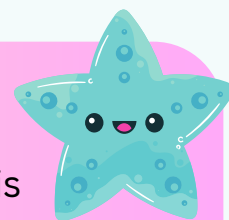




Ocean Grove Elementary 2024 - 2025

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER



Message from the Principal

November is a wonderful time for reflection and remembrance. It is a time that we have the opportunity to pay tribute to those who have dedicated their lives and given us the gift of freedom. Our annual Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on Friday, November 8th.

Halloween day was a lot of fun. Thank you to our PAC and all of the volunteers who arrived bright and early to prepare a tasty pancake breakfast for us all. It was fun to see the students and staff dressed up and participating in the parade. We were extremely impressed with the behaviour of our students on Halloween day, which made it enjoyable for all.

As part of our safety procedures, Ocean Grove will be practicing a lockdown drill sometime during November. The purpose is to introduce established routines in the event of a lockdown. All schools in the province are mandated to hold these drills. Essentially, a lockdown drill mimics a real lockdown. Teachers will lock their doors, close their blinds/curtains, and turn out the lights. Students and staff are expected to remain quiet and away from the sightlines of windows and doors. The teachers will be discussing procedures with their students, and we are aware that it might be a little scary for some of them. Our aim is to educate and prepare our students without needlessly frightening them. Please chat with your child about the drill and contact us should you need more information.

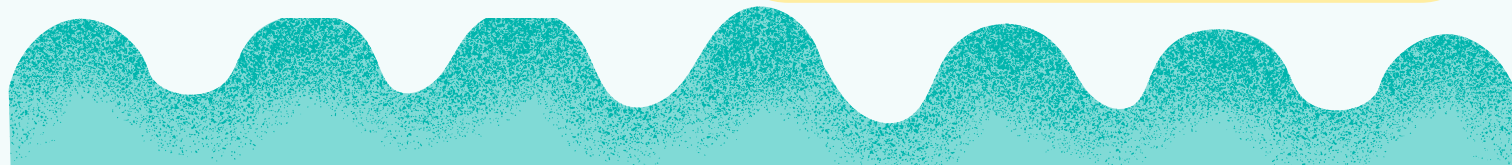


Warmest Regards, Hendrick Horsthuis

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SCHOOLS CLOSED

Monday, November 11th
for Remembrance Day



Adult Volunteers



All adult volunteers working in our school (including going on fieldtrips) must now complete an **Adult Volunteer Form** each year, to be kept on file in the office. If you require a form, please see Mrs. Worsley or ask your child's teacher.

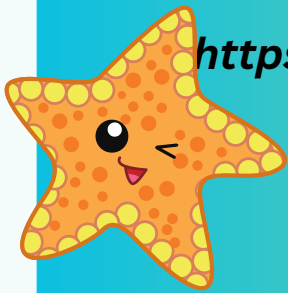
In addition, all volunteers potentially having unsupervised access to children require a **Criminal Record Check** (you will be advised if the activity you are volunteering for requires a CRC). If required, please use the information below to complete your free Criminal Record Check online through the Province of B.C. You will need to use your BC Services Card and the BC Services Card App on a mobile device to verify your identity during the process. Once completed, these CRCs will be valid for 5 years from issuance.

If you are unable to complete the CRC online because you do not have a device to use, or you do not have a BC Services Card, please contact the school office for a manual application.

If you have requested an online CRC please advise the school by email so that we made add your name to the district database.

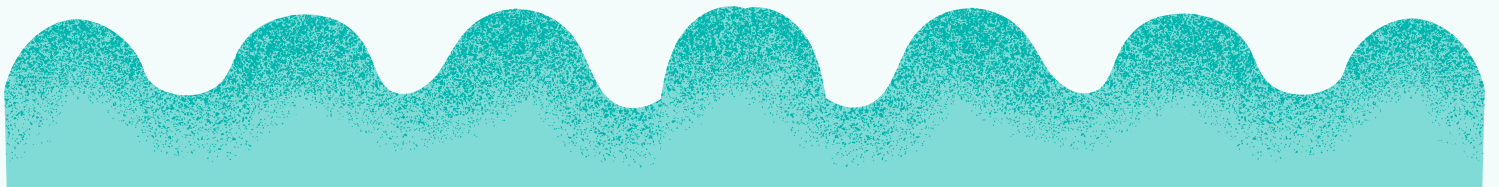
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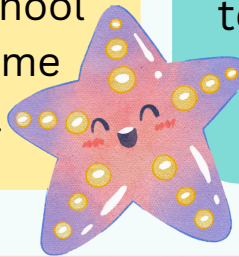
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Thank you for your time and commitment to help us at the school. The children greatly benefit from your efforts.



School Telephones

Our office phone is for emergencies only and should not be used by students to phone after school to make play arrangements. Please ensure that your child is certain about all after school arrangements before coming to school each day so that needless, worrisome situations do not arise. Thank you.



Lost & Found

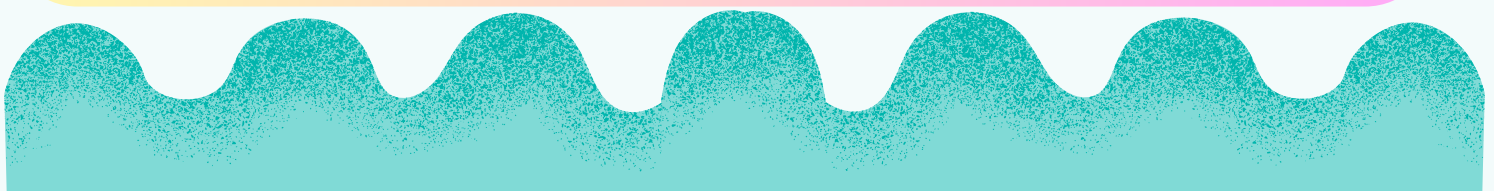
Please write your child's name (or at least initials) on their sweatshirts / jackets / hats / shoes, etc., to assist us in returning items to students throughout the year.

Medical

If your child has any medical concerns, or is on daily medication, please ensure that all information is updated with the office as soon as possible. If you wish to keep medication at school for your child, a "Request for Administration of Medication" form **MUST** be completed. We not permitted to keep or administer medication at school without this form. If your child is able to self-administer medication and keeps it in their backpack to/from school, please also confirm so that we may ensure our records are up-to-date.

Additional paperwork must also be completed if your child is Anaphylactic.

All medical information must be updated on an annual basis. Please contact Mrs. Worsley in the office to request applicable paperwork.



Parent Advisory Committee

At Ocean Grove we are very fortunate to have an active and generous **Parent Advisory Committee** (“PAC”). PAC meetings are held once a month and are open for all parents/guardian of Ocean Grove students to attend.

Joining the PAC or being a part of the force of adult volunteers for school activities helps you connect to the school community and helps us do even more amazing things at Ocean Grove.

Here is how you can find out information about PAC related activities:

1. School website: www.sd72.bc.ca/oceangrove
2. Mobile App: CRSD72 Parent Portal App
3. Facebook page: Ocean Grove Elementary School PAC Information Only. Please “like” to receive updates.
4. PAC email: pacoceangrove@gmail.com

This year’s PAC Executive Committee:

PAC Chair: Sole MacDougall and Sheryl Roper

Secretary: Keri Eburne

Treasurer: Kristen Glennie

Hot Lunch Coordinators: Kirby Stewart

and Kristen Glennie

