

CHASE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The return to school after the break with some of the COVID restrictions lifted has been an interesting experience. While some staff and students are choosing to wear masks for personal and family protection reasons, it has been nice to be able to see some smiles and learn what people look like from the bridge of the nose down.

We have seen the return of all school gatherings with us having two performances. We had the One Woman Circus perform before spring break and the musical group Tiny Islands provided an entertaining show on April 4th.

We also get to see the return of track and field! There is more information further in the newsletter.

The learning continues to roll along at Chase River. This month our Successful Learner Trait is being creative. We are encouraging students to look for new ways to approach activities, school work, and solving problems.

The home stretch of the school year is not far off. This is the perfect time to reinforce learning at home. Keep an evening routine of reading with, and to, your child. This continued support will have a lifelong benefit to their learning.

Sincerely,

David Cooper



CLASS PLACEMENTS



We will soon be in the process of planning the next academic year. It is important you trust the teachers, support staff, and administration to build classes, which suit the students' both academic and social needs. We take a lot of care in doing classroom composition for each grade. We make up each class list in a way that maximizes the quality of teaching and learning conditions for all students. The decision for placement is based on many factors, such as: balancing academic ability, levels of independence, learning styles, social/emotional maturity, previous placement, and maximizing the positive learning environment for the whole class. The classroom composition for each grade has to reflect the acceptance of all individuals within an inclusive school as we attempt to provide appropriate educational programming to all children. If you have **specific educational reasons/concerns**, you would like us to consider about your child, **please contact Mr. Cooper (in writing) as soon as possible, but no later than May 20th**. We do consider these requests along with all other pertinent information provided by classroom teachers and support staff. Please note your request will be considered but we do not guarantee it can be honored. It does become an important part of our planning process. As teachers may change schools and grade groupings are dependent on our enrolment numbers and balancing learning needs, **please describe optimal learning environments without referring to specific teachers. We are not able to take requests for individual teachers.**

ARE YOU MOVING?

Schools are in the process of preparing school organizations for the 2022-2023 school year. It is important that we have accurate student numbers in order to project the number of classes required for next year. If you are moving to another school or district please advise the office (info.CR@sd68.bc.ca). Or if you know of someone that is planning on registering at Chase River encourage them to do so as soon as possible. Student space is only guaranteed to those who register **prior** to June 15th as this is the district deadline for guaranteed placement in our school. After that date, we can still accept students from within our community providing we have room for them, but we may not be able to confirm this until September.



Registration for 2020-2021

Registration of course started in January. The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you. Take a moment and ask yourself the following questions:



- ◆ 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, 2022 that will be entering Kindergarten? **Applications must be received by June 15, 2022 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.**
- ◆ Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? **Applications were due by March 31, 2022.**

If you answered yes to any of the questions above please go to: <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/registration-information/> to register your child.

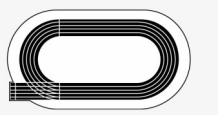
Before you begin, you will need the following:

- ◆ A valid email address
- ◆ Photo or scan showing proof of citizenship (ie. Birth certificate)
- ◆ 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](https://www.sd68.bc.ca) OR EMAIL

TRACK AND FIELD

For the first time since 2019 we are having a track meet!! This is exciting as students in grades 3- 5 have never participated in a track meet. Our school meet is on Wednesday, April 27th at the Rotary Bowl. We will be sharing the meet with Brechin Elementary but are not in direct competition with them. Your child would have already brought home a permission slip last week. We will be taking a bus to the meet that will leave the school at 8:55 sharp. It is crucial students arrive to school on time that day. They will be brought to class and attendance will be done, then the class will begin loading the busses. Families are of course welcome to attend the meet. It is important that you use the Serausmen Stadium parking. Parking on school district property is limited to staff. Cars parked there without a permit could be towed.



Have a Wonderful Month



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.



School Track Meet	Wed. Apr 27
Non-Instructional Day (Students do not attend)	Thurs. May 5
Non-Instructional Day (Students do not attend)	Fri. May 6
Welcome to "K" (time to be determined)	Tues. May 17
Victoria Day (Students do not attend)	Mon. May 23
Zone Track Meet	Tues. May 31
District Track Meet	Thurs. June 16
Rathrevor—Intermediate Students	Mon. June 20
Aboriginal Day	Tues. June 21
Parksville Beach—Primary Students	Thurs. June 23
Fun Day	Tues. June 28
Summative Report Issued	Wed. June 29
Last Day of School (Dismissal at 2:15)	Wed. June 29
Administration Day	Thurs. June 30

CONFETTI CLUB (CC)

Chase River's Confetti Club (CC) members and ambassadors are "*Spreading Kindness and Cheer throughout the year*" this month with "Spring into Kindness". Over the next month, CC will be focusing on spotting random acts of kindness. "Kindness Spotters" will be searching during recesses, in their classrooms, around the school and in their homes and community finding and acknowledging people doing nice things for each other, their pets, their environment and more! CC members and ambassadors are honing their abilities to find the positives that happen everyday and all around us. We hope this encourages others to hone this positive mindset as well. We are welcoming everyone to join in both at school and in the community by sending notes or emails to Ms. Milk Shake at Kendra.vanshaik@sd68.bc.ca sharing what kindness they've seen, felt or passed onto others. Be creative in spotting or doing the most random and tiniest acts of kindness and share with CR's Confetti Club for a chance to win a prize from a selection of art, games and activities.



Last month's winner of CR Family Day/Spring Break Challenge was Jasmine. Well done! Our Ambassadors' draw for "Kids Being Kind" at school were Alicia recognizing Theo; Carter recognizing Iyla; and Olivia recognizing Rainee. Thank you to all our CC Ambassadors and students doing good things—you make a positive difference!

