



CHASE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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FEBRUARY 2023

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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.

Professional Day (Students do not attend)	Mon. Feb 6
Professional Day (Students do not attend)	Tues. Feb 7
BC Family Day (Students do not attend)	Mon. Feb 20
Pink Shirt Day	Wed. Feb 22
Last Day before Spring Break	Fri. Mar 10
First Day Back after Spring Break	Mon. Mar 27
Parent/Teacher Conferences-Early Dismissal	Wed. Apr 5
Parent/Teacher Conferences-Early Dismissal	Thur. Apr 6
Good Friday	Fri. Apr 7
Easter Monday	Mon. Apr 10
Spring Concert	Wed. April 26
Curriculum Implementation—School Closed	Thur. May 11
Professional Day (Students do not attend)	Fri. May 12
Welcome to Kindergarten	Tues. May 16
Victoria Day (Students do not attend)	Mon. May 22
Parksville Beach K-3	Tues. June 20
Rath Trevor Beach 4-7	Thurs June 22
Last Day of School (Dismissal at 2:15)	Wed. Jun 29
Administration Day	Fri. Jun 30

OFFICE NEWS

For the month of February Chase River is focusing on Kindness. The students will earn kindness tickets for being caught in the act of kindness. The ticket draw will be each week on Friday and the big draw will be at the end of February. Prizes will be awarded weekly and the month end draw will be a pizza lunch with the Principal.

Reporting Information

On February 10th your students progress reports will be emailed home. Please take the time to review the report with your student, celebrate success and set goals for the next term of learning. For more information about reporting SD 68 has created a "Reporting Video for Parents" that will be available on the school district website. Click on "Reporting Information for Families" to view the video or see the link below.

<https://www.sd68.bc.ca/student-progress-reporting/>



DAILY HEALTH CHECK

Please be sure to do a daily health check before sending your child to school. Call 811 if necessary. Keep your child home until the symptoms disappear.



If your child is ill and going to be away from school, just phone the office or send an email to info.cr@sd68.bc.ca and we'll be sure to excuse them for the day.



RUNNING CLUB

After a short and snowy winter, our school has now run 13,085 km on our Mission Around Mars. We are currently between Valles Marineris, one of the largest canyons in the Solar System, and Syria Planum, a broad plateau filled with volcanoes.



DRESSING FOR OUTSIDE

We would like to remind parents that we expect our students to go outside to play during our recess breaks. This is a healthy activity. Thank you for sending your children to school prepared for the cold, wet winter conditions. It is also helpful for students to have spare clothing available at school in case they get wet or fall in the mud.



PINK SHIRT DAY

On Wednesday, February 22nd we would like to encourage students to wear pink to school for Pink Shirt Day.

The message for us this year is to Spread Kindness. Part of the message is letting students know that bullying is not going to be stopped by them wearing pink shirts. They have to be aware of their actions and words, and how they treat others. This means looking at how they make others feel.

The word bullying tends to be used for any wrongdoing or "mean" comment. This is not the case. There can be conflict between two people without it necessarily being bullying. This does not excuse these actions, but labeling them as "bullying" when they are not waters the term down.

Students will be reminded that bullying is:

- Simply put, bullying is a repeated pattern of unwelcome or aggressive behaviour.
- Often with the goal of making others uncomfortable, scared or hurt.



The person bullying is seeking power, control, or material things.

What Bullying is Not:

Many distressing behaviours are not examples of bullying even though they are unpleasant and often require teacher intervention and management.

Mutual conflict: involves an argument or disagreement between people but not an imbalance of power. Both parties are upset and usually both want a resolution. Unresolved mutual conflict can develop into bullying if one of the parties targets the other repeatedly in retaliation.

Social rejection or dislike: is not bullying unless it involves deliberate and repeated attempts to cause distress, exclude or create dislike by others.

Single episode acts: of nastiness or physical aggression are not the same as bullying. If someone is verbally abused or pushed on one occasion they are not being bullied. Nastiness or physical aggression that is directed towards many different people is not the same as bullying. However, this does not mean that single episodes of nastiness or physical aggression should be ignored or condoned as these are unacceptable behaviours.

Our goal is to work with students to understand the impact unkind behaviours can have on someone, while at the same time realize the kindness they give someone can have a real positive impact.

It is important that all students recognize that they are each responsible for helping to create a safe, caring, and respectful environment at Chase River.

The provincial ERASE website will be shared with students. This site has many resources for students, families, and educators. The link to the site is: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>

REGISTRATION

ALL REGISTRATION IS ONLINE ONLY. PLEASE VISIT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE SD68.BC.CA OR EMAIL EREG@SD68.BC.CA

Important Registration dates:

- ◆ Jan 31 - registration deadline for Kindergarten and Grade 1 French Immersion lottery
- ◆ March 1 - registration deadline for District Secondary Academies
- ◆ March 31 - out of catchment applications are due
- ◆ June 15 - registration deadline for guaranteed placement at your catchment school

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.)



GRADE 8 REGISTRATION



Grade 7 students are automatically registered and scheduled at John Barsby for Grade 8, as John Barsby is our catchment high school. There is no need to apply to John Barsby as this is automatically taken care of for your child. Students wishing to transfer to a secondary school other than our catchment area high school, should notify their Principal and apply online at www.sd68.bc.ca. If you are interested in applying to one of our District Secondary Academies, please visit our website or the district website for more information:

ENERGY CUP



The grade 7 leaders have been working hard on conserving energy in the school. So far we have had a sweater week where the temperature in the school was turned down one degree and staff and students were encouraged to wear a sweater or hoodie. We have turned the lights off as often as possible during class time.



Think. Act. Save.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

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.



Chase River PAC Purdys Easter 2023 Fundraiser

Support our fundraising campaign by purchasing Purdys chocolates for gifts or just to treat yourself! Made with sustainable cocoa and crafted right here in Canada.



1. Sign in or create a new supporter account by clicking the fundraising.purdys.com link.
2. If you're creating a new account, please enter the customer number **28183** on the registration page.
3. If you're signing into an existing account, enter **28183** into the search bar that will come up after you've signed in.
4. Click on JOIN CAMPAIGN.



DEADLINE TO ORDER:
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

PICK UP FROM SCHOOL OFFICE:
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023
**THIS IS AN EARLY PICK UP THIS
YEAR**

Please contact Christine De Vries, School Secretary at cdevries@sd68.bc.ca or 250-754-6983 for more information



Have a Wonderful Month

