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OFFICE NEWS

Exciting June Ahead!

As we near the end of the school year, we have an exciting month ahead of us, filled with events that celebrate our students' achievements and provide opportunities for fun and enjoyment.

Our school's athletes have been training diligently, and the time has finally arrived for the District Track Meet on June 8. We are proud to announce that we have 17 talented athletes representing our school. Let's cheer for them as they give their all and compete against other schools. Go team!

On June 20, we have planned a fantastic school-wide field trip to Rath Trevor Beach. This trip is not only a reward for our students' hard work throughout the year but also an opportunity to celebrate our learning in a beautiful natural setting. We encourage all students to bring their enthusiasm and enjoy a day of outdoor activities and exploration.

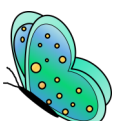
The much-anticipated Talent Show is just around the corner on June 22. We can't wait to witness the incredible talents of our students as they take the stage. From singing and dancing to magic tricks and poetry, our students never fail to impress us with their unique abilities. Be sure to join us and support our talented performers!

Mark June 28 on your calendars for a day filled with fun and excitement! We have planned various activities and games to make this day a memorable one. It's a chance for students to relax, have fun, and enjoy each other's company as we wind down the school year.

As we approach the end of the academic year, let's make the most of these remaining days together. We are proud of all the hard work and accomplishments of our students, and we look forward to celebrating with them. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,

Trisha Armour Principal



June



GOODBYE TO SOME SPECIAL PEOPLE



As we bid farewell to another school year, it is important to take a moment to express our gratitude to those who have made a significant impact on our school community. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to Mr. Greenway, who is retiring after many years of dedicated service. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our school and for bringing the joy of music to our hallways. Your passion and talent have inspired countless students throughout the years.

We would also like to express our appreciation to Ms. Chrissy for her patience and flexibility. Thank you for going above and beyond to make our school an enjoyable experience.

To Kyle, we want to say thank you for being your unique and vibrant self. Your presence has had a positive impact on the entire school community.

As Mr. Huneault moves on to a new position, we want to acknowledge and thank him for his years of dedication and hard work. Your commitment to the success and well-being of our students has not gone unnoticed, and we wish you continued success in your future endeavors.

A special thank you goes to Mrs. King for her outstanding contributions to making our school a wonderful place. Your leadership, compassion, and tireless efforts have created an environment where students thrive both academically and personally.

We are grateful to Ms. Fargo for her dedication to our school library and for bringing in a wide array of wonderful books. Your passion for literature and knowledge has fostered a love of reading among our students, opening new worlds and sparking their imaginations.

Skylar, thank you for building strong and meaningful relationships within our school community in such a short time. Your warm and friendly demeanor has made everyone feel welcome and valued.

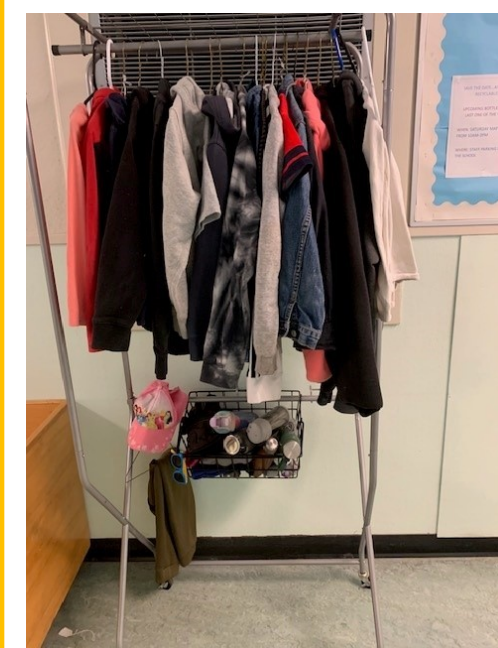
Last but not least, a heartfelt thank you goes to Tanisha for sharing yourself and your culture with our school. Your willingness to embrace diversity and promote understanding has enriched our community, fostering a sense of unity and appreciation for all.

To all those who have played a part in making this school year a memorable one, we extend our deepest gratitude. May the coming days bring new adventures and opportunities, and may we carry the lessons and memories of this year with us always.

Best wishes in your future adventures.

TAKING CARE OF OUR SCHOOL

Over the summer months many people use the school fields and playground. Sometimes this will occur later in the evening. If you see activities that are dangerous or destructive to the building or to others, please do not hesitate to call the RCMP non - emergency 250-754-2345 or the school district security (250-754-9511). In this way we can ensure that our school grounds remain a safe place for everyone and our building remains secure.

