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The Bayview Bulletin



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School-Wide Dates to Remember:

- Jan. 4 —First Day of School
- Jan 5 – Bottle Drop Off in front of the school
- Jan. 7– PJ Day/ Classroom Read
- Jan. 10—PAC Meeting 6:00 pm via Zoom
- Feb. 7—Pro-D Day no school
- Feb. 8—Pro-D Day no school
- Feb. 14—PAC Meeting 6:00 pm via Zoom
- Feb. 16-Bottle Drop Off in front of the school
- Feb. 21—Family Day no school
- Mar. 2– Earthquake Drill
- Mar. 11—Last day of classes before Spring Break
- Mar. 12—27—Spring Break
- Mar. 28—Classes Resume after Spring Break

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Recognition

Mrs. Jody Lennox—
you do amazing
work!



Principal's Message

Happy New Year! While many of us see January as a time of *new* commitments, *new* plans, and fresh starts, through the lens of a school, January has an entirely different feel. Students and staff return from a (hopefully restful) break to resume the deep learning that we've invested in since September. In Winter, we feel like reading, discussing and learning together, and we have established the relationships that support this. Truly, January is a great time for learning!

In February, families will receive the first formal progress report for the year—this is a great time to review your child's learning goals and continue monitoring their individual growth. Learning happens best when expectations are clear and the feedback is ongoing. If you see any ways in which we can further support your child's learning, we want to hear from you now. If you have any concerns about your child's learning, please do not wait for the report—speak with your child's teacher.

Have an amazing 2022!

Ms. Stephanie Stephens, Principal

STUDENT REGISTRATION

Registration for new students for the 2021-2022 school year will open on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 8:00 am. Returning students do not need to re-register. Before you begin the registration, you will need the following:

- A valid email address
- Proof of Citizenship
- Proof of residency

Please view the complete list of acceptable documents before proceeding. Any questions, please contact ereg@sd68.bc.ca

Please see more information about registration on the last page of this newsletter.

BOTTLE DROP-OFF

Please mark your calendars for our Bayview Drop-Off Bottle Drive which will take place on **Wednesday, December 15th, 2021**. Bottles and cans can be dropped off at the front of the school between the hours of 8:30 am—1:00 pm. The proceeds of the bottle drive will go towards supporting our students in their sport programs and field trip costs throughout the year. Thank you!




School Closure Information Provided to Parents and Employees

The following is a reminder about the Board’s school closure procedure for students and employees.

If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be made on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM, WAVE 102.3 FM, and 91.7 COAST FM) by 7 a.m., or earlier, on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis.

In addition, the district will post the information on the district’s website, Twitter and Facebook. Families may also receive a message through the School Messenger notification system via phone, email or text. Please keep in mind, however, that there may be situations where this is not always possible, for example, power outages or technical problems. The most reliable method is to listen to the local radio stations.

 DAILY HEALTH CHECK	
KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C) Chills Cough Difficulty breathing Loss of sense of smell or taste	If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms: Stay home. Contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
Sore throat Loss of appetite Headache Body aches Extreme fatigue or tiredness Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea	If yes to 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better. If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home for 24 hours. If symptoms don't get better or get worse, contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:	WHAT TO DO
Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	If yes: Fully vaccinated students, staff and other adults who have travelled outside of Canada may qualify for the fully vaccinated traveller exemption . Students, staff and other adults who are not fully vaccinated and have travelled outside of Canada CANNOT attend school for 14 days after arrival , as part of federal requirements .
CLOSE CONTACT	WHAT TO DO
Have you been notified by public health that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	If yes: Follow the instructions provided by Public Health.

You can also check your symptoms with the [K-12 Health Check](#) or the [BC Self-Assessment Tool](#).

Call 8-1-1 with any questions about symptoms of illness. If you have severe symptoms, like difficulty breathing (struggling to breathe or you can only speak single words) or chest pain, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

Visit the [BC Centre for Disease Control website](#) for more information on COVID-19.



COVID-19 Vaccination for children 5-11 years old



BC Centre for Disease Control
Prevention of Infectious Diseases and Injury

What are the benefits to getting children vaccinated against COVID-19?

While most children who get COVID-19 have a minor illness, a small number get very sick. Some children may continue to have health issues for long periods of time after the initial illness. Children are also able to pass on COVID-19 to other people in their families and communities.

