



Chase River Elementary School Newsletter

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We have enjoyed a fantastic year end at Chase River Elementary! We have had a very busy month of fieldtrips, celebrations of learning, final assessments and year end fun! Recently the Chase River Triathlon team, 43 strong this year, won the plaque for school teams. We had multiple first place finishers for individuals and team. Many thanks go to teacher sponsor, Maureen Arabsky and parent Katja Geiger. Through the month of June participants practiced Swimming, Biking and Running in preparation for the June 26th event. Excellent results everyone! June 28 was the annual Fun Day for grades 1 – 7. The morning was a blast with challenges like Tic Tac Toe, Earth Ball, cup stacking and much more. PAC and parents provided a welcome refreshment of water and watermelon. The tattoos were flowing as were the smiles. Thanks to all the parents who spent the day to help out. The pizza lunch was a perfect treat. Thanks PAC!!! We finished the day with tug-of-war and an old Chase River tradition, Human Dominoes. What fun we had! The Kindergartens had their own fun when Mrs. Bunce and Mrs. Turner took them along to the boys and girls club where they joined in on their fun day plans. Everyone came back with full tummies and smiling.

School starts up again on September 6th. Students in grades 1 – 7 attend for one hour from 11 – 12. Then on Wednesday we begin full days. Please see the new bell scheduled later in this newsletter. Kindergarten students will receive a package in the mail with information on their first week. If packages do not arrive due to mail service interruptions, we will contact you in another fashion at the end of the summer. Please note there is a kindergarten parent meeting on September 6 at 6:00 o'clock pm in the gym.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer break!

Tricia McKay

Principal, Chase River Elementary

Some Changes for Next Year

As many of you are aware the district announced changes to bus service for a number of schools in the district that will go into effect in September. Chase River School community will be impacted in two ways by these changes. Firstly, the bus that currently transports children from the South Wellington area will be discontinued entirely. There will continue to be bus service from this area to the Cedar Schools. As a result, it has been necessary for some families to register at the newly named and configured Cedar Elementary School. **We are very sad to say good-bye to these families and wish everyone the very best in your wonderful new school. I know you will be quick to make new friends and hope you will come visit us to say hello now and again. We will miss you!**

The second change that was originally announced has now been altered. After taking a second look at the bus times and school time start times it was determined that only minor changes need to occur. The pick-up times for the morning bus route from Extension will remain similar to how they are this year. The Chase River School start and end times will be ten minutes earlier than currently schedule. Please see below:

New School Hours for 2016-2017

Day	Start	am Recess	Lunch	End
Monday	8:35	10:15-10:30	11:45 - 12:20	13:27
Tues. – Friday	8:35	10:15-10:30	11:45 - 12:20	14:27

Good-Byes and Welcomes!

As is always the case, yearend brings about some changes to our staff. And this year we are very sad to say good to Michelle Guerin who continues to be on leave, Michelle Sokoloski who was on a temporary assignment in the K/1 classroom and Terri Zolob who is transferring to Frank J. Ney Elementary, a school close to her home. Will Johnson will be joining the staff of Georgia Avenue School. Also leaving us is Clare James who has been replacing Travis Preston during his leave. In addition, we will be saying farewell to SST, Leianne Skill who is heading to Cedar Elementary, and EA's Deanna Madge and Lesley Coulter. Secretary, Tammy Trickett has been working on a temporary contract this year and will be heading to Mountain View Elementary in September. It is never easy to say good-bye but we always hope that our paths cross again sometime down the road. Good luck to everyone who will not be returning to Chase River School.

Joining us in September will be SST Rod Huneault, teacher, Lance Hornby, Music and French Specialist, Liz La Forest and Secretary, Sandra Fox. We welcome them all to the Chase River School staff.

Summer Reading Club 2015

Summer Reading@ Vancouver Island Regional Library

Summer vacation is almost here and your children are no doubt dreaming about fun times and adventures! But in order to keep your children's reading skills sharp; it's also a smart idea to include reading as a part of their summer fun.

Like all skills, a little practice goes a long way. Vancouver Island Regional Library invites kids aged 0-12 to join Summer Reading Club. Participants will build, craft, and create some fun at the Vancouver Island Regional Library with this year's theme: **Build It!** Summer Reading Club encourages children to read a little every day by providing:

- Fun tools, such as colourful reading records, tattoos, tape measures, and medals
- Chances to win cool prizes—the more they read, the more chances to win.

Best of all, the Summer Reading Club is free.

This year you can register online starting June 20 at virl.bc.ca or you can drop by your local branch.

For more information, call or visit your local branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library or visit www.virl.bc.ca. In remote areas, the program is available through our Books by Mail service. Please call 1-877-415-8475 for information.

Planning a family trip or vacation? Don't forget that children can borrow from and return books to any of the 39 branches of Vancouver Island Regional Library located on Vancouver Island (except Victoria), Haida Gwaii, and Bella Coola on the central mainland coast. We make it that easy for you!



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

South-Side Minor Football Association

2016 TACKLE FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

*Thursday Evenings 6 PM-8PM
Throughout July and August
John Barsby Community School Field*

Two Age Groups

Pee-Wee: Ages 9, 10 and 11 (Players born in 2005, 2006 and 2007)

Jr. Bantam: Ages 12 and 13 (Players born in 2003 and 2004)

Cost: \$125.00

We Provide: Full Set of Protective Equipment, Practice and Game Uniforms

You Provide: A Commitment! Your own footwear and your own water bottle

Formal Practices Begin

Jr. Bantams: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-8 PM beginning Tuesday, August 2nd .

Pee-Wees: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-7:30 PM beginning Tuesday, August 16th .

Games

Home Games are Saturdays. We play some road games on Sundays. Schedule TBA. Season begins Sept. 11/12th weekend and ends Nov. 27/28th weekend with championship game.

****Note:** Practices and Home Games are on John Barsby Community School Field.

Want More Information? Jr. Bantams call Coach Larry Cooper 250-754-2079 and Pee-Wees call coach Kirsten Polz 250-754-0890

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