



# Bayview Elementary News

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### **PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS**

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Welcome to 2016! I hope your family experienced a holiday filled with wonderful memories and laughter.

January, February and March are rich months to focus on deeper learning. Students know the classroom routines and expectations and can really focus on their job as learners. How can you help your child learn and build connections?

- Talk about what you are doing; ask your child to do the same. Ask questions that keep digging deeper!

- During discussions with your child, listen with your whole mind and body. Point out when you notice them doing the same with you.

- Read with your child each day - news, recipes, comics, stories and interesting facts - whatever you both enjoy!

- Notice your child's accomplishments and be specific with your praise.

- Share songs, crafts, stories, activities, interests.

Tips and info on reading with your child:

- Reading is fun; share the pleasure, read together!

- Just 20 minutes a day can grow to 2 million words a year!

- Make connections with other texts, with personal experiences and events happening in the world.

- Read with expression! Take on the roles of the characters; act out the story.

- Relate to the texts by asking questions like: "How would you feel if...?" or "What would you do if...?"

- Children love hidden treasures and codes. Reading is a code we use to discover treasures.

If you are looking for specific types of books or specific levels, talk to your child's teacher or visit the librarian at Bayview on a Friday or the Nanaimo Regional Library.

**Happy Reading!**

### **REGISTRATION TIME**

It is registration time for Fall 2016. Students who turn five before Jan. 1, 2017 can register for Kindergarten. If you know families living or moving into our area, please encourage them to register their children. Child's birth certificate and proof of address are needed to register. To obtain an assured space at our school, you must register by June 15, 2016. Out-of-bounds students need to apply by March 31, 2016. Opportunities for out-of-catchment placements will be limited. Priority will be given to those who have a sibling already registered at the requested school. All other requests will be honoured in the order in which they are received. More information is available on the school district website <http://www.sd68.bc.ca>

## DATES TO REMEMBER

\*dates with no school are in bold - remember that every Monday is early dismissal at 1:37pm

- Jan 9 Cheer Off vs Chase River at the Clippers Game at Frank Crane Arena at 6:00pm
- Jan 12 PAC Meeting at 6:15pm
- Jan 19 Jersey Day and some Clippers hockey team players visit
- Jan 19 Gr. 3s Swim to Survive program
- Jan 22 Strong Start closed
- Jan 26 Gr. 3s Swim to Survive program
- Jan 29 Curriculum Implementation Day - no school for students**
- Feb 1 Jump Rope for Heart fundraising kick-off
- Feb 2 Gr. 3s Swim to Survive program
- Feb 8 Family Day holiday**
- Feb 12 Grade 4s to the Symphony Jump Rope for Heart event
- Feb 22 District Pro-D Day**
- Feb 23 School-based Pro-D Day**
- Feb 24 'Pink Shirt' Anti-bullying Day
- Mar 9 Second term report cards
- Mar 11 Last day before Spring Break
- Mar 14-28 Spring Break
- Mar 29 First day back - it's a Tuesday☺

\*Reminder that if students are not needing the breakfast program or do not have a team practice, they should not be arriving at school until 8:25 am or later - the first bell goes at 8:40 am and there is no outside supervision until 8:25am.

### STAY CONNECTED

Check us out online!

<http://schoolsweb.sd68.bc.ca/bayview>

<https://www.facebook.com/bayviewpac>

Twitter: @bayviewboxers

### BAYVIEW PAC

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 12 at 6:15 in the library. Pizza and babysitting are available. Come see what PAC is about. Share your ideas and make a difference for our students.



## Inclement Weather

With wet (rainy or maybe snowy!), windy, and cool weather here for several months, it is important that all students arrive at school properly dressed for the outdoors. Students are expected to go outside for fresh air, socializing and physical activity during recess times. Inside days are rare. Thank you for ensuring your child leaves for school in the morning dressed for the weather.

This is also that time of year when we would like to remind parents about school closure procedures. The most common reasons that schools might be closed are dangerous road conditions due to a heavy snowfall or ice. If you are wondering if schools are open on a particular day, for the most current updates listen to local radio stations (WAVE 102.3 FM and WOLF 106.9 FM) in the AM.

We also attempt to put an announcement of any school closure on the website, [www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca), Twitter and Facebook, but our ability to do so could be affected by such things as power outages and technical issues. If there is no announcement on the website or social media, please be sure to listen to 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. If this is the case, please phone in your child's absence to Mrs. De Vries in the school office.

## Safe, Responsible Snow Behaviours



We're not sure if any snow is in store for us but, if there is, here is a reminder of the expectations. Snowball throwing can be very dangerous and will not be tolerated and is not allowed at any schools in the district. We don't want anyone to get hurt but we do want the kids to enjoy the snow.

