



Bayview Elementary News

Bayview Elementary School

140 View Street
Nanaimo, BC V9R 4N6

Telephone: 250-754-3231

Fax: 250-754-2336

E-mail: bayv@sd68.bc.ca

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

Principal: Mrs. Diane McGonigle

Secretary: Mrs. Vicki Hiltz

February 4, 2015

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Welcome to February! Time is flying by as we are nearing the middle of term two! The 'Circles of Belonging' Project is nearing the end of phase 2, art workshops that focused on the theme, image making, experimentation with various media and class discussions. The students have produced an incredible amount of beautiful art works that are hanging in Bird Studio classroom and in the halls.

Throughout the month of February the students and the artist, Yvonne Vander Kooi, will be designing the final image for the mural integrating the various ideas and images that have been created so far. They will also be prepping, priming and painting huge sheets of plywood that when assembled will make up the mural (8' x 24'). This is an exciting stage of the process and we look forward to completing and celebrating the mural with parents, friends, caregivers and the community. We hope to have the mural completed by mid-March. If anyone is interested in helping out with the final stage of the mural or organizing the unveiling, please contact the principal or Dianne McGonigle or the artist, Yvonne Vander Kooi.

DATES TO REMEMBER

*dates with early dismissal or no school are in bold

*look for more info about some of these events in the newsletter

- Feb 5 Cupcake Sale 50¢
- Feb 6 Div 5, 6 & 7 to Port Theatre for Jazz Fest
- Feb 9 Family Day holiday
- Feb 10 Gr. 3s Swim to Survive program
Popcorn Day 75¢
- Feb 12 Family Pancake Breakfast
- Feb 13 Grade 4s to the Symphony
Jump Rope for Heart event
- Feb 16 Dismissal at 1:30 - PLC time
- Feb 17 Gr. 3s Swim to Survive program
- Feb 18 Uzume Taiko performance

- Feb 20 Pizza forms due in
- Feb 23 District Pro-D Day
- Feb 24 School-based Pro-D Day
- Feb 25 'Pink Shirt' Anti-bullying Day
- Feb 26 Pizza Day
Family Movie Night @ 6:00
- Mar 2 Dismissal at 1:30 - PLC time
- Mar 10 Gr 7 Parent Night at Barsby
- Mar 16 Dismissal at 1:30 - PLC time
- Mar 18 Second term report cards
- Mar 23-27 Spring Break
- Mar 30 First day back

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.



YOU ARE INVITED!

Families are invited to join us for a Pancake and Sausage breakfast on Thursday, February 12 starting at 8:00 am and ending at 9:00 am. **Wear your pajamas!!! When the bell goes at 8:50, please join us for a Hallway Read and parent information stations about the Reflex Math Program, literacy programs on the computer such as Lexia and Starfall, and learn about 'good fit' books. We can also help families to acquire a computer if you are interested. Please join us to eat, read, and learn!

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, February 17th at 6:00 in the library. Pizza and babysitting are available. Come see what PAC is about. Share your ideas and make a difference for our students.

Reminder that we are a "Nut/Allergy Aware" school. Please avoid sending any products containing nuts to school.



SPORTS

Next sport up in February is basketball and practices have started already. Ms. K runs a drop-in bball program on Fridays after school until 3:00. Forms are available in the office if you want to join in. On Fridays from 3:00-4:00, there will be a practice for Grades 4 to 7 boys and girls who are wanting to play on our bball teams this year. Forms are available from the office. Thank you to Dover Bay Grade 12 student Gary Gladstone and Paul Seward for coaching our team practices.

PINK SHIRT ANTI-BULLYING DAY

On Wednesday, February 25th, our school will join others across Canada in using this day as another opportunity to discuss the problem of bullying. Pink Shirt day originated in Nova Scotia when a teen was bullied for wearing a pink t-shirt to school. Some other students, in a sign of solidarity, wore pink t-shirts the next day and handed out extra pink shirts for others to wear. This act of standing up for someone was recognized and the movement has grown over the past few years. On this day, we will discuss what bullying is and isn't; the differences between mean behavior and bullying; and the difference between a conflict and bullying, along with strategies in each area. We will also be discussing the important role that the bystander plays in helping to end bullying. Students are invited to wear a pink shirt if they have one. If not, we have some shirts. The ERASE Bullying website contains a number of links for parents and students. Check it out.

<http://www.erasebullying.ca/>

COMMUNITY SPORTS

Let's Play Ball!!! Register with Nanaimo & District Minor Fastball!!!

Online Registration is Now Open, In person registration at Beban Field House will be Feb 28th, March 7 & 14 at 10am-2pm.

Visit us at www.nanaimofastball.org

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 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
- Pro-Max Automotive for supplying three beds
- A group of women who brought in gloves and other winter gear
- Secret Santa group for sponsoring some of our families
- Cinnabar Elementary 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!

Also, a huge thank you to Coastland Industries for supporting our school on field trips this year. Their support allows us to be able to charge minimal fees for field trips.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

This year's group of leaders supported our community during the Christmas season by helping at Hamperville and the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign as well as wrapping many gifts from our Christmas Store.

They have recently been making videos to show 'doing the expected or right thing' and 'doing the unexpected thing' in various areas of our school. We have been showing these videos at our Monday morning gatherings as a way to review our Bayview ROCKS.

Their next fundraiser is a cupcake sale on Thurs., Feb. 5. Cupcakes are 50¢ and monies raised go to support helping families with alternative income sources with Free the Children.