



CHASE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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**MAY 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.



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**



As we move into the month of May, we are excited to take advantage of the warmer weather and the opportunities it brings for outdoor learning and play. Our students will be spending more time outside during recess, physical education classes, and other outdoor activities. We encourage everyone to dress appropriately for the weather, bring hats and sunscreen as needed, and stay hydrated throughout the day.

In addition to enjoying the outdoors, we also have some exciting events coming up. On May 16th we will be welcoming our newest kindergarten students to our school community. It's always a joy to meet our new students and their families, and we're looking forward to helping them feel comfortable and excited about starting their educational journey with us.

Then, on May 18, we will be hosting our annual track and field event at the Rotary Bowl. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their athletic abilities and to learn about teamwork and sportsmanship.

Finally, as we continue to strive for meaningful connections with the land, teachers are planning more lessons on the land, where students will have the opportunity to learn about and connect with nature in a meaningful way.

As always, thank you for your support and involvement in our school community. We hope you have a wonderful month of May!

Sincerely,

Trisha Armour



**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.

**ENERGY CUP**



Chase River participated in the SD68 Energy Cup Challenge again this year. The program is presented by the school district to bring awareness to the environmental impact schools have and how to change our daily routines to create a positive change. Our Environment Leadership Team created challenges for the school which included turning off lights when not in use, closing blinds at night and wearing a sweater when we turned the temperature of the school down by a few degrees. Our efforts resulted in us coming in third place and winning \$500 to be put towards an environmental initiative. Thank you to Saige, Megan and Jerzi for representing Chase River at the Energy Cup Banquet.

**Congratulations!**



**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](mailto: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.

## SPRING CONCERT—IMAGINE

Our spring concert this year was a huge success! It was so exciting to finally do a concert live on the stage again. Almost half our school had never done this before!

The students worked really hard over the past months learning to play various instruments and learning their songs. Our concert was a tour of 1960's music and how it changed music. We sang songs from many groups such as The Honeycombs, The Kinks, The Who, The Beatles and more...

The K/1 classes showed us their singing and dancing skills. The Gr. 1/2 class played the xylophones and sang. The Gr. 2 class accompanied themselves on the Boomwhackers. The 2/3 and 3/4 classes sang and played the ukulele. The Gr. 4/5 class played the recorder. The Gr. 5 class played Djembe drums. And the Gr. 6 and Gr. 7 classes played guitar.

We ended with the whole school singing the song Imagine. It was so heart warming to see their dreams displayed on the slideshow and hear them sing of what they hope our world can become someday.

Every class did an amazing job! I was so thankful for everyone's hard work.

Thanks to all the staff and teachers at Chase River for all your flexibility and support as we took over the gym and changed classes around. Thanks also for making all the creative signs that were hanging all over the gym.

Thanks to the Gr. 7 class for setting up and taking down the stage before and after the concert.

And a special thanks to all my back stage crew students. Thanks for being our MC's, moving all the furniture around and running our sound system and powerpoints. You guys worked especially hard and you made our show run smoothly.

Lastly, thanks to all the parents, family and friends who make these kids the fabulous kids they are. Thanks for dropping off and picking up kids and thanks for coming to watch our concert. We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we did performing for you.

I can't wait for next year!!!

Mrs. Laforest



## CLASS PLACEMENT

We are in the process of planning the next academic year. It is important you trust the school team to build classes, which suit the students' 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, 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 information, that you would like us to consider about your child, please contact your school Principal (in writing) as soon as possible, but **no later than May 19<sup>th</sup>**. We do consider this request, 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.

Have a Wonderful Month

## 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](mailto:EREG@SD68.BC.CA)