Vaccinating children helps keep them safe as well as others around them – especially older adults, younger children and infants, and those with illnesses.

COVID-19 vaccine approval process for children

There is a very **strict process** to test and approve vaccines in Canada. These vaccines work and are safe for children aged 5-11.

Who is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine for children?

This vaccine is for any child between 5 and 11 years. If your child is 4 years old, you will not be able to get them vaccinated until after their 5th birthday. The vaccines are free and your children do not need BC Care Cards to receive them.



How can I explain how the COVID-19 vaccination works to my children?

Explain that the vaccine helps make sure they don't get sick by quickly fighting off the virus that causes COVID-19. The vaccine is so powerful that it even helps to protect the people around them, including their family and friends. **Kids Boost Immunity** has videos that explain more.

Who can provide consent for children to be vaccinated?

Parents/guardians, (including foster parents and prospective adoptive parents) and other custodial caregivers (for example, a grandparent who is raising the child).



Only one parent or legal guardian is required to give consent. The process for collecting consent may be different, depending on the immunization clinic you attend.

Can children get the COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as other vaccinations?

Yes. The COVID-19 vaccine can be given at the same time as other childhood vaccinations, including the flu shot.

These support techniques apply to other childhood vaccinations. Check if your child is up-to-date with their vaccines at children's immunizations schedules. Arrange with your healthcare provider to have any missed vaccinations given as soon as possible.

Before the appointment

- Children should be told about the injection close to the actual day of the vaccine. For school-age children, one day before may be appropriate.

- Encourage your child to ask questions. It's important they understand what will happen at the appointment and feel comfortable. HealthLink BC has more information on preparing children for vaccines: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/immunization-experience-child>



On the day of the appointment

- Some people find **numbing creams or patches** help. You can buy these without a prescription at most pharmacies. Apply them an hour before the appointment.

- Do not focus your child's attention on the needle with comments like "It'll be over soon, and you'll be okay," as this can increase stress. Instead, try distracting them with puzzles or chatting, and breathing techniques.

- Healthcare providers at immunization clinics are trained to work with children and can help you to support your child.



After the appointment

- There are some common side effects such as pain, redness and itchiness at the injection site. These will pass quickly. Serious side effects are very rare, but if you notice any health changes contact 811 or your healthcare provider.

- One very rare side effect is myocarditis, or inflammation of the heart muscle. Most cases are mild and treated with rest and improve quickly. COVID-19 disease can also cause myocarditis and the risk of it from the disease is much higher than the risk from vaccination.

- Symptoms to look out for:
 - Chest pain
 - Shortness of breath
 - Feeling of a rapid or abnormal heart rhythm

If your child experiences these symptoms, seek medical help right away. Inform the healthcare provider that your child received a COVID-19 vaccine recently.

- COVID-19 vaccination has no impact on future fertility. There is no biological way for this to occur.



For more information on COVID-19 vaccination for children, including how to register your child, visit <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/vaccines-children>

Kindergarten

Registration starts now . . .

 If your child will be turning five years old before December 31, 2022, it's time to register for Kindergarten.



 Online registration will begin on January 5th, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m.


 Registration is online only at:
www.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/registration-information
Questions: ereg@sd68.bc.ca



SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2022-2023

The online,  centralized registration will begin on January 5, 2022 at 8 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

The following information will help determine if this process applies to you.

 FOR MORE INFO? WWW.SD68.BC.CA
OR EMAIL EREG@SD68.BC.CA

ASK YOURSELF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

- 1 Is my child new to Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools?
- 2 Do I have a child turning five years old on or before December 31, 2022 entering Kindergarten? Applications must be received by June 15, 2022 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.
- 3 Do I want to register my child in Grade 6 Late French Immersion? Late French Immersion Students are placed as space permits.
- 4 Do I want to register my child in Early French Immersion? Applications will be received until January 31, 2022, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2022.
- 5 Do I want to register my child in secondary academies?

Lottery	Hockey	Soccer	Beach Volleyball
Try-outs / Audition	Lacrosse	Performing Arts	Jazz

Applications received until March 1, 2022, at which time student selection will be determined either by lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified in May 2022.
- 6 Do I want to register my child or a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? Applications are due March 31, 2022.



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Happy New Year!