

CHASE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

We have one day and a week left of school before our Winter Break. We did not have a whole school concert this year, but Mrs. Laforest still put together a fun show with each class performing. A link to the concert will be sent to families on Wednesday, December 15th. Students will be shown the video at school that day.



The festive feel has been alive and well in the school the last couple of weeks. Thank you to Mrs. Currie's class for decorating our front foyer, an elf keeps appearing in a random classroom each day, and we have Xmas hat and sweater spirit days next week.

Tomorrow we have five VIU student teachers completing their 3 week practicums. Ms. Steinfels was with Mrs. Schlitz, Ms. Cooper was with Ms. Phelan, Mr. Cartwright was with Mr. Preston, Ms. Douglas with Mr. Ducklow, and Ms. Minions was with Ms. Addison. We look forward to seeing them back in the new year to continue a 1 week practicum in February and a longer practicum in the Spring.

At our month end virtual assembly 8 students were randomly selected as PAWS award winners. Students that receive an award from a staff member bring it to the office for a draw at the end of the month. These students receive a free frozen treat from our PAC. Novembers winners were: Holly (Phelan), Blake (Currie), Jesse (Hornby/Armstrong), Ollie (Schlitz), Jasmine (Ducklow), Marisa (Eyres), Milly (Preston), and Tayah (Preston).

As we bring a close to 2021 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 17th. Please note we return from our winter break on **Tuesday, January 4th**.

Please take the next few weeks to enjoy time with family and build new memories. I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable break.

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

X-COUNTRY RACE

Chase River sent 17 runners to the district x-country race in November. The put in a fantastic effort and their combined results led to Chase River finishing 2nd in the district. This is very impressive considering the size of our school. Congratulations to all of the runners: Alicia, Nicolas, Mack, David, Havanah, Audrey, Avery, Sienna, Megan, Mason, Cameron, Sawyer, Charleigh, Makenna, Lia, Ollie, Georgia



Thank you to Mrs. James for taking the time to run practices and organize runners for the zone and district meets.

RUNNING CLUB

Our running club is in full swing. The goal this year is to run through British Columbia discovering the many First Nations language territories. The current distances and locations for each group is:



Greenway/Preston – 2488 km – Outside Redstone

Eyres/ Ducklow – 2036 km – Outside Margaret Bay

Schlitz/ James/Weber – 2109 km – Outside Kingcome

Lepage/Weber/Hornby/Armstrong – 1286 km – Just past Cranbrook

Currie/Phelan/Addison – 965 km – Outside Nakusp

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.



IMPORTANT DATES

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



Spirit Days—Xmas Hat	Mon, Dec 13
Spirit Days—Xmas Sweater	Wed, Dec 15
PAC Free Fun Lunch—Pizza	Thurs, Dec 15
Last Day before Holiday	Fri. Dec 17
First Day Back	Tues, Jan 4
PAC Bottle Drive	Sun, Jan 16
Professional Day (Students do not attend)	Mon, Feb 7
Professional Day (Students do not attend)	Tues, Feb 8
BC Family Day (Students do not attend)	Mon. Feb 21
Last Day before Spring Break	Fri. March 11
First Day Back after Spring Break	Mon. March 28
Good Friday	Fri. April 15
Easter Monday	Mon. April 18
Curriculum Implementation Day	Thurs, May 5
Professional Day (Students do not attend)	Fri. May 6
Victoria Day (Students do not attend)	Mon. May 23
Summative Report Issued	Tues. June 29
Last Day of School (Dismissal at 2:15)	Wed, June 30
Administration Day	Thur, June 30

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.



REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023

Kindergarten

Registration starts now ...

 If your child will be turning five years old before December 31, 2022, it's time to register for Kindergarten.

 Online registration will begin on January 5th, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m.

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



Information on late French Immersion and Academies will be sent out in the New Year




Happy Holidays!



SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2022-2023

The online, centralized registration will begin on January 5, 2022 at 8 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

The following information will help determine if this process applies to you.

 FOR MORE INFO? WWW.SD68.BC.CA
OR EMAIL EREG@SD68.BC.CA

ASK YOURSELF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

- 1 Is my child new to Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools?
- 2 Do I have a child turning five years old on or before December 31, 2022 entering Kindergarten? Applications must be received by June 15, 2022 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.
- 3 Do I want to register my child in Grade 6 Late French Immersion? Late French Immersion Students are placed as space permits.
- 4 Do I want to register my child in Early French Immersion? Applications will be received until January 31, 2022, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2022.
- 5 Do I want to register my child in secondary academies?

Lottery	Hockey	Soccer	Beach Volleyball
Try-outs / Audition	Lacrosse	Performing Arts	Jazz

Applications received until March 1, 2022, at which time student selection will be determined either by lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified in May 2022.
- 6 Do I want to register my child or a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? Applications are due March 31, 2022.



PAC NEWS

PURDY'S FUNDRAISER

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



BOTTLE DRIVE

Next bottle drive will be Sunday, January 16, 2022.



WEST COAST SEEDS FUNDRAISER

More information to come on the West Coast Seeds fundraiser that will run from January 5-21, 2022.



Happy New Year!



See you in 2022!