



Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools

# Cinnabar Valley Elementary

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## A note from the office ...

We are entering the last month of the school year. The time continues to slip by so quickly yet the changes in the students are so significant that I really do want to stop and savour the moments when I visit classes. The learning that is occurring continues to bring joy and wonderment to all of us here at Cinnabar. Watching the grade 7's as they quickly realize that their time in elementary school is drawing to an end while at the same time listening to the kindergartens as they

continually unlock the code of our wild English language as they develop an ever increasing bank of site words is truly a wonderful way to spend a day.

At this time in the year we are busy getting ready to celebrate the learning that has occurred while at the same time prepare for the learning to come in the next school year. The pace is intense, yet the results are well worth it. Please ensure that you pay close attention to

dates and deadlines as the year finishes off.

At this time I would like to say thank you to the community for supporting the teachers and students, and I hope that you were all able to enjoy a refreshment or at least a smile if you were here for the Parent Appreciation drive thru last week. We had a blast serving you!

Yours truly,  
Ms. Charles

## Calendar Updates

**Please look on the back page! There are many dates of importance as the year draws to a close.**



For More information or to report incidents of bullying please go to  
<http://www.erasebullying.ca/>



## CLASSROOM PLACEMENTS FOR 2016-2017

Just a quick note regarding class placements for 2016-2017. Historically, parents often ask to have students placed in the higher grade of a combined class when looking for academic challenge for their child. However, thanks to the research of John Hattie, we now know that ability grouping does not benefit our students and can, in fact, do harm. Now more than ever, with the implementation of the new curriculum, it is our responsibility as educators to meet each student at his or her academic level, regardless of what grade he or she is in. As is the case every year, each class spans a range of abilities and competencies. Our staff will work to ensure your child's learning is occurring within his or her zone of proximal development and will provide appropriate levels of challenge. What research shows is important when creating classes, is building a community of learners who will work well together and ensuring an appropriate environment is provided to maximize each child's potential. This is our focus when creating classes. While we always try to consider and honour parent input, we also ask that you place your trust in us, as educators, to build a learning environment that will meet your child's needs. For more information on personalized learning visit <http://www.bcedplan.ca/>.

## TENTATIVE SCHOOL ORGANIZATION FOR 2016-2017

We are continuing to plan for what the school year may look like for the upcoming year. We have been staffed at 12 divisions for the upcoming year, one more than we have at this time. Please note that the staffing allocation is enrollment dependent and that final organizations may not be possible until the end of the first week of school in September. Based on our projected enrollment we are staffing for the following configuration:

- Div 1—Kindergarten
- Div 2—Kindergarten
- Div 3—Grade 1
- Div 4—Grade 1
- Div 5—Grade 2
- Div 6—Grade 2/3
- Div 7—Grade 3
- Div 8 Grade 3/4
- Div 9—Grade 4/5
- Div 10—Grade 5
- Div 11—Grade 6/7
- Div 12—Grade 6/7

Staff for the 2016-2017 school year has yet to be finalized. At this time the following teachers will be at Cinnabar:

Mrs. Dodd, Mrs. Skarbo, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Miscavish, Ms. Mullett, Mrs. Quigg Mrs. Kristiansen, Mr. O'Hara, and Ms. Burns. Mr. Huneault, Mr. Chadwick and Mr. Hornby has chosen positions at other schools.

We are welcoming Mrs. Yost, currently teaching at Woodbank, and Ms. Letham, currently teaching at Forest Park, to the staff. Mr. McEachen, our school counselor, will be retiring at the end of the year. Ms. Harris has accepted the counseling position at Cinnabar.

I will continue to update the Cinnabar Community as to any additional changes or additions to the staff for next year.

### Thank you Ms. Smith, Ms. Brown and Ms. Hicks!

We have had a few teachers on leave this year and we have had some wonderful teachers in classrooms working hard to keep the environment safe, calm and educationally focused! Ms. Hicks has completed a 4.5 month temporary position in the grade 2 class. Ms. Smith is finishing a six week stay with the grade 3's. Ms. Brown is currently working in the grade 6/7 class.

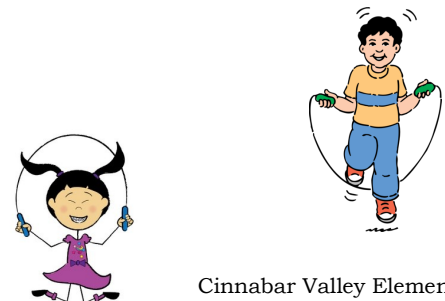
On Monday May 30 we will welcome Ms. Roberts to Cinnabar. She will be finishing off the school year in the grade 3 class.

