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Dear Parents and Guardians,

November is a wonderful time for reflection and remembrance. It is a time that we pay tribute to those who have dedicated their lives in the past and present who have given us the gift of freedom. Our annual Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on Monday, November 10th.

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

As part of our safety procedures, Ocean Grove will be practicing a lockdown drill sometime during November. The purpose of the drill is to introduce the established routines in the event of a lockdown. All schools in the province are mandated to practice lockdowns. Essentially, a lockdown drill mimics a real lockdown. Teachers will lock their doors, close their blinds/curtains, and turn the lights out in the classroom. Students and staff are expected to remain quiet and away from the sightlines of any windows or doors. The teachers will be discussing the procedures for the drill with their students, and we are aware that it may seem a little scary to 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 about it.

Warm Regards,
Hendrick Horsthuis, Principal



SCHOOLS CLOSED

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Orca Wear School Clothing

As announced in our October 29th email, we are now offering Orca Wear items for sale in both youth and adult sizes. We have t-shirts, crew neck sweatshirts, and hoodies sweatshirts, all with the Ocean Grove colour logo printed on the front, and we also have sweatpants with the words "Ocean Grove" printed in white down the front of one leg. All clothing items are available in black only.

Select sample sizes are available for you to try on in the school office.

Orders are to be made by completing the online form: [Ocean Grove Clothing Order Form 2025](#) (If having difficulties with this link, please see the Oct. 29th email.)

We accept either exact cash, cheque made payable to *Ocean Grove School*, or e-transfer to **oceangrove@sd72.bc.ca**. Please ensure that payment is sent to the SCHOOL and not the PAC. State your child's first and last name and the words "Orca Wear" in the memo section (otherwise we will have no idea who it's for). If a gift item, please insert YOUR first and last name instead of your child's, and ensure that the gift option has been selected on the order form.

**Orders and payment are due no later than
November 15, 2025.**

Next PAC Meeting

Monday, November 17th

6 pm in the Library

Winter Carnival

Thursday, December 4th

4:00—7:00 pm

Christmas Concert

on Tuesday, December 16th

(details to be provided shortly)

Last Day Before Winter Break is

Friday, December 19th

Return to school on January 5th

Congratulations to the grade 3-5 students who participated in last week's District 2 km Cross Country Run at the Sportsplex on a very windy and rainy day! You were wonderful representatives of the Ocean Grove community. See article and photos on the [district's website](#).



Seeking shelter in the dug-out!

Extreme weather didn't stop the smiles and good sportsmanship.



We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Halloween.

Many thanks to Ms. Fasken and the leadership students for organizing the display of carved pumpkins, and to the families who shared their creations for the enjoyment of all. Well done!



Weather Closures of School

While the 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 district's website detailing steps taken in the event of extreme weather overnight or during school hours.

Even when schools are open, we understand if you feel it's safer to keep your child home or pick them up early. Just let us know by reporting the absence through our attendance line.