

CHASE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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APRIL 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.

Good Friday	Fri. Apr 7
Easter Monday	Mon. Apr 10
Jump Rope for Heart Assembly	Thur. Apr 14
Parent/Teacher Conferences-Early Dismissal	Wed. Apr 19
Parent/Teacher Conferences-Early Dismissal	Thur. Apr 20
Fun Lunch	Fri. Apr 21
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
All School Trip to Rath Trevor Beach	Tues. June 20
Last Day of School (Dismissal at 2:15)	Wed. Jun 29
Administration Day	Fri. Jun 30



OFFICE NEWS

Welcome back from Spring Break. I hope everyone had a few opportunities to do whatever it is that recharges you and your family. Last week we got to experience some warmer weather and it makes everyone want to get outdoors. Classes have been picnicking outside for lunch, crocheting on the field at big recess and taking the learning outside.

April Student led conferences are just around the corner and I hope you all can join us to celebrate your students' learning. I have never experienced conferences in this format and I am looking forward to joining a few sessions and seeing all the hard work our teachers and students have put into this celebration.

April 26 is our school spring concert and we are all excited to see what our students have been working on. The concert has a 60's theme and listening to the students practice has been a real joy for our staff. I think we are all in for a wonderful experience on concert night. Thank you to Mrs. Laforest for all the hard work that goes into creating such a big performance.

Thank you for all you do to support students, staff and the community. The Chase River Community is a positive and supportive place for us to learn and play.

Sincerely

Trisha Armour

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 Mrs. Armour (in writing) as soon as possible, but no later than May 19. 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.

REGISTRATION

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, 2023 that will be entering Kindergarten? **Applications must be received by June 15, 2023 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, 2023.**

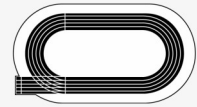
If you answered yes to any of the questions above please go to: <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/registration-information/> to register your child.

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 EREG@SD68.BC.CA

TRACK AND FIELD



Our school meet is on Thursday, May 18, at the Rotary Bowl. We will be sharing the meet with Island Connect Ed but are not in direct competition with them. Your child will bring a permission sheet home in early May. 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 Serauxmen Stadium parking. Parking on school district property is limited to staff. Cars parked there without a permit could be towed.



ARE YOU MOVING?

Schools are in the process of preparing school organizations for the 2023-2024 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 15 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.



Have a Wonderful Month