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Cinnabar News

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Principal's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed Spring Break and had time to relax, enjoy the outdoors and spend precious time with family and friends.

I would like to thank our teachers, educational assistants, all support staff and school volunteers for their excellent work this school year and a huge congratulations to all of our students for making great progress in their learning.

Thank you, as always, to members of our PAC for their continued contributions to our school. Your help and assistance is appreciated by the staff and students. We are thrilled to have such amazing parents to support our munch-a-lunch and other school events.

Yours Truly, Colette Young, Principal



Save the Date!

- April 1** Poetry Month Begins
- April 12** PAC Meeting 6:30 pm
- April 13** Grade 6 Immunization
- April 15/18** Easter Weekend- No School Friday/ Monday
- April 19** Whole-School Photo
- April 22** Earth Day
- April 27** Secretary Day
- April 30** Student Learning Survey Due

As always please check your child's agenda for individual class events and field trips.

Please check out all of our celebrations and events on our website: <https://cb.schools.sd68.bc.ca/>

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING AND OUR VALUE FOR THIS MONTH: Leadership

What is leadership?

Student Leadership is positively influencing, motivating and guiding others toward a goal. A student leader strives to change the world by starting with their own community or school. Here are some tips for teaching children leadership skills:

Encourage team activities

Strengthen negotiation abilities

Practice confident decision making

Encourage hard work

Instill optimism

Assign chores or household responsibilities

Give them an allowance (and let them budget)

Let kids make some their own decisions

MONTHLY HULQUMINUM WORD

We acknowledge each day that we live, work, learn and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Snuneymuw (se-nae-mo) people and for that we are grateful. Each month I'd like to share one **Hulquminum** word as one way to work on our goal of truth and reconciliation. <https://youtu.be/FUOzVYuvIBc> **Always keep your mind/manners strong.**

Earth Day

Earth Day is one of the largest environmental events in the world which is celebrated on April 22.

More than six million Canadians, including nearly every school-aged child, participate in an Earth Day activity in their communities. Our students are doing our part this year by participating in Earth Day activities and cleaning up our community. Please check out <https://earthday.ca/> for ideas on how to participate in Earth Day with your family.

Island Health Vaccinations

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted many areas of health care, including routine immunization programs for children. As Island Health winds down operation of COVID-19 mass immunization clinics, our public health teams are turning their attention towards recovery, including helping families with young children get up-to-date on important routine immunizations.

B.C.'s routine immunization schedule includes a series of vaccinations at age 4, timed to coincide with entry to kindergarten. These vaccines provide important protection against illnesses like measles and tetanus. Island Health is scheduling extra clinics this spring specifically for young children to make it as easy as possible for parents and guardians to complete kindergarten vaccinations and get children up-to-date on their immunizations.

In the weeks ahead public health staff will be reaching out to families across Island Health to discuss the clinics and schedule appointments.

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES:

www.immunizebc.ca: This site provides extensive information about BC's routine vaccination schedule for infants, children, teens and adults. It also includes a comprehensive 'Question and Answer' section.

<https://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/immunizations/immunizations>: Learn about immunization programs in Island Health.

VIU Student Teachers/Educational Assistant

Welcome back to our student teachers and new practicum educational assistant, Teagan Hill, who will be here until the end of April/May. We are always so fortunate to share our experiences and expertise with these future teachers/EAs. We also welcome our VIU partners to our school.

Book Fest

Each year authors & illustrators from all over Canada give online presentations in schools of Vancouver Island. Thank you to our PAC for funding our grade 5 author visit this year. Our children are thrilled to have this amazing opportunity.

The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you will go.
--Dr. Seuss

Bookcase Binge

If you have any used books that are in perfect shape and would like to donate them to the school, please drop them off anytime between 8:30am and 2:45pm in the yellow bins outside of the front entrance. Thank you in advance for providing more books for our students to read.

Student Learning Survey (Grade 4/7 parents)

Please complete the Student Learning Survey. The information you provide is collected by the Ministry of Education in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA, BC) sections 26 (c) and (e), and will be used to assess the effectiveness of educational programs, to improve educational program delivery, and to report on student performance and achievements toward system goals such as Human and Social Development and Career Development. Electronic surveying is available until April 29. For direct access use the following website: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

Parents may access the survey through the **Parent Direct Access** from the website listed above by selecting their child's district, school's name and language of preference.

Field Trips

Please make sure to check planners and any newsletters/permission slips you may be receiving from the school. There may be field trips over the next weeks/months and we want to ensure that your children do not miss out on any of them.

PAC

If you enjoy working together with other enthusiastic people, please consider becoming involved in our Parent Advisory Council. The next virtual PAC meeting is April 12th at 6:30 PM. Please see the PAC Facebook page for the zoom link.

Country Grocer Receipts

Please remember to send all receipts to the school; you can have your child hand them to their classroom teacher. For every \$1000 in receipts collected, our PAC receives a \$10 gift card. The money is used to purchase food for celebrations throughout the year.

Bantam Basketball

Congratulations to the Boys Bantam Basketball team. They had a phenomenal season and placed 2nd in the finals. You should be so proud!! A huge thank you to coach, Kirstin Lyle and sponsor teacher, Helen Edwards who put countless hours in to supporting the boys.

March Madness Intramurals

Thank you to Mr. Klan for running the March Madness Basketball intramurals for the grade 5s-7s and thank you to DJ Fresh Smith (A.K.A- Mrs. Smith) for the rockin' game music. Everyone played excellent games. Congratulations to the 1st place winner- The Bulldogs.

Registration

Registration is in full swing for the **2022-2023 school year**. Central registration will be starting the process of pre-registering kindergarten to grade 12 students for September 2022. At this time all incoming K-12 students will be registered at their catchment schools.

Important Registration dates:

Jan 31 - registration deadline for Kindergarten and Grade 1 French Immersion lottery

March 1 - registration deadline for District Secondary Academies

March 31 - out of catchment applications are due

June 15 - registration deadline for guaranteed placement at your catchment school

Parent Volunteers Needed-Track and Field

It's that time of year again... Track and Field time for Tykes, Pee Wees and Bantams. More information to come, but we will definitely be looking for volunteers on May 4th and possibly on June 7th. Thank you in advance.

Happy Spring Everyone. Relax, enjoy nature and stay healthy.

