



Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools

# Cinnabar Valley Elementary

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## A note from the office ...

Happy Holidays to all of you! As we enter our Spring Break I hope that families are able to enjoy this time together to rejuvenate, relax, and enjoy.

The report cards have now gone home and I encourage families to connect with teachers directly if there are any questions about them. Please return the envelopes so that we can save paper!

We are in the middle of an Energy Cup Challenge, being lead by our Eco Club. Students have “lights out lunches” almost

daily now. We had “glow” aerobics—glow sticks instead of gym lights. We are looking forward to some special days after Spring Break, such as “old fashioned school”, “Earth Hour”, and “Elephant Feet roundup” to also bring more awareness to how we can save energy at school. We are working on students (and adults) recognizing that the practices used at home around energy efficiency can also be done at school. Stay tuned for more information. Thanks to Ms. Davey for taking

on the leadership for the Eco Club.

Finally, thanks to the amazing support of the Cinnabar community the We Day Leaders raised over \$400 in their “We Bake for Change” and “We Create Change” initiatives, well exceeding the goal of \$250 to provide clean water for a year for a family. Wow! Thanks Ms. Burns for organizing these events.

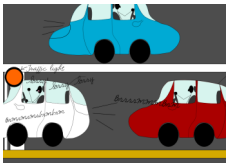
Yours truly,  
Ms. Charles

For More information or to report incidents of bullying please go to

<http://www.erasebullying.ca/>

## Calendar Updates

- Mar 14-28—Spring Break and Easter Break
- Mar 29—Schools re-open
- April 1 Pizza lunch Div 5 from PAC
- April 7, 14, 21—Swim to Survive Grade 3
- April 7, 14, 21, 28 RSL @ 1:00 in Library
- April 12—PAC meeting
- April 15—Assembly Div 6 & 7
- April 20—Gr 8 to Victoria
- April 22—Pac Movie Day
- April 26—Fire House Safety Gr 3
- April 29 School Track and Field



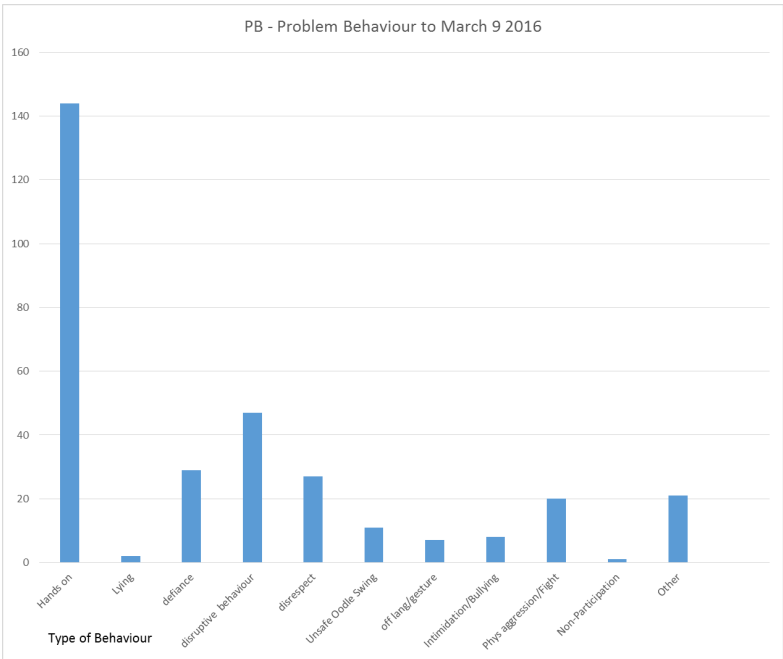
## Parking Lot—Drop off and Pick Up

We are continuing to monitor the parking lot, especially during the drop off and pick up times of the school day. We are working with the District Health and Safety office around the “drop off” zone, including where the Boys’ and Girls’ Club van will park. Safety of our students is our biggest concern. We are working to keep the crosswalk in the front of the school visible at all times. Please be considerate and follow these expectations:

1. Please park in designated areas only. Drop off zones are not parking areas. Please do not leave your car.
2. Please turn off your car while waiting.
3. Please tell your child(ren) where to meet you. Consider Richardson, Rajeena, Montana Roads as meeting places instead of the front of the school, especially for older students.

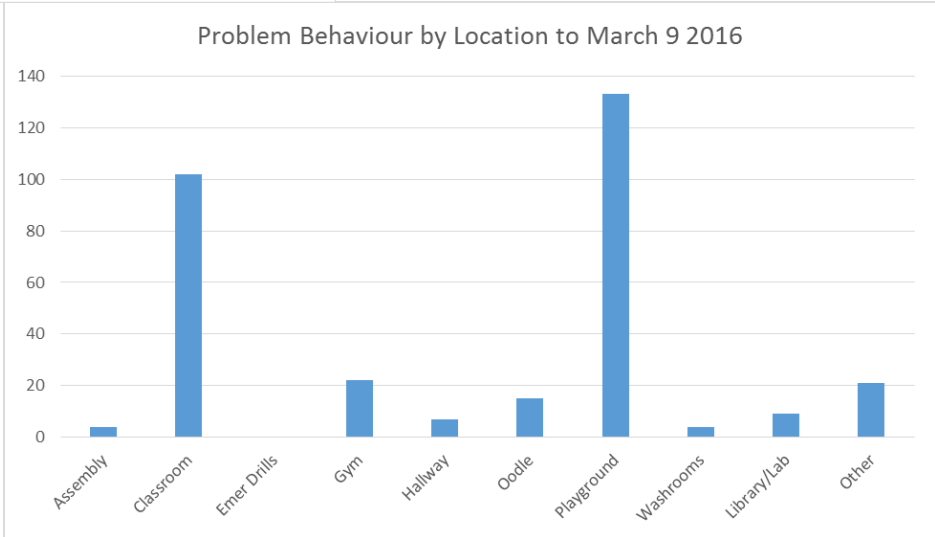
# PBIS UPDATE—HOW ARE WE DOING?

