



Ocean Grove Elementary

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Ocean Grove students, families and staff, we are so happy to have you at our school!!!

We are excited for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

Our teachers, educational assistants, administrative assistants, maintenance and operations staff, custodians and others have been working throughout the summer getting our schools and buses ready for your children and their new opportunities. For those familiar with our grounds, you will likely notice that the playground has had a “facelift” and we are grateful for the fine work that has been done over the summer.

I would like to introduce my new partner in the office, Ms. Deborah Beres. Deborah has recently been at Pinecrest School, and I am pleased to have her as our Vice-Principal.

She has a range of skills and a joyful approach to teaching and learning. Ms. Beres and I are looking forward to a delightful year as student inquire, wonder and explore the world around them.

Thank you so much for the pleasure of learning and working with your children. We believe in their strength, curiosity and inspiration. Please keep your eyes open for some wonderful learning.

Please also welcome the following new staff members: Ellen Gibson (gr. 4/5), Rena Holland (gr. 3/4), Kara Muurmans (gr. 1), Robert Wilson (Learning Support Services), and Dani Shemko (Indigenous Youth Worker).

Sincerely, Rhona Soutar and Deborah Beres

For up-to-date information on all matters relating to Covid-19, please check regularly for emails from the school district and refer to information posted on the sd72.bc.ca website.

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 the school for your child, a "Request for Administration of Medication" form **MUST** be completed. **This information must be updated on a yearly basis.** If anything changes during the school year please let us know.

Many children have allergies, however, only a few are life threatening. If you are the parent of a child with life-threatening allergies, we need your cooperation in providing the office with current medical information and assistance in developing a plan to protect your child's health. Does your child have a life threatening allergy? If so (and you haven't already contacted us), please phone Mrs. Worsley in the office to discuss the situation.

Attendance

Please make every effort to ensure that your child(ren) arrives to school on time - school starts for all grades at 8:25 am. If you arrive after attendance has been taken, students should come in through the main entrance to the office "drive thru window" to sign-in and get a Late Slip. Parents should stay outside unless absolutely necessary, then follow the protocol signage outside.

Also, if you know that you will be late, absent, or leaving early, please phone the school at 250-923-4266 to let us know.

Absences may also be emailed before 8:30 each day to: oceangrove@sd72.bc.ca . Please state "Attendance + date" in the subject line.

Office hours are 7:45 am to 3:15 pm, but our answering machine will take calls 24 hours a day! Either way, by phone or email, please ensure that you state the student's first and last name. Also, speak slowly and clearly as phone messages are transcribed.

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 your child is certain about all after school arrangements before leaving each day so that needless, worrisome situations do not arise.

Thank you.



Bus Students

Immediately after the dismissal bell, bus students are to proceed to the front of the school and place their backpacks in the appropriate line-up (north or south bus). Students often run and play after school while waiting for the bus, and the backpack will indicate that there is someone intending to get on the bus after school. Please review this procedure with your bus student.

Student School Supplies

We have purchased student school supplies in bulk. This purchase has been very helpful for the school in ensuring both quality and quantity of school supplies is maintained.

The cost this year will be \$35 per K-2 student and \$40 per grade 3-5 student. **Payment must be by exact cash or cheque payable to the school.**

Please drop off payment **to your child's** assigned teacher, ensuring that it is in a baggie/envelope marked with your child's full name and teacher's name. If you require a receipt, please so indicate and it will be issued in due course.

Some teachers may ask for additional supplies to be provided for specific projects, or may ask for gym shoes to be sent to school.



Our SD72 transportation department is still processing bus pass requests.

Parents should receive a letter soon informing them of the status of their application. If approved, students will be given their bus pass by the school office later this month.

Until they receive their pass, students will need to provide their first and last name to the bus driver.



Please refer to the district's website for any updates or information regarding bus pass applications:
sd72.bc.ca

NO MICROWAVE USE BY STUDENTS:

Please note that there is NO MICROWAVE USE allowed by or for students at school.

We also can NOT add hot water to noodles/soup in a cup.

This is primarily a safety issue and we also do not have the staff available to carry out this task.

