



CHASE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Mrs. Christine De Vries, Secretary
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

We have one day plus a week left of school before our Winter Break. We do not have a school concert this year, but we are still having some fun around the school. The front foyer has been decorated (thank you Ms. Phelan), some festive music has been playing during recess and before school, an elf keeps appearing in a random classroom each day, and we are looking forward to our Christmas Hat/Sweater Spirit Day being led by some of our grade 7s on Friday, December 18th.



Tomorrow we have three VIU student teachers completing their 2 week practicums. Ms. Cant was with Mrs. Shlitz, Ms. Empringham was with Ms. Phelan, and Ms. Bicknell was with Ms. Addison. We look forward to seeing them back in the new year to continue with weekly visits and a longer practicum in the Spring.

As we bring a close to 2020 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 18th. Please note we return from our winter break on **Monday, January 4th**.

I realize that this winter break will look a lot different from what you are used to, but I hope you can make the best of it and wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable break. This was shared with me this week and I thought it was a nice message for us to think of at this time.

*Christmas is not cancelled
And neither is hope
If we lean on each other,
I know we can cope.*



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

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.



MONTH END ASSEMBLY

At our November virtual month end assembly we celebrated our Successful Learner Trait of being Enthusiastic. We shared some student reflections on what they show enthusiasm for. It was great to see how many selected something to do with their writing.



We also received an update on our school running goal. The goal this year is for each learning group to run across Canada. Here is how far and where each one is:



Greenway/Preston – 2668 km – are just past Whitewood, Sask.

Ross/Eyres – 1475km – Edson, Alberta

Ducklow/Schlitz – 2623 km – Whitewood, Sask

James/Lepage – 1551 km– Sherwood Park, Alberta

Armstrong/Phelan/Addison – this is 3 month combination – 1796 km – Maidstone, Alberta

IMPORTANT DATES

These are key dates at this time. We will update families about events as they arise. Also check the school website regularly. Our calendar there is updated frequently.



Spirit Day—Xmas Hat/Sweater	Fri. December 18
Last Day before Winter Break	Fri. December 18
First Day Back After Winter Break	Mon. January 4
Progress Report Issued	Wed. February 10
Non-Instructional Day (Students do not attend)	Thurs. February 11
Non-Instructional Day (Students do not attend)	Fri. February 12
BC Family Day (Students do not attend)	Mon. February 15
Last Day before Spring Break	Fri. March 12
First Day Back after Spring Break	Mon. March 29
Good Friday	Fri. April 2
Easter Monday	Mon. April 5
Non-Instructional Day (Students do not attend)	Fri. May 7
Victoria Day (Students do not attend)	Mon. May 24
Summative Report Issued	Tues. June 29
Last Day of School (Dismissal at 2:15)	Tues. June 29
Administration Day	Wed. June 30

REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022

Kindergarten

Registration starts now ...



If your child will be turning five years old before December 31, 2021, it's time to register for Kindergarten.

Online registration will begin on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 @ 8:00 a.m.

Registration is online only at:
www.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/registration-information
 Questions: ereg@sd68.bc.ca



School Registration 2021-2022

To register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized registration will begin on January 6, 2021 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, 2021 that will be entering Kindergarten? **Applications must be received by June 15, 2021 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.**
 3. Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion?
 4. Do I want to register my child in Early French Immersion? **Applications will be received until January 31, 2021, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2021. Late French Immersion Students are placed as space permits.**
 5. Do I want to register my child in secondary academies?

Lottery	Try-outs/ Audition
Hockey	Lacrosse
Soccer	Performing Arts
Beach Volleyball	Jazz
- Applications will be received until March 1, 2021, at which time student selection will be determined either by lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified in May 2021.**
6. Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? **Applications are due March 31, 2021.**



Happy Holidays!



LOST AND FOUND—LAST CHANCE TO CLAIM BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS

Last chance to claim any lost and found items before the Winter Break.

Unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.



PAC NEWS



PURDY'S FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who recently supported our Purdy's fundraiser we raised more than \$1,000!!! Thank you Marley Heiberg for organizing this fundraiser. Also, thank you to Mrs. De Vries for sorting out all the orders at the school.



DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR EMPTIES??

In lieu of bottle drives this year, families can return empties to Regional Recycling on Victoria Road and give to the Chase River PAC account.



Happy New Year!

See you in 2021!

