#### NEWSLETTER: 2023-2024



### **Ocean Grove Elementary**

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#### Hello Ocean Grove Community!

We are having quite an eclectic week. Halloween was a fun filled day and we were so pleased how all the students were curious about each other's costumes and respectful at the same time. The traditional Halloween Parade was a delight to watch and thank you to those who could make it and be part of our audience.

I appreciate very much the preparation that staff puts into planning for Student Led Conferences, especially the day after Halloween. This was an opportunity for students to be leaders in their learning and show their growth since the start of the school year. Teachers send out newsletters or emails with learning updates. I would encourage you to use the newsletters and emails to engage in conversations with your students. That way you can start with, "Tell me about..", which creates an opportunity for your child to tell you a little more about a project or field trip or any other learning experience.

We have a Friday Fun Run Club at long recess for interested students in grades 3 through 5. This is a short run and we go "rain or shine". If your child is participating please ensure that they have appropriate footwear for this activity. Parents are welcome to join us.

Congratulations to the students who participated in this morning's District 2 km Cross Country Run! You were wonderful representatives of the Ocean Grove community.

Finally, thank you very much for participating in the chocolate bar fundraiser. I realize it requires family involvement and support. The money raised by this PAC fundraiser turns into important resources and materials for our students.

Sincerely,

Louise Panziera, Principal



#### SCHOOLS CLOSED

Monday, November 13th for Remembrance Day



SD72 operates on the traditional territories of the Laichwiltach, Klahoose, and K'omoks First Nations. We honour our relationship with these First Nations, the Homolco First Nations and all other First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples who reside in these territories.

We hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Halloween.

Please limit the amount of treats brought to school to one per student per day.

These treats should be enjoyed AFTER they have eaten the healthy items

Packed for their snack and lunch. Thank you!

# Student Emergency Release

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their Student Emergency Release 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 <u>must present identification</u> 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.

Donations collected September's TERRY FOX RUN

totalled **\$807.14** 

Way to Go Ocean Grove!!

#### **REMINDER:**

Student Photo Retakes are ready!

www.islandschoolphoto.ca

Email:
info@islandlifephotographics.ca



For information on our Scholastic Book Fair, please see our school website.

#### **Weather Closures of School**

While the CR School District will try to keep schools open on every regular instructional day, there will be occasions when schools must temporarily close due to extreme weather or emergency reasons. Any decision to close schools is made by the Superintendent in consideration for the safety of students and staff. As winter approaches, the likelihood of a closure increases.

Please take a moment to refer to full information on the website <u>Emergency/Weather Closures (sd72.bc.ca)</u> detailing steps taken in the event of extreme weather overnight or during school hours.

# **Rainy Day Games / Sand Trucks**

If you have some gently used (with all pieces) games to donate for students to use on inside rainy days, please bring them to the school office.

We are looking for games that are quick and easy to set up and play in 20 minutes or less. Examples: Trouble, Guess Who, Snakes & Ladders, Candy Land.

In addition, if you have any durable sand trucks no longer being used we would appreciate their donation for our outside sand box.

#### **PAC Chocolate Fundraiser**

Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser.

MORE CHOCOLATES AVAILABLE TO SELL, PRIZES AVAILABLE, AND CHOCOLATE RETURNS

We have lots and lots of returned chocolates and we are unable to return any opened cases to the provider. We are trying to keep up with storing all these yummy treats but we are running out of room!

So here we are asking, would you like to sell more chocolates?

If you'd like to help raise more funds for the school and sell more chocolates, please contact the PAC directly on its Facebook page or email: pacoceangrove@gmail.com

**PRIZES:** We are providing a <u>pizza party</u> for the class who sold the most so far. The winner will be announced soon. We are also awarding a \$25 movie gift card and one pound chocolate bar to the top 3 selling students who pick up MORE chocolates to sell from now until <u>November 15th.</u>

PLEASE RETURN FUNDS/CHOCOLATES: For those who haven't returned any funds or chocolates yet, please do so ASAP. Payment may be made in exact cash, cheque (payable to Ocean Grove PAC), or etransfer to pacoceangrove@gmail.com. These sales will not be included towards the top 3 selling student sales.

Thank you for your continued support! - Ocean Grove PAC



# Thursday, December 14th Christmas Carnival 4:00 - 7:00 pm

The Ocean Grove PAC is bringing back its Christmas Carnival! Come join us for an evening of holiday cheer.

There will be a jolly visit from Santa, indoor Carnival games, airbrush face painting, Cake walk, bake sale, Christmas Crafts, and more!

In order for this event to happen, we need <u>lots of volunteers</u> to help organize and run activities, as well as bake for the cake walk and bake sale.

Please email pacoceangrove@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer or have any games, crafts or decor you'd like to loan or donate.

This event can only happen with the help of our wonderful Ocean Grove families - thank you in advance!

The Ocean Grove PAC



# Santa Mailbox

There will be a Santa mailbox for students in the main foyer from Nov. 14th to Dec. 6th

(must be mailed by Dec. 7th to reach the North Pole!)



## **FYI - Calendar of PAC Sponsored Events**

(Childcare available at meetings for school aged children)

Nov. 16th PAC meeting

Nov. 30th Christmas Carnival meeting

Dec. 7th PAC meeting (finalize Carnival details)

Dec. 14th Christmas Carnival

Dec. 18th Hot Lunch ordering begins for second

term from Feb-June 2024

Jan. 5th Hot Lunch ordering closes

Jan. 8th Collecting donations for online auction
Feb. 1 & 2 Online Auction (more info to come!)
Feb. 3 Online Auction winners pick-up items