- ❖ Keep snow on the ground (NO snowball throwing, kicking snow, or face washing) - first offence, off the playground one day - second offence, off the playground one week - third offence suspension
- ❖ Keep hands and feet to yourself
- ❖ Safe snow toys ok at school
- ❖ Respect the wishes of others
- ❖ Snowmen and snow angels are welcome!

### THANK YOU

With heartfelt thanks we would like to thank the broader Nanaimo community for their support of our school and families over the Christmas season. Thank you to....

- The Rotary Club of Nanaimo for hosting the Turkey Luncheon for all of our students and staff
- A group of young adults who got together with their friends to buy gifts for some of our students
- Moksha Yoga staff and clients for providing gift boxes
- Dover Bay Me to We group for providing gift boxes
- Nanaimo Community Living for sponsoring a family
- A group of women and a Bayview family who brought in gloves and other winter gear
- Secret Santa group for sponsoring some of our families

- North Nanaimo Rotary Club for donating gifts
- Country Grocer who donated food for our hampers
- Bayview staff for putting together hampers and gifts
- PAC and community members who helped to run our Christmas store and did a lot of wrapping!
- PAC for donating the proceeds of their Holiday Sale to our Christmas hampers
- Lifeline volunteers for their special Christmas celebration

And thank you to these groups for their support at other times so far this year:

- Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation
  - Knights of Columbus for the Family Pancake Breakfast
  - Altrusa Club of Nanaimo for donating some funds towards field trips
  - Breeze Salon for donating runners and towards the breakfast program
  - Shoe Warehouse for giving an additional discount on runners
  - Cabela's for donating some school supplies and rain coats for our fisheries programs
  - Coastland Wood Industries for donating wood for a project
  - Loaves and Fishes for food donations
- We are so fortunate to receive all of this support from our community.

### SPORTS

Our girls volleyball team is winding up their season in the next few weeks. Thank you to Mrs. Isaachsen for coaching the team and to the staff members and parents who have been helping with driving to away games. The next sport up in February is basketball and practices will be starting soon. More info to come. Ms. K runs a drop-in bball program on Fridays after school until 3:15. Forms are available in the office if you want to join in.

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

We have a number of After School programs starting back up the week of Jan. 18. Registration forms were sent home with interested students and are available from the office if you didn't receive one and are interested.

\*Scottish Country Dancing starts back up on Monday, Jan. 18 right after school until 3:00 for Grades 2 through 5 students. New members are welcome.

\*The Sports Program for Grades 1 to 4 students starts back up on Jan. 19 and 20 and runs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school until 4:10pm. The deadline is Jan. 8 for applications. Limit of 25 participants.

\* On Wednesdays there is an engineering group for Grades 5 to 7 students starting on Jan. 20. Come learn about bridge building and other engineering feats.

\*An art class 'Art Attack' for Grades 1 to 4 starts on Jan. 22 and runs on Fridays after school until 4:10pm. The deadline is Jan. 8 for applications. Limit of 16 participants. This class is already FULL.

\*Lifeline for Grades 5 to 7 students starts back up on Thursdays and runs right after school until 3:45. Students who have not previously signed up are welcome to get a permission form filled out and come.

\*HipHop runs on Thursday nights from 6:30-7:30pm in our gym for students in Grades 3 through 7. Registration at the class.

**A reminder that attending these after school programs is a privilege and students are expected to show appropriate behavior and follow our school's Code of Conduct (Bayview ROCKS) and the specific program guidelines or they may lose the privilege of attending.**



**Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**10 am - 4 pm**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

**Vancouver Island Conference**  
**Centre, 101 Gordon Street, Nanaimo, BC**

Entertainment \* Speakers \* Vendors \*  
And much more!!  
Promoting  
Knowledge + Inclusion + Discovery +  
Support

For Parents & children 12 and Under

### Join us for a day of.....

#### **Entertainment**

BC Boys Choir, Vancouver Island Symphony Choir, Nanaimo Museum, Aboriginal Themed Room with Childrens' Activities, Nanaimo Art Gallery, Interactive Learning Workshops, Indoor Soccer Game, And More!!

#### **Speakers**

Power Up by Kerri Isham, Bee Society, Early Literacy, Cyber Bullying, Pacific Northwest Raptors, Nutrition & Health, And More!

#### **Vendors**

Parks Recreation & Environment, Help Fill a Dream, Nanaimo Child Development Centre, Salvation Army, Vancouver Island Regional Library, VIU, And More!