

# THE CINNABAR CHRONICLE

Cinnabar Elementary School

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**Dates to Remember**

Report Cards go Home	Apr. 1
Good Friday	Apr. 2
Easter Monday	Apr. 5
Implementation Day	Apr. 26
Class, Team and Whole School Photos	May 5
Victoria Day	May 24
Grade 6 Immunizations	May 31
Last Day of Classes	Jun. 28
Implementation Day	Jun. 29
Administrative Day	Jun. 30

## Kindergarten Registration

Cinnabar Valley School will be offering **full day Kindergarten** in September 2010. If you have not already registered for Kindergarten in the Fall, please do so as soon as possible, as we do expect there will be out of catchment families applying for very limited spaces at our school. Conversely, please contact us if you have previously registered with us but now do not want your child to attend our full day program.

If you have or know of a child who was born in 2005 and will be five years of age before January 1, 2011, he or she will be eligible for Kindergarten in the Fall. Birth Certificates and proof of address must be presented at the time of registration. Please be sure to include your child's Care Card Number on the registration form. To obtain an assured space in your catchment area school, you must register by June 15, 2010.

**Welcome to Kindergarten**—We will be offering an orientation for Kindergarten students and a parent on Thursday, May 13th. This event is held in our Gymnasium from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. We look forward to meeting our new students at that time. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your soon-to-be Kindergarten child or our program, please contact us at 250-716-1030.

**Out of Catchment Requests**—If you are planning to have your child(ren) attend an out of catchment school for next September, you need to have your out of catchment request in by March 31, 2010.

## Ready, Set, Learn

Cinnabar Valley Elementary School is hosting our Ready, Set, Learn event on Thursday, April 22. This event is open to preschoolers who are 3 or 4 years old, and their parents. This event will be held in our Library from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Each child will receive a book, so parents are encouraged to preregister by calling our school office at 250-716-1030.

Ready, Set, Learn is an event that is meant for children who are not beginning Kindergarten in September.



**Happy Easter!**



## Cinnabar Community Playgroup

A “drop in” playgroup for young children and parents, with a toddler focus, is available to all parents in our community. It is held every Tuesday in the first portable behind the school from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (except school holidays).

Please come and join us and bring your pre-school child to play, sing songs and explore. Children of all abilities are welcome. Bring a snack and drink if your child will be hungry. **Please no peanut products!**

The cost is by donation. For more information, please call the Child Development Centre at 250-753-0251—extension 259. Parent volunteers are welcome too!



## Dogs on School Grounds



As the weather is getting warmer, more people are walking their dogs to school. Even the friendliest dog can become excited or anxious when surrounded by many students, parents and other dogs. This can lead to them biting someone.

Please, if you must walk your dog to school, meet your children on the edge of the school grounds, keep them leashed and do not let your children hold the dog. This situation will be monitored and if we feel it is unsafe for our students, we will have to ask that no dogs be allowed on the school grounds. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

## Mothers' Day Hanging Basket Sale

Mr. Johnson's Grade 4 class is selling hanging baskets as a fundraiser for this year's field trips.

12" Mixed Baskets are \$25; 14" Mixed Baskets are \$30. Order forms will be sent home to every student. Should you require another one, extras will be in the school office. Please make cheques payable to School District 68.

Please hand in all orders by Tuesday, April 13th. Baskets should be picked up at the school on Friday, May 7th between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Thank you so much for your support!



## Report Cards

On Thursday, April 1st, report cards will be sent home. Please keep the report card and return the envelope.

### Talk About Report Cards

The world has changed remarkably since we were children. The information age that we are a part of now means that much of the factual knowledge children memorize today will be out of date before they graduate. To be successful in this century, individuals need to be able to know how to learn and develop effective ways of accessing, thinking about and using information. The way you as a parent respond to the report card can have a significant impact on your child as a learner.

### Report Card Thoughts

- ◆ Talk with your child calmly about the report. Ask what could be done to improve and praise generously where appropriate.
- ◆ Remember—report cards reflect what has already happened. The past cannot be changed.
- ◆ Focus on the Future—use a poor grade as a platform for change.
- ◆ Put report cards in perspective—they measure how students are doing in school. They don't measure a student's worth as an individual, nor do they judge your success as a parent.

## BookFest—A Magical Day!

Mark your calendars! This year the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Vancouver Island Children's Book Festival falls on Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>. Once again, BookFest will present some of Canada's finest children's authors, illustrators and storytellers.

This year, we are excited to welcome Dianna Bonder, Jeremy Tankard, Ruth Ohi, Nan Gregory, Mireille Levert, Shelley Tanaka, Melanie Jackson, Rachel Dunstan Muller and Tim Wynne-Jones.

Festivities will take place at Vancouver Island University's Nanaimo campus from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Noon hour activities include the Juno nominated musical group, the Kerplunks.

Books created by the presenters and T-shirts designed by illustrator Kady MacDonald Denton will be available.

Registration fee is \$10.00 per child or \$25.00 per family. Programming is directed at ages five to twelve. Adults who love children's books need a child with them! Free sessions have been added for preschoolers. A parent-child room, Mother Goose and a puppet show are all available for babies, tots and their parents.

Pick up registration forms at all Vancouver Island Regional Library branches, BookFest web site or from schools in districts 68 and 69. Join us for a fun day in the celebration of books! For more information visit [www.bookfest.ca](http://www.bookfest.ca) or call (250) 716-FEST.

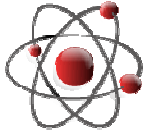


## Safety Items & Reminders

- ◆ Our students are always outside for the short recess. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.
- ◆ Students are not to bring MP3 players, cameras, iPods or any other valuable items to school.
- ◆ They are very easily lost or stolen and the school is not responsible for replacing those items.
- ◆ Please check the lost and found box located by the Gym doors for any lost items of clothing.
- ◆ All unclaimed clothing will be donated to a local charity during Spring Break.
- ◆ The speed of our parking lot is 15 km. Please do not exceed this speed for the safety of our students, staff and parents.

## Community Science Celebration

Discover the Science all around  
you—a free family event.



Saturday, April 24th, 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Stz'uminus First Nation Community Centre  
3949 Shell Beach Road  
Ladysmith, BC

For more information, please call Jo-Ann  
Coggan: 1-800-363-1611  
or email [jcoggan@scienceworld.ca](mailto:jcoggan@scienceworld.ca)

Or:

Paris Gaudet: 250-753-8324  
or email [pgaudet@mistic.bc.ca](mailto:pgaudet@mistic.bc.ca)

## Telephone Messages to Students

The school staff would appreciate it very much if parents could try to make after school arrangements with their children before they start school in the morning. If that is not possible, please try to call the school before 1:15 p.m. That way messages can be delivered to teachers for students without disrupting class time.

We would be grateful for your cooperation with this.



## Elephant Joke of the Month

- Q:** Why do elephants paint their toenails red?  
**A:** To hide in cherry trees!

## Newsletter and Notices

In order to reduce the amount of paperwork being sent home, we are in the process of creating a database so that our newsletters and notices can be sent to parents and guardians via email.

We realize this may not always be possible or preferred by some families. We are more than happy to send your child home with a paper copy.

If you would like to receive the newsletters and notices by email, please fill out your information and return to the office.

Thank you for the ones that have already been received.



**Please Print Clearly**

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_