Being a temporary teacher is sometimes very difficult yet these ladies have been a tremendous asset to the school. We will see them again soon I am sure!

Thank you Ms. Collins for organizing our Jump Rope for Heart event at the school.

Seeing everyone out enjoying the skipping is a great way to start the day!

Congratulations to those students who have begun to master double dutch! Impressive!



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## Parents Helping Children “Managing anxiety, stress and maintaining mental wellness”

### WHO:

**Jerry Boychuk**, Acting Team Leader Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health Services

### WHAT:

An information session provided to parents of children/youth who may be struggling with managing anxiety, stress, mood, and maintaining mental wellness.

Children struggling with mental health issues achieve better outcomes when their caregivers are informed and involved in their treatment.

### Topics Include:

why children become stressed/anxious/depressed  
caregiver management strategies that help children cope in stressful situations  
mood enhancing/stress reducing activities  
talking to children about stress and anxiety  
adult self-awareness: what are we bringing to the table?  
community resources

### WHEN:

Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 pm

### WHERE:

Cinnabar Valley School (gymnasium)  
1800 Richardson Road, Nanaimo, B.C



## **Criminal Record Checks**

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.**

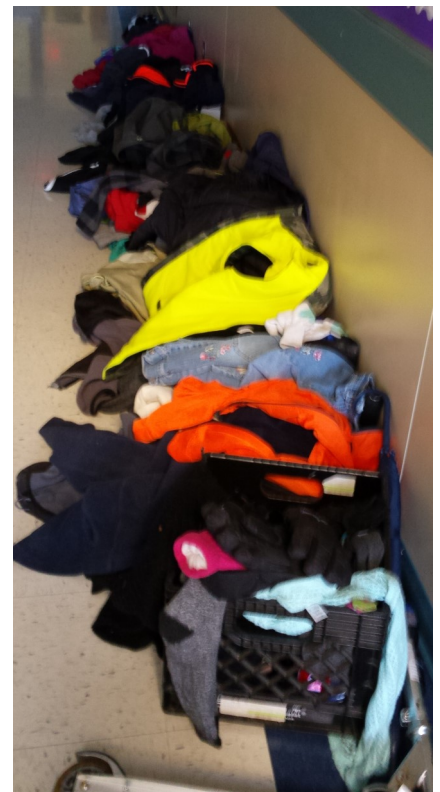
*Parent drivers are also included in the CRC requirements. The documents are good for 5 years.*

### Calendar Update—May 27-June 30th

May 27 – Zone Track Meet  
May 30—Last Gymnastics for K's  
May 31—Evening Presentation with Jerry Boychuck on Anxiety  
June 3 –WTK Gym Closed  
June 8—K's to visit RCMP detachment  
June 9 – District Track Meet  
June 14—Div 5 to North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre  
June 15—Tentative date for K's to Newcastle  
June 16 – Swim to Survive Grade 7's Westwood Lake  
June 16 – Talent Show and Family Event  
June 16—Special Event in the Library !!!  
June 17 – Fun Day and Bike Parade—Div 1-7  
June 17—Special Event continues in library until 4:15  
June 22 – Div 11 to Milner Garden  
June 23 – Transfer Beach Div 3-7 – All day  
June 23 – Grade 7 Pizza, Cake evening  
June 24 – Grade 7 Assembly  
June 27 – Div 10 and 11 to Splashdown Park  
June 28 – Swim sessions—all grades except K's  
June 29 – Last Day, Report Cards, Assembly @ 10:30  
June 30 – Admin Day



The pile is growing! These items will either be auctioned off or donated!  
Please check by June 3 as the halls





## Bike+Walk to School Week

May 30 – June 6, 2016

Research indicates that physical activity plays a significant role in the ability to learn, and the importance of teaching healthy, eco-friendly means of commuting at a young age will help build habits that continue into adult life. Bike+Walk to School Week promotes an active lifestyle, and is a great opportunity for students to challenge their families in choosing active transportation models, especially during this week.

*Show what your school community can do!* Take the  
**Bike+Walk to School Challenge**  
and celebrate active transportation!

We will be tallying the number of students who walk, ride, or use any form of transportation that does not involve a car to get to and from school next week. We will have prizes and treats—stay tuned! We are part of the community challenge!

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This is a gentle reminder that kids play all over the playground and it is important to keep our grounds clean!

As well, we continue to request that all dogs be kept on the perimeter of the school grounds, away from door ways and student lineups.