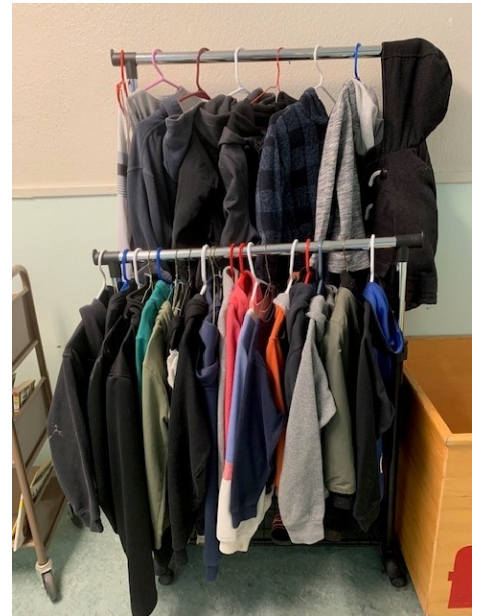


LOST AND FOUND

WE HAVE LOTS OF CLOTHING IN THE LOST AND FOUND.

Last chance to claim any lost and found items before the end of the School year.

Unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.



REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be emailed to families again this year. They will be sent on the last day of school Thursday, June 29.



2023-2024 SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS



All school supplies for the coming year will be purchased by the teachers. You will be notified in September if they require any additional items ie: gym strip and indoor shoes. Once students are placed with their teacher for the year, a notice of the cost of supplies will be sent home..

There are no supply lists in any local stores that are relevant to your child's supplies at Chase River.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the parents and guardians for entrusting us with the education and care of your children this year. Thank you for sharing your students with us and allowing us to be a part of their learning journey. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with such wonderful young individuals.

In regards to the upcoming report cards, we want to inform you that they will be emailed on June 29. Please be sure to check your email on that day. The report cards will provide valuable insights into your child's progress, achievements, and areas for growth. We encourage you to review them carefully and use them as a tool to support your child's ongoing development.

Thank you once again for your continued support and collaboration throughout this school year. We are proud of our students and their accomplishments, and we look forward to celebrating their successes together. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Trisha Armour

Thank You

SUMMER LEARNING IDEAS



Wow, this school year is almost over, and already children (and even some parents/caregivers) are looking forward to the freedom that comes with summer. It's great for children to have some unstructured time to rest up over the holidays, but two months without any schoolwork can have a downside. Some experts estimate that during the summer holidays, children can lose up to 20% of what they learned in school. In this month's column there are some additional ideas to help reduce learning loss and give your child a head start for next September.

Children learn to store memories more efficiently through practice. So, from local daytrips to long holidays, help your child(ren) relive the events; exercise memory storage systems by asking specific questions about the day's experience. For instance, at the end of a trip or event, we often ask things like "Did you have fun?" Children don't have to think for more than a second before giving a 'yes' or 'no' answer. Use open-ended questions starting with How, What, Why, Who, When, and Where, like "What was your favourite part?" This encourages your child(ren) to think back, remember the sequence of events and make comparisons. It also gives you an opportunity to talk about an experience you shared together. You can continue the conversation and help your child(ren) to remember more by talking about your favourite parts, too. Do further exploration or research on interesting points or facts which come up. Bring in hands-on activities whenever possible as children are even more engaged when using more of their senses; it will also reinforce learning/memory in a different way.

Some ideas for daytrips:

- ♦ Visit a museum or local historical site. You can research it online, use Google Maps to plan your route, and even have your child hold the map to practice math, map, and communication skills as he or she becomes Navigator-for-a-day.
- ♦ Lots of stores have educational workbooks and travel games that children can use on car trips. (It's good to have some electronic-free car time anyway).

Feeling even more creative? Together, make up a poem, song or rap.

- ♦ While you have the electronics off, you can play memory games in the car- remember games like the trip game? ("I'm going on a trip, and I'm taking apples, books, hat, sunscreen, candy....." which each person repeats and then adds a word). The internet and library offer many more options of games.
- ♦ Speaking of the library, have your child(ren) sign up for the Library Reading Club, and make regular trips there. Kids can choose books that interest them, keep track of their reading, and earn prizes along the way - and it is all free! It's cool inside and there are several locations in Nanaimo, including one downtown next to the waterfront (where the seawall and ice cream are close by... hint, hint).
- ♦ Check the local newspapers for events - things like dog shows can be a rich source of information and a lot of laughs for everyone, and they are often held locally. Nanaimo Parks, Recreation & Culture and other agencies offer a wide variety of events (many of which are free). * Finally, why not have your child make a trip memory book or journal? It helps them remember things in sequence, helps them practice skills like writing and art, and gives them something to help remember their experiences, and to share with others. Keep in mind many back-to-school assignments include "What I did this summer..."

We hope these ideas help you get off to a wonderful summer, both full of fun and continued learning.

EARLY/EXTENDED SUMMER VACATION?

If you are leaving early or enjoying a continued vacation in September, kindly call the office and let us know. It is imperative that we are aware if your child will be returning, as spaces cannot be held.



Have a safe, fun and memorable summer!!