As March 9th was report card day it was a good day also to do another data collection on behaviour for our Cinnabar Students. We look at the behaviour in terms of type of incident, where they are occurring, and in which grades do we need to focus our attention on re-teaching the skills necessary to be safe, responsible and respectful. Over time we expect to see a decrease in Problem Behaviours as students and staff become more familiar with the process of following the educative nature of the behaviour matrix. While the March data does show an increase in behaviours for most divisions this does not mean we need to panic. It indicates that staff are responding to issues and are taking the time to speak with students to address issues that need to be corrected. The following graphs show how we are doing.



The data shows that Hands On behaviour continues to dominate issues of concern. Most of this behaviour happens on the playground. While it is less serious than physical aggression/fighting it is still concerning. Keeping hands, feet and objects to self is the main message students receive. We are changing the culture of how students play.

The two locations of most concern are the playground and the classroom. The Oodle swing has had an increasing number of issues with students getting too rough in how they push the swing.



What's next? We will be working on direct instruction of playground games to help give students other ideas of what to do outside. As well, we will be re-introducing materials from the WITS program. Further, Mr. McEachen, our school counselor, is actively working in classrooms on the Zones of Regulation which helps students recognize how they are feeling emotionally so that they can use their words instead of their hands when frustrated.



## Thank you for being awesome!

The other side of PBIS is recognizing the wonderful things our students do. Since we began in earnest we have given out over 4000 Valley Viper tickets. While we have had 318 Problem Behaviour slips we have celebrated over 4000 positive behaviour acts! That is pretty impressive Cinnabar!



Thank you to Country Grocer for generous donation of the cupcakes for the We Bake for Change sale. The school has almost raised the \$250.00 that will provide clean water for a family for a year.



We get a number of flyers from Community Sports teams for registration information. We now post these on the PAC board in the main hallway instead of emailing them out. Please drop in and see if there is something coming up that you may be interested in!

## JOYFUL LITERACY!

Our early primary team had the most amazing two day session of learning at the Joyful Literacy conference. We are excited to be adjusting how we teach reading and writing in the early grades through a focused, play and games based approach that has been shown make a HUGE difference for learners! Teachers really are life time learners!

**SAVE THE DATE!** Our school track meet is Friday April 29th at Rotary Bowl. We are sharing the track with North Oyster Elementary School. We will need parents to help in the concession as well as with some of the events. All students in grade 3-7 will be participating.

## Criminal Record Checks

Update on doing a criminal record check:

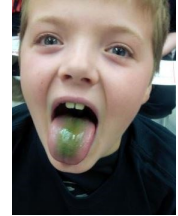
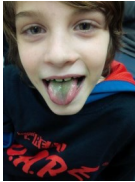
Visit this site:

<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/home.htm> You will be prompted for the NLPS access code which is as follows:  
**Access Code: UQ4T7XXBHE**

Once you have completed and submitted the form for the online criminal record check, **please provide your school principal with your full name and date of birth.**

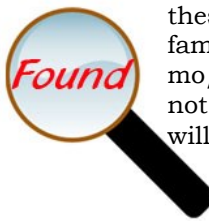
*All adults who volunteer in any capacity in the school are required to have a Criminal Record Check. This would include all PAC members and those people who help out with Hot Lunch on Fridays.*





## **Congratulations to the DARE Class of 2016**

Special thanks to Constable Fraser for her instruction and to Mr. O'Hara for supporting this initiative! Well done Div. 9!



There is a growing pile of lost and found in the hallway. We are going to donate these items, possibly to Syrian Refugee families as they settle into our Nanaimo/Ladysmith community, if they are not claimed. Please have a look! Items will be cleared on April 1.

## **Math Groups**

We are in the second round of math prevention and intervention (P&E) groups focusing on math proficiency in basic operations (addition and subtraction). Our goal is to provide targeted instruction for students to help develop competency and confidence. All grades are being serviced in this inquiry process. We are excited by our preliminary results.

## **Ready Set Learn and Welcome to Kindergarten**

Events to support the successful transition from home to school are happening all over the Nanaimo Ladysmith School District. At Cinnabar we will be hosting a series of 8 Lil Valley Viper sessions in April and May, focusing mainly on 3 and 4 year olds. The dates for these are April 7, 14, 21, 28 and May 5, 12, 26 and June 2. Welcome to Kindergarten will be held June 3. Invitations will be sent out for this event. Please remember to pass the message along to families who do not yet receive our newsletters! All are welcome!

## **REGISTRATIONS FOR 2016-2017**

We are continuing to receive registrations and out of catchment applications for the upcoming school year. Please remember that the deadline for out of catchment applications is March 31st and in-catchment registrations is June 15th.



Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour this Saturday when you go to bed. The days will be longer and we will be able to enjoy much more outside time! Yeah!



## **Thanks for the support!**

On Thursday, March 10, the school held a special event for Epilepsy Awareness. The only part of the event that didn't go as planned was the weather—but the inside popcorn sale was well received by all. Thanks to Country Grocer for their donations of popsicles and juice boxes, the event raised \$358.90 for Epilepsy BC. Country Grocer also gave a matching donation—I am speechless! This is an amazing community of generous merchants and families!

