

CHASE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Principal's Message

2020 in is full swing! I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable winter break. Students and staff have resumed the deep learning that we've invested in since September. Truly, January is a great time for learning!

As January unfolds, it is a perfect opportunity to re-establish routines and regular habits to support your child(ren's) school life. Here are six ways to assist you in this regard:

1. Regular bedtimes with time for brushing teeth, bathing and quiet reading time helps to calm active children and enable them to sleep well each night.
2. Consistent wakeup times, healthy breakfasts and sufficient time to dress and gather school books enables children to begin the school day on time and in a calm way.
3. Regular daily homework time (with parental support as needed) is essential to help children feel competent and confident in class.
4. Ensure there is a balance between active play and television or screen time. Time with friends and family is essential to developing positive social skills and sense of belonging.
5. Computers/phones/electronics should be in a highly visible area of the house. A child's screen time must be monitored and should follow specific safety guidelines regarding site and program access. See further in the newsletter for an opportunity to learn more about this.
6. Share a caring conversation and a smile with your child each day.

We look forward to the continued learning as we move towards the second half of the year. The first report card of the year will be sent home on February 7th.

Best wishes for a very successful, happy and prosperous 2020.

Sincerely,
David Cooper

New Secretary

We are happy to welcome Christine Devries as our new secretary. She will be starting at Chase River on Monday, January 20th. Please be sure to take a moment to stop by the office to introduce yourself.

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 EREG@SD68.BC.CA

Guidelines for Sick Kids

“WHEN DO I KEEP MY CHILD AT HOME?”

Please keep your child at home if he or she:

- Is vomiting (2 or more times in the past 24 hours)
- Has a body rash especially with a fever or itching
- Has diarrhea (3 or more watery stools in 24 hours)
- Has an eye infection (thick mucus draining from the eye)
- Has a sore throat with a fever or swollen glands
- Has a fever of 100 degrees F. or higher AND sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, earache or is just not feeling well. Is just not feeling well (unusually tired, pale, lack of appetite, confused and cranky)

Please be sure to have back-up childcare if your child is ill. We would also ask you to remember to phone the school office (250 754-6983) if your child will not be attending.

School Closures

Now that we have seen some snow 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.

Skipathon

We are gearing up for our annual Jump Rope for Heart Skipathon. We will have our kick-off assembly on Monday, February 3rd at 12:45. Pledge forms will be sent home that week. The skipathon will be on Thursday, February 13th – pledge forms are due this day. Leading up to the day there will be skipping in the gym at lunch recess – with prizes to be won. Thank you to Mrs. Schlitz for organizing this event.

Important Dates

These dates with specific times can also be found on our school website.

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| 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 |
| School Wide Skate | Mar. 2 |
| Childhood Stress & Anxiety Parent workshop | Mar. 4 |
| 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 | |

Family Literacy Day

Friday, January 31st is Family Literacy Day. On this day students are welcome to wear PJs to school and we hope to see parents, caregivers, or grandparents to attend to read with their child. This events begins at 9:00. It will run until 9:30. Following this event, Mrs. Harvey, our literacy coordinator will meet with interested parents in the library to discuss ways to help your child’s literacy skills.

Internet Safety & Digital Literacy for Parents and Caregivers

On **Wednesday, January 29th from 6:30-8:30** we have a presentation for parents and caregivers about internet safety and digital literacy. Brandon Laur of the White Hatter www.thewhitehatter.ca is the presenter. This company has presented to parents and students across Canada and the United States. This is a very valuable presentation that provides important information to families about the ever-changing world of technology that we and our children are living in. This is a free event to you as our generous PAC is sponsoring it. Brandon will be at the school on Thursday, **January 30th** to provide two separate presentations to our intermediate students. One will be for grades 4/5 and the other for grades 6/7. Further information about this event was emailed to families last Tuesday.