.



**Monday,
November 22nd
to Thursday,
November 25th**



Head Lice Awareness

Head lice are common in BC communities. Although they are a bother, **head lice are not a health risk.**

Head lice spread quickly by close, head-to-head contact. Lice cannot live on furniture or carpet, and they cannot jump or fly. There may be few or no symptoms, but itching may occur.

You can help by:

Checking your child's head with the wet combing method of detection once a week throughout the year.

Review the pamphlet *How to Get Ride of Head Lice Wet Combing*, available online, at your school and [Public Health Unit](#).

Encouraging your child to wear their hair tied back.

Treating if you notice live lice on your child's head.

Reminding family and friends about the importance of routine head checks, using the wet combing method.

For more information:

Your local [Public Health Unit](#)

Read the HealthLink BC File on Head Lice [HealthLink BC File #06 Head Lice](#)



What is Physical Literacy?

Physical literacy is when kids have developed the skills, confidence, and love of movement to be physically active for life. It allows kids to learn the skills and enjoy moving their body – to walk, run, ride a bike, play sports and be physically active. It is as important as learning to read and write.

Physical literacy:

- Begins when parents encourage movement in infancy
- Develops throughout life
- Can be a gift that is shared between generations

Kids develop physical literacy gradually through a variety of structured and unstructured activities. The nature of these activities changes as kids grow in age and ability.

0-3 Years Encourage early movement

Example: Catching bubbles

3-5 Years Expand on play, and keep it fun

Example: Head and shoulders, knees and toes game

5-8 Years Increase the focus on fundamental movement and skills

Example: Red light, green light game

8-12 Years Introduce more complex skills as kids are ready

Example: Hop scotch

"Physical literacy is the motivation, confidence, physical competence, knowledge and understanding to value and take responsibility for engagement in physical activities for life."

~ The International Physical Literacy Association, May 2014
[Canada's Physical Literacy Consensus Statement June 2015](#)

Your local [Public Health Unit](#)

Your local Parks and Recreation

[Sport for Life](#)

[Active for Life](#)

[Physical Literacy](#)

[Appetite to Play](#)

[Healthy Schools BC](#)

[2018 ParticipACTION Report Card: The Brain + Body Equation](#) (video)

Happy Halloween!

Can you recognize these students in disguise?

Here is Mrs. Sewid's kindergarten class enjoying Halloween fun in the classroom.



Weather Closures of School

The Campbell River School District will try to keep schools open on every regular instructional day. Any decision to close schools is made by the Superintendent in consideration for the safety of our students. As winter approaches, the likelihood of school disruptions due to snowfall or power outages increases.

While the information below outlines how the Superintendent may decide to close schools, the CR School District, and our schools, respect and support parents if they feel that it is unsafe to send their child to school or wish to pick-up their child early due to potentially unsafe weather conditions.

In the Event of Extreme Weather Overnight

The Superintendent will make a decision on whether or not to close schools by 6:00 am after consulting with the manager of operations and head bus driver.

If the decision is to close schools, parents and students will be informed with an alert notice posted on the top of the district and all impacted school websites, as well as on the district's Facebook page (Campbell River School District—SD72) and Twitter account (@CRSD72). Local radio stations (99.7 FM—2Day FM; 97.3 FM—The Eagle; 98.9 FM—The Goat; 95.7 FM—Coast FM; 90.5 FM—CBC Victoria; and Spirit Radio), as well as CTV Vancouver Island News, CHEK TV, Global BC News, Shaw Cable, and the City of Campbell River's snow removal line will also be informed.

Staff will receive notification through email and all of these communications will be activated no later than 7:30 am. Please note that sometimes, give the number of calls that the radio and TV stations receive from other organizations, these media outlets may be delayed in getting closure information out.

If schools are open, the notification methods outlined out will NOT be activated. If there is no alert notice on the homepage of the district website or on the local radio stations, it is because schools are open and regular programming will be in session.

In the Event of Extreme Weather During School Hours

Sometimes it may be necessary to dismiss school early if weather conditions change and create a concern for the safety of students in returning home. After consulting with local authorities, the manager of operations and head bus driver, the Superintendent will instruct school principals to dismiss school early.

An alert notice with specific closure information will be posted at the top of the district and all impacted school websites, as well as on the district's Facebook page and Twitter account (see above). Parents and emergency contacts will be called and local radio stations notified.