

May
2023

May School-Wide Dates to Remember:

- 1—5—Literacy Week
- 1—PAC Meeting @ 5:30 pm
- 5—Red Dress Day
- 10—Fire Drill
- 10—Moose Hide Campaign Day
- 11—Curriculum Implementation Day—no school
- 12—Pro-D Day—no school
- 18—Class Photos
- 22—Victoria Day—no school
- 23—Lockdown Drill
- 23—Welcome to Kindergarten 1:00-2:00 pm
- 25—Sharing our Learning—1:30-2:25
- 31—Bottle Drive Drop-off

R.O.C.K.S.

Recognition

We raise our hands with appreciation to Colleen Manson, our Hul'q'umi'num teacher on Wednesdays. Colleen supports, teaches and celebrates students and staff for speaking the Hul'q'umi'num language.



The Bayview Bulletin

Principal: Ms. Stephanie Stephens
Vice Principal: Ms. Sue DeRosa
Secretary: Mrs. Jody Lennox
Phone 250-754-3231. Fax 250-754-2336.



Principal's Message

This weather sure makes it hard to believe that Spring is upon us! Nice to see the sun finally poking out. Regardless of the rain and cold temperatures, our students have kept their enthusiasm and smiles about them. With hopes of the warm weather sticking around, many teachers have planned to take learning outdoors through a variety of field trips. This is a wonderful opportunity to extend the learning environment outside of the classroom walls, and offer new experiential learning experiences. Please make sure to get those permission slips in so your children don't miss out, and prepare your children for the weather on those days!

The track & field meet happened on April 21st, and as those parents who joined us know, our kids did amazing! They put their all into every event and cheered each other on from the stands. They made Bayview proud! Students will be notified soon about which events they qualified for in the Zone Track Meet. That event happens on June 1st at the Rotary Bowl.

May has some exciting events coming up! We will be welcoming next year's Kindergarten group for 'Welcome to K', our grade 7's will be participating in 'Swim to Survive', and we will be 'Sharing our Learning' with parents near the end of the month. We hope to see you so your children can share their progress and learning with you, and celebrate their success.

yath hakw washista uy'shqwalawun -Always have good thoughts and good feelings

Ms. Sue DeRosa, Vice Principal

Welcome to Kindergarten

Each year we welcome new Kindergarten students with a special event and school visit; this year we have the event planned for **Tuesday, May 23rd, from 1:00—2:00 p.m.**

Families and child will be given a set time to come to the front of the school to pick up their child's Welcome to Kindergarten Play Pack and to meet some of the Bayview staff, including Kindergarten teachers. This event is a great opportunity to bring some of your questions about the school, and get a sense of the community.



Reading Link Challenge

Congratulations Shedrach and James for coming first in the Reading Link Challenge for the district. James and Shedrach worked hard to read six books between them and remembered important information from the stories. Both boys worked well together when competing against the other schools to answer the questions. Shedrach and James will now represent School District 68 for the Island in two weeks.



Home Reading

It's never too late to Build a Home Reading Routine:

- ♦ **Find a reading space:** Find a cozy reading space in your home.
- ♦ **Find something interesting to read:** labels, street names, subtitles, recipes, etc.
- ♦ **Schedule reading time:** Choose a time for reading each day. Just 20 minutes per day adds up to 120 hours per year!
- ♦ **Have fun:** Enjoy each moment and build some lasting family memories!



CLASS PLACEMENT 2023/2024

We are in the process of planning for the next school year. During this important process, we are keeping the students' well-being foremost in our minds. It is important you trust the school team to build classes, which suit both the students' academic and social needs. 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 learning abilities, learning styles, levels of independence, social/emotional maturity, and maximizing the positive learning environment for the whole class. The classroom composition for each grade must 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 the Principal (in writing)** as soon as possible. We do consider this request, along with all other pertinent information provided by classroom teachers and support staff. Please note that your request will be considered, however we cannot guarantee it will be honored. In addition, please know that teachers often change schools and grade groupings are dependent on our enrollment numbers each year. With this in mind, **please describe optimal learning environments for your child, without referring to specific teachers. We are not able to take requests for individual teachers.**

Lockdown Drill—May 23

A lockdown is called when there is a major threatening incident or threat of school violence within the school, or in relation to the school. Types of events that trigger a school lockdown include, but are not limited to the following: Dangerous intruder; Active shooter; Barricaded suspect.

At the elementary school age, we emphasize the safety aspects of these drills and do not dwell on the reasons for lockdown; however, we want parents/guardians to be aware of our drill so that you may support your child with any concerns they may have.

How you can help...

It is natural for children to feel some anxiety about emergency procedures and drills; calm adults are the best support we can offer. The aim of practice drills is to make emergency procedures calm, routine and effective. Parents can discuss the drills with their child and reassure them that they are safe.

Parent Support during Emergencies and Drills

If you arrive at the school during a Lockdown or Hold & Secure Drill, the school doors will be locked. We ask that you return to your vehicle until the drill is completed.

Moving? New to Bayview?

If you are moving (and your child is changing schools) please advise the office (Jody.Lennox@sd68.bc.ca) as soon as possible. Your cooperation greatly assists us in determining our numbers and school organization for the upcoming school year. Please also ensure you have registered your child for his/her new catchment area school at www.sd68.bc.ca or by emailing ereg@sd68.bc.ca

If you know of a family moving into our school community (or has already moved in), encourage them to register online at sd68.bc.ca

June 15th 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.



Bayview PAC

Are you interested in joining the Bayview Parent Advisory Counsel and share your ideas and make a difference for our students? The PAC is looking for new members so if you are interested, please contact them at bayview.pac.nanaimo@gmail.com
Many hands make light work!

