

CHASE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Principal's Message

We have one day plus a week left of school before our Winter Break. There has been a lot of excitement around the school surrounding the upcoming holiday and events that are happening here at Chase River. Our Christmas Concert kicked off the holiday season today. We are looking forward to our Christmas Hat/Sweater Spirit Day being led by some of our grade 7s on Thursday, December 19th.

Last week our 14 VIU student teachers completed their 2 week practicums. This was the first time Chase River participated in this program and it was a positive experience for the school. We look forward to seeing some of them returning for a 4 week practicum in the spring. There have also been two student teachers completing longer practicums that come to an end tomorrow. Ms. King has been in Ms. Phelan's class for the last 3 weeks. She will be returning in February for a week and then again in April for 7 weeks. Ms. Southern has been in Mrs. Arabsky's class for the last 7 weeks completing her final practicum. We wish her the best as she begins her teaching career.

As we bring a close to 2019 all of us at Chase River appreciate your support and know that our success depends on the partnership developed between home and school. Thank you to all!

Our last day of class prior to the holidays is Friday December 20th. Please be aware we return from our winter break on **Monday, January 6th**.

During the break I hope you find the time to recharge, reconnect with family and friends, catch up on some sleep, and unwind and unplug a bit from the digital world. On behalf of the staff of Chase River, I would like to extend our best wishes for the holiday season and all of the best in the New Year!

Sincerely,
David Cooper

Month End Assembly

At our month end assembly we were entertained by Ms. Phelan's class performing "Up on the Rooftop." We also received an update on our school running goal. Our goal is to run a total of 31,040 km, so far our students have run 13925 km! A big thank you to Ms. Arabsky and Mrs. Schlitz for tracking all the progress.

Registration for 2020-2021

Student registration is done online; not at the school. Online registration will begin on **Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 8 a.m.** Pacific Standard Time.

The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you. If your answer is yes to any of the following questions, you will register through the new online registration process:

- Is my child new to Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools?
- **Do I have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2020? (ie new Kindergarten in September) Applications must be received by June 15, 2020 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.**
- Do I want to register my child in Early French Immersion? **Applications will be received until January 31, 2020, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2020. Late French Immersion Students are placed as space permits.**
- Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion?
- Do I want to register my child in secondary academies? (Hockey, Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Lacrosse, Baseball, Performing Arts or Jazz). **Applications will be received until March 1, 2020, at which time student selection will be determined either by lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified in May 2020.**
- Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? **Applications are due by March 31, 2020**

Before you begin, you will need the following:

- 1) A valid email address
- 2) Photo or scan showing proof of citizenship (ie. Birth certificate)
- 3) Photo or scan showing proof of Canadian residency (ie. Mortgage or bank statement, utility bill, driver's license, etc.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE SD68.BC.CA OR EMAIL REG@SD68.BC.CA.

School Closures

As we approach the winter weather it is always important to remind families about the process to determine if schools are closed.

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. 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.**

We would like to remind parents that it is their right to make the final decision as to whether it is safe for their children to travel to school on any given day. While the district strives to make the best decision possible for students across the district, there may be circumstances in your neighbourhood that lead you to decide to keep your children home, even though schools are open.

Inclement Weather

We have had a fairly dry November to start, but this is the westcoast and we know the rain is coming. This leads students to ask the question "Is it an inside day?" The answer on most days is no. Students will be going outside to play at recess and lunch unless it is raining heavily. We thank you for ensuring your child comes to school with appropriate rain and cool weather clothing. At Chase River we believe in the importance of fresh air and outside play for all students and appreciate your assistance in this regard.



Important Dates

New dates that have been added since the last newsletter have **been highlighted**. These dates with specific times can also be found on our school website.

Spirit Day – Xmas Hat/Sweater	Dec. 19
Winter Break Begins	Dec. 20
School Reopens	Jan. 6
Spirit Day – July in January	Jan. 10
White Hatter Parent Evening	Jan. 29
Fun Lunch – Coco's	Jan. 30
Report Cards Issued	Feb. 7
Skipathon	Feb. 13
Family Day	Feb. 17
Pro D – no school	Feb. 24
Pro D – no school	Feb. 25
Pink Shirt Day	Feb. 26
Fun Lunch – Tomo Sushi	Feb. 27

Childhood Stress & Anxiety Parent workshop	Mar. 4
School Wide Skate	Mar. 5
Spring Break Begins	Mar. 13
School Reopens	Mar. 30
Good Friday – no school	Apr. 10
Easter Monday – no school	Apr. 13
Fun Lunch – Subway	Apr. 30
School Track Meet	May 5
Welcome to Kindergarten	May 13
Victoria Day	May 18
Fun Lunch – ?	May 28
Pro D Day – no school	May 29
Zone Track Meet	June 2
District Track Meet	June 11
All School Year End Assembly	June 25
Last Day of School	June 25
Final Report Cards issued @ 2:27	

Childhood Stress & Anxiety Workshop for Parents

On Wednesday, March 4th from 6:00-8:00 we have clinical counselor Julie-Anne Richards presenting a workshop for parents called "Childhood Stress & Anxiety: Building Resilience". This is a free event that provides strategies for families to support their child in facing adversity to help build up personal strength, courage and resilience over time. More information will be shared in the New Year.