

CHASE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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**MARCH 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.

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
Jump Rope for Heart	Thur. Apr 14
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
School Track Meet	Thur. May 18
Victoria Day (Students do not attend)	Mon. May 22
Zone Track Meet	Thur. June 1
District Track Meet	Thur. June 8
Parksville Beach K-3	Tues. June 20
School Track Meet	Thur. June
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**



March is here and we at Chase River are all looking forward to some warmer weather and more opportunities to take our learning outside. In February we got to see a meaningful presentation from the leadership students and Mrs. James about Anti-Bullying. We celebrated 423 acts of kindness committed by our students. We witnessed many snow men and snow forts being built and we began our preparation for the Spring concert.

During Spring Break we hope you get the opportunity to rest and recharge as well as get outside and enjoy activities together. Taking the time to be thankful for the area we live in and the learning we can gain from the land is a good way to recharge and get ready for the last 3 months of the school year.

Upon our return from spring break, we enter into the season known as Aprilmayjune because the time goes by very quickly. We look forward to the energy that comes with warmer weather and summer on the horizon. It's an exciting time for a lot of students and also an important time to remember to stay focused on year-end goals.

Don't forget daylight savings begins this Sunday, March 12.

Sincerely  
 Trisha Armour



**STUDENT LEARNING SURVEYS**



A reminder to parents of grade 4 & 7 students that the parent survey to provide feedback is open until April 30. We would like to see as many parents complete the survey as possible. An email with specific details was emailed to families earlier.

**ERASE BULLYING**

**Erase** is all about building safe and caring school communities. This includes empowering students, parents, educators and the community partners who support them to get help with challenges, report concerns to schools, and learn about complex issues facing students.

Along with the online reporting tool, there are a variety of other resources such as: online safety, mental health and well-being, racism, bullying, school safety, sexual orientation and gender identity, substance abuse, compassionate systems leadership and gender-based violence.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>

**MOVING AWAY?**

To help us with our planning for next year, please let us know if you will be moving out of the area. Also, if you are aware of any families moving into the Chase River catchment area with school aged children, please let us know.



**MARCH**








## REPEATED READING TIPS

It's fun to read a favourite book many times, but there are lots of other benefits to repeated reading. It helps support reading fluency and sight word recognition, helps the reader recall what happened in the story, and provides opportunities for discussion about what was read. Each time a book is read, you can focus on a different skill that supports literacy.



Examples of activities for repeated reading include:

Try using these activities when reading with your child. They can be a great benefit to their reading development.

<p>First Reading</p> 	<p>Before opening the book, read the cover and look at the illustration on the cover. Make predictions about what the story might be about. Read through the story.</p>
<p>Second Reading</p> 	<p>Reread the story. Have a conversation about the characters, the problem and resolution.</p>
<p>Third Reading</p> 	<p>Focus on new or interesting words to build vocabulary. Try to use the new vocabulary in conversation throughout the day.</p>
<p>Fourth Reading</p> 	<p>Have a word scavenger hunt. Can you find sight words? Can you find words that start with a particular sound or letter?</p>
<p>Fifth Reading</p> 	<p>Have a conversation about the characters experiences and feelings. Have you ever had the same experience or felt that way? Would you approach the situation differently?</p>

## REGISTRATION

ALL REGISTRATION IS ONLINE ONLY. PLEASE VISIT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE [SD68.BC.CA](http://SD68.BC.CA) OR EMAIL [EREG@SD68.BC.CA](mailto: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.)



Have a Wonderful Month and a great  
Spring Break