If your child wishes to have a hot lunch please send it to school with them in a thermos.

Please also remember to send utensils if required for your child's lunch.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Going Home for Lunch?

Please note that students may NOT go home for lunch (or to anyone else's home) without specific permission from his/her parent or guardian on that day.

Permission may be given either by way of note to the student's teacher or by phone call to the office (message may be left on the machine).

If your child will be going home for lunch every day, please contact the office so that we may review the sign in/out procedure with your child.

Allergy Alert

A few of our friends have allergies. Our class will be free of these allergens to protect these children.

Once students have been placed in their classrooms our newsletter will insert the names of classes which have students with allergy alerts.

In the meantime, please note these restrictions for the school.



Nut Free Zone



Dog Free Zone



Seafood Free Zone

Terry Fox Run:

Friday, September 17th

An email will be sent out by each classroom teacher confirming their class participation in the Terry Fox Run. Not all classes will participate.

If you can, please send in a “Toonie for Terry” to your child’s teacher (any donation is welcome).

Thursday, Sept. 30th

NO SCHOOL

Truth & Reconciliation Day

The BC government has announced that September 30th will be a new annual statutory holiday for all provincial public sector employees, including public school districts, to honour truth and reconciliation.

The Campbell River School Districts and all its schools will be closed on September 30th to observe this day in reflection. The 2021-2022 school calendar has been updated to include this new holiday.

Class Community Walks

Parents/guardians are welcome to join on class walks within the community, as long as the following protocols are observed:

- ♦ Contact your child’s teacher to confirm participation;
- ♦ Maintain social distancing from all students and staff;
- ♦ Meet outside the classroom (no school entry); and
- ♦ Have an up-to-date Criminal Record Check on file with the school office (CRCs are good for 3 years—contact the office if you require a form or need to check the expiry date of a CRC previously provided).

Signed permission forms are required for students to participate in community walks off the school property. Please check your child’s backpack regularly.

School & District Calendar

The 2021-2022 calendar is available for download from the district website and all school websites. All of the holidays, Pro-D days, and other dates of note in the school calendar are also populated into each school’s website calendar.



Please slow down when driving through our neighbourhood. Our school neighbours have advised that traffic driving down the school street slows down, but that vehicle speed increases significantly just a block away. We have a lot of students and neighbours walking in our community that we would like to keep safe. Thank you!

Please write your child's name on his/her sweatshirt/jackets/hats to assist us in returning items to students throughout the year.



The student Hot Lunch Program will be reviewed after the first Parent Advisory Committee meeting in September. Information will be emailed when available.

Paperwork Sent Home with Students

With school start-up each year comes a lot of paperwork to confirm and update our records. The following forms will be sent home shortly with your child:

- Student Verification Sheet with Contacts attached;
- District Information Systems Acceptable Use Agreement;
- Emergency Release Form; and
- Student FIPPA / Personal Information Consent Form 2021 - 2022

We appreciate the time it takes to review and update these forms and thank you for returning them promptly to your child's teacher.





Very happy birthday wishes to the following students having a birthday in September:

Marlayna	Carson	Bentley	Andrew	Corbin
Easton	Bruin	Cassidy	Lukas	Arly
Aiden	Gavin	Jaxxon	Reece	Emily
Elianna	Karson	Daniel	Aleah	
Everlee	Dane	Brady	Rose	
Paxton	Brooklyn	Florence	Dani	
Abigail	Logan	Wesley	Logan	



Student Information Verification

We will be sending home a personal Student Information Verification Form with each student. Please:

- ♦ Carefully review all information on the form;
- ♦ Make any required changes in blue or red pen;
- ♦ Write clearly so that information may be translated and input correctly;
- ♦ If there are no changes, write “NO CHANGES”;
- ♦ Sign and date the bottom of page 2 of the Form; and
- ♦ Return the form to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Thank you!

Bell Schedule

8:25 am School Starts
(single start-no warning bell)

10:15 - 10:30 Recess

11:55 - 12:40 pm Lunch
(30 mins play then 15 mins eating)

2:10 pm School Dismissal
(single dismissal)

