



Ocean Grove Elementary

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Autumn is upon us already! Our staff has been working hard to assess students to see where they are at in their learning and to plan their instruction to best meet the needs of students. Our goal as a school community is to continue working together to make Ocean Grove a place of learning that is focused on the needs of all our students.

On Thursday September 25th we hosted our annual Terry Fox run and raised over \$725.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Way to go, Ocean Grove students! Thank you to all who donated to keep Terry's legacy alive. We know his family would be proud to see the enthusiasm and positive attitude displayed by our school community during this event.

On Sunday, October 5th we are celebrating "World Teacher Day" and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers, and all our staff, who continue to serve our students. It is quite remarkable to think what has been accomplished since we have been in session and as we head into Thanksgiving, we are grateful to be part of this team.

Finally, it was wonderful to see all the families at our Muffin Morning. The turn out was amazing and we will make sure to have more muffins and coffee at our next one 😊.

Have a restful Thanksgiving on October 13th. I am thankful to be a part of this community.

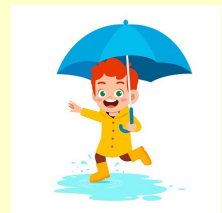
Warm Regards,
Hendrick Horsthuis, Principal

Hot Lunch Program

The first hot lunch day is Friday, October 10th. Reminder emails are sent at the beginning of each week for those participating.

As outlined on our website, if your child will be away on a hot lunch day and you wish their lunch to be held in the office for pick-up the same day, or given to a specified student, email oceangrove@sd72.bc.ca **before 10:30 am** with "Hot Lunch" in the subject line.

If you find it necessary to send your student to school with an umbrella to use at recess, please have a discussion with them that umbrellas are to be used for one specific purpose only. They are not to be used as swords or other weapons/props and, for safety reasons, may not be taken on the adventure playground. Thank you!



SCHOOLS CLOSED

Monday, October 13th

Terry Fox Run: over \$725 Raised!

Our entire school participated in the annual Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 25th. Thanks to the generous support of our community, **over \$725** has been raised as a donation to the Terry Fox Foundation. Well done everyone!

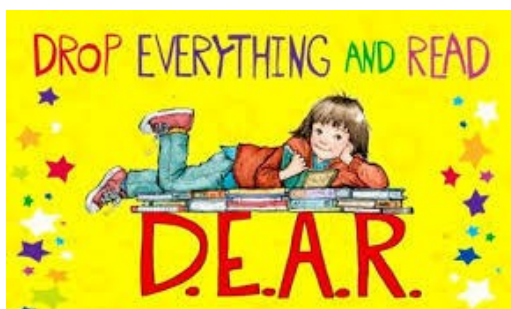
Student Emergency Release

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their completed 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*.

Monday, October 27th



Save the date

**Christmas Concert will be on
Tuesday, December 16th!**

Intramurals at Lunchtime

Interested grade 4 and 5 students have signed up to play hand-ball on Wednesdays in the gym at lunch time.

There are six teams enthusiastically participating:
Bears, Ravens, Orcas, Eagles,
Wolves and Beavers

THANK YOU Ms. Fasken and Mr. Wilson for volunteering their time for this activity!

No Classes on Thursday, October 30th

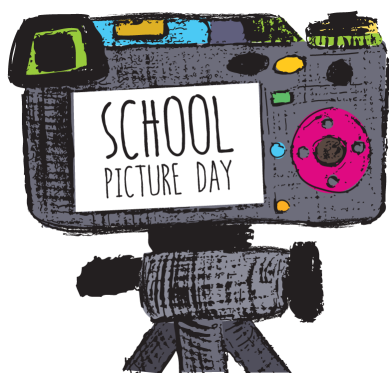
(Student-Led Conference Day)

No Classes on Friday, October 24th

(Professional Development Day)

Bell Schedule

8:25 am School Starts
10:10 - 10:25 am Recess
11:55 - 12:40 am Lunch
(30 min. play then 15 min. eating)
2:10 pm School Dismissal



Student Photo Day

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Island Life Photography will once again be coming to our school to take individual student photographs. We will start with the kindergarten students and work our way up to the grade 5 students.

After photo day, each student will receive a take-home flyer with instructions and important information. Photos will be viewed and purchased online.

Adult Volunteers at Ocean Grove:

We appreciate the time and commitment of adult volunteers at our school. In September teachers sent home an "Adult Volunteers" form containing a Volunteer Application and Guidelines form requiring completion. This form is required to be completed by all volunteers each school year.

In addition, ALL adult volunteers must have a current Criminal Record Check on file. Every CRC completed since May 2024 is valid for 5 years. If you are not sure if you have a current CRC on file with the District (can be any school in SD72), please contact the school office.

To obtain a CRC: 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. Use this [online link](#).

Access Code: XZS9885H7S

If you are unable to complete the CRC online because you do not have a device to use . . . contact the school office to request an appointment to use a device at school for this purpose.

