

Mid- December- January Newsletter

Principal's Message

Sending warm wishes to all Cinnabar families for a festive and joy-filled holiday season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Greetings in 2024! With the onset of the New Year, it reminds us to consider fresh starts and the opportunities for happiness, joy, and prosperity. Exciting activities and opportunities await students for the remainder of the school year. Our wish is that each student nurtures several new ideas and thoughts, contributing to the enrichment of their lives and the lives of those around them.

Best regards,

Mrs. Young



Jan. 8	School Reopens
Jan. 12	Munch-a-lunch (OJ's)/ Jammie Day
Jan. 17	PAC Meeting

Jan. 19 Munch-a-lunch (EDO Japan)/ Jammie Day
Jan. 25 Dress up as your favourite Book Character
Jan. 26 Munch-a-lunch (Bar Burrito)/ Jammie Day
Jan. 20-28 Literacy Week

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

Spirit Days



PAC News



A big shout-out to our PAC for always being so gracious with their support. Your kindness is truly appreciated! Additionally, we extend a heartfelt thank you to all the dedicated PAC parents who have assisted on field trips, read with our children and have helped with Munch-a-lunch and other fund-raisers throughout the year. We understand the effort involved and your contributions are truly amazing.

PAC Meeting

Please join us for our next PAC meeting on January 17 from 6:00pm until 7:00pm. Please see the Cinnabar PAC page for the meeting link. Upcoming meeting dates: February 21, March 27, April 17, May 15 and June 19.

Thank You



Thank you to all who contributed to the PAC Bottle Drive. We raised \$960.

A special thanks to Linda Janes for contributing popcorn to the class that showed the most enthusiasm & participation in wearing pajamas today.

THANK YOU TO COUNTRY GROCER

Thank you to Country Grocer for providing gift cards to support our students. We appreciate your generosity each year. Families don't forget to bring in your Country Grocer receipts. The more receipts handed in, the more gift cards we earn to support our snack program and other purchases for students throughout the year.

Door Decorating Competition

Hats off to all the classes that took part in the door decorating competition. The creatively adorned doors, and in some instances, walls, played a significant role in spreading the Holiday cheer to everyone. As is customary each year, selecting the winners proved challenging due to the abundance of outstanding entries. This year, we organized voting within each division to determine the favourite primary and intermediate doors. Despite the classes being closely contested, Ms. Smith's class in Div. 4 emerged victorious in the primary category, while Mr. O'Hara and Mrs. Stannard's classes in Div. 8 & 9 secured the win for the intermediate category.



1 - Division 1



2 - Division 2



3 - Division 3



4 - Division 4



5 - Division 5



6 - Division 6



7 - Division 7



8 - Division 8 & 9



9 - Division 10



10 - Division 11



11 - Division 12



12 - Counsellor & CYFSW room



13 - Library

Family Literacy Week



Family Literacy week is from January 20-28th this year.

Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development, improving a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well.

Check out these resources to have fun with your family! <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/all-programs/family-literacy-day/>



Registration not required. Come drop-in!

Jan 17, 2024

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Island Connect Ed - 4355 Jingle Pot Road



Jan 29, 2024

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Chase River Elementary - 1502 Cranberry Ave



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This is a family-orientated drop-in playtime where you and your child(ren) will take part in a variety of play-based activities and enjoy some pizza too.



You will receive a copy of the Let's Play! Activities for Families developed by the Ministry of Education.



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Pizza and Play for Preschoolers

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School Registration 2024-2025



To register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized registration will begin on January 10, 2024 at 8 a.m. Pacific Standard Time. The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you.

Take a moment and ask yourself the following questions:

1. Is my child new to Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools?
2. Do I have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2024 that will be entering Kindergarten?
3. Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion for Grade 6? **Late French Immersion Students are placed as space permits.**
4. Do I want to register my child in Early French Immersion? **Applications will be received until January 31, 2024, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2024.**
5. Do I want to register my child in secondary academies?

Lottery Try-outs / Audition

Applications will be received until March 1, 2024, at which time student selection will be determined either by lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified by **April 2024**.

6. Do I want to apply for a school transfer request
(out-of-catchment)? **Applications are due March 31, 2024.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE SD68.BC.CA OR BY EMAILING EREG@SD68.BC.CA

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING AND OUR VALUE FOR THIS MONTH: PERSISTENCE

It's the beginning of a fresh year, which means it's time for New Year's Resolutions. Many individuals typically set resolutions to refrain from certain habits, such as cutting down on daily junk food intake,

stopping nail-biting, making the bed every morning, or reducing social media use. Alternatively, some people opt for resolutions to START doing things that contribute to self-improvement, such as consuming five portions of fruits and vegetables daily, hitting the gym twice a week, saving money, reading more, or learning to play a musical instrument.

This year, let's challenge ourselves by committing to a New Year's Resolution aimed at making the world a better place. Even one person has the power to make a significant difference in the world around them, impacting their families, friends, and communities positively.

School Closures



DAC CLOSURE DURING WINTER BREAK

The District Administration Office will be closed during the winter break, beginning Monday, December 25 until Sunday, January 7, reopening on Monday, January 8.

School Closure Information Provided to Parents and Employees

The following is a reminder about the Board's school closure procedure for students and employees.

If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be made on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM, WAVE 102.3 FM, and 91.7 COAST FM) by 7 a.m., or earlier, on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis. In addition, the district will post the information on the district's website, Twitter, Facebook and mobile app. Families may also receive a message through the School Messenger notification system via phone, email or text. Please keep in mind, however, that there may be situations where this is not always possible, for example, power outages or technical problems. The most reliable method is to listen to the local radio stations.

FOR STUDENTS

- Listen to the radio stations for announcements of school closures, as described above and on the mobile app. <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/document/school-closure-information/>

