



Chase River Elementary School Newsletter

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CLASS PLACEMENT POLICY

Plans for September 2016 are being made this month. Part of the process at school is student placement. Parents should be aware of the school policy regarding student placement. There are a number of factors to be considered before placing a student in a class. Teachers:

- Highlight learning styles and strengths
- Match learning styles with teaching styles
- Note the degree of independence and work habits
- Highlight any special adaptations or methods used to ensure students feel comfortable and confident
- Reflect upon social and personal characteristics
- Male/female composition of class
- Consider previous year's placement
- Note student relationships that promote positive learning situations

Parents who have children with specific medical or educational concerns or needs should pass this information to us in written form to ensure that we place each child in the best learning environment possible.

A placement letter or email must be given to the principal no later than June 15th, 2016. It is important to note that after considering all factors the final decisions on all placements will rest with the school staff. Please note that next year we are expecting Mr. Preston to be back with us however, sadly, Mrs. Zolob, Gr. 1/2 and Ms. Guerin, K/1 will not be returning to Chase River. Thank you for your support in making the best possible decision for all children.

People Saver Training and Stay Home Safe Course

Again, thanks to the Chase River PAC group and ultimately all parents for the opportunity for our intermediate students to benefit from two valuable courses during the first weeks of June. Grade 6 students received First-aid training called People Saver and grades 4 students will participate in a course called Stay Home Safe. Both courses are taught at school by trained instructors. The full cost of the instruction and course materials is being provided by the PAC. It is our hope that

Lost and Found

The clothes rack and bin for Lost and Found items are FULL! Parents and students are encouraged to stop by and take a look for any missing items from your child's wardrobe. We also have a growing collection of items, from water bottles to shoes.

All items remaining at the end of June will be taken to the local Salvation Army.

BICYCLES

As the weather gets better and bicycles are used, parents are asked to ensure their child always wears a helmet when riding their bikes to school. A helmet is an inexpensive way to prevent major brain damage if ever your child falls or is hit when riding their bike. If you are unable to afford a well fitted helmet for your child the school may be able to help





Vancouver Island Children's Book Festival

www.bookfest.ca

BookFest 2016 is taking place **Saturday, May 7th** in downtown Nanaimo. The hub of activity will be in the Diana Krall Plaza, while the presenter sessions are held in the **Vancouver Island Conference Centre** and the **Harbourfront Library**. **Lunch hour entertainment is sponsored by Camp Narnia and affordable on-site lunch will be available from Nanaimo Foodshare.**

Tickets are \$10 per child for 3 sessions, to a maximum of \$25 per family. Featured books will be available for purchase and author book-signing will be held at the end of the day.

Read about our presenters and check out the BookFest schedule at Bookfest.ca
Buy **tickets** online, over the phone or in person through The Port Theatre (250.754.8550).

Don't miss this extraordinary celebration of reading and entertainment!



Developing a new transportation policy for 2017-18

The district's current Transportation Policy is outdated as it relies on a Ministry of Education policy that no longer exists. As such, the province of BC does not provide targeted funding for transportation. Across the province, districts have proposed changes to transportation in an effort to realize savings or to redirect funds back into the classroom.

Did you know?

- The district transports 1,723 students in Nanaimo and Ladysmith areas (December 2015).
- Approximately 43% of registered riders are courtesy riders, and do not qualify under the current

eligibility requirements.

- The 2015-16 annual student transportation budget is \$1,575,995.
- There is no legislative requirement for school districts to provide transportation services.

The district intends to engage the community in its review of the current transportation policy and the development of a new policy and administrative procedure that would begin September 2017.

Whether your children rides the bus or not, please take a moment and fill out the [online survey](#). The survey will close August 31, 2016.

For more information, visit www.sd68.bc.ca

Local School Calendar for 2016-17

(as at June 1, 2016)

Schools Open for Students	Tuesday, September 6
Non-Instructional Day (District Curriculum In-Service)	Thursday, September 29
Non-Instructional Day (School-based Pro D Day)	Friday, September 30
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 10
Non-Instructional Day / Pro D Day (Provincial PSA)	Friday, October 21
Remembrance Day	Friday, November 11
Last day of classes before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 23
Schools Re-Open after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 9
BC Family Day	Monday, February 13
Non-Instructional Day (District Pro D Day)	Monday, February 20
Non-Instructional Day (School-based Pro D Day)	Tuesday, February 21
Last Day of Classes before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 17
Schools re-open after Spring Vacation	Monday, April 3
Good Friday	Friday, April 14
Easter Monday	Monday, April 17
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, May 12
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22
Administrative Day - Schools area closed	Friday, June 30



DATES TO REMEMBER

June 21 st	School wide swim grades 1-7
June 24 th	Final month end assembly
June 26 th	Triathlon
June 28 th	Fun day
JUNE 29 th	FINAL DAY OF CLASSES