If you are unable to complete the CRC online because you do not have a BC Services Card . . . contact the school office to request a Manual Application Package. You will have to completed and submit this package directly to the School Board Office (425 Pinecrest Rd.) in person, and have your identity verified by one of the district's CRRP authorized contacts.

Parent Drivers are required to have a completed Driver's Information Form, Driver's Abstract, and copy of valid driver's license, all within the past 12 months, on file in the school office.

SD72 Bus Information

On occasion, a student may not have their bus pass with them and are required to come to the office to obtain a paper temporary bus pass for that day. If a student continually comes to the office for a temporary pass, then application must be made for a replacement bus pass. The cost will be \$10.00 for a replacement pass - please send to the office with a request for Mrs. Worsley to send in the application on your behalf. It will take a couple of weeks for the new pass to be issued and the student will be called to the office when it arrives.

If a student requests a temporary bus pass but they have not yet have a bus route noted on file, then the district has not received an application yet this school year. We have been instructed to NOT give temporary passes to students without existing bus pass approval. Accordingly, if you anticipate that your child may take the bus at any point during the school year please make application under the SZD72 website for a bus pass.

We strongly urge all students to keep their bus passes in a zipped compartment of their back pack and only take it out when they are boarding the bus.



Student will go outside for recess in almost all weather conditions. Be prepared and ensure that your child has a set of dry clothes available in their backpack to use if required.

Also, if your child's teacher has requested that you provide INSIDE SHOES, please remember to send a labelled pair of shoes to be kept at school. Thank you!

Are you sending an E-Transfer?

Please check your information to ensure that you are sending it to the right party!

The school has received numerous e-transfers meant for the PAC and hot lunches, AND the PAC has received payment for school supplies which should have been sent to the school. We are correcting ones sent to date, but ask that you check details to limit this occurrence and resulting confusion.

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Mabel's Labels

Via email on September 24th, information was provided on the Parent Advisory Committee's new fundraising initiative with Mabel's Labels. Their durable, personalized labels will hopefully help return misplaced items, particularly from our overflowing lost and found! Just visit mabelslabels.ca, click "Support a Fundraiser", and search for "Ocean Grove School PAC (Campbell River)". Our PAC receives 20% back on every purchase, and this fundraising runs all year long.

Chocolate Fundraiser

Fundraiser chocolate cases have/will been distributed to students who have returned their "Opt-In" form. As the fundraiser terms have changed this year, chocolates may not be returned. Accordingly, cases will only be handed-out to students if they have returned an Opt-In form completed by parents/guardians. Extra forms are available to pick up in the office. Thanks for your support!

Garden Party

It's time to do a Fall clean-up of our school garden. If you are able to help with weeding and clean-up of the garden pathways, come join us this **Sunday, October 5th, between 10-Noon**. Bring your own gloves and weeding tools (if you have them).

Halloween Pancake Breakfast

The PAC sponsored annual Halloween pancake breakfast will be on Friday, October 31st. Delicious pancakes will be delivered to classrooms for students to enjoy when the 8:25 am bell rings. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the PAC directly: pacoceangrove@gmail.com.

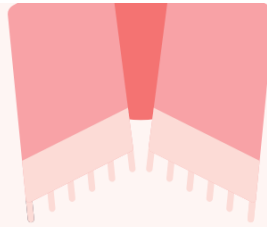
Winter Carnival

Plans are already underway! *SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, December 4th (4—7 pm)*.

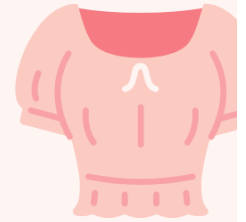
Next PAC Meeting:

Monday, October 20th

@ 6 pm in the Library



NEED SOME
EXTRA CLOTHING
FOR YOUR CHILD?



MINI FREESTORE

FREE GENTLY USED CLOTHING
ROBRON CENTER

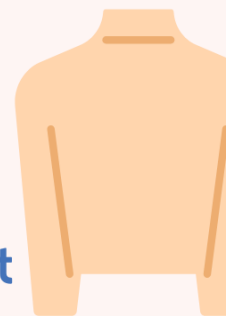
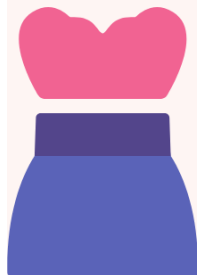


Shopping day
Friday, Oct. 10, 2025

11:00-3:00

Room A101

Contact your child's school or Erin at
erin.stephens@sd72.bc.ca



FYI - this is where we have been sending the Ocean
Grove unclaimed Lost & Finds items!

Kids Call – MB3 Training

November 17 and 18, 2025

3:15 to 4:30 p.m.



Community Centre

401 11 Ave

Ages 4 to 9

\$40



For more information, visit
[campbellriver.ca/ events](http://campbellriver.ca/events) or (250) 923-7911.