



Cinnabar Valley Elementary

Principal: Mrs. Val Cooke

Secretary: Mrs. Barb Suttie

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December, 2009



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The damage to our gym floor has been extensive and will require several weeks to repair. After investigating several alternatives, we have come to the unfortunate conclusion that we will need to cancel our Christmas Concert.

We are pleased to announce, however, that we have recently confirmed that we will be able to re-book the staging and chairs in March and will be able to offer a Spring Concert on Thursday, March 4th. We hope you will be able to attend this concert at either the afternoon (1:30-2:30 pm) or the evening (6:30-7:30 pm) performance on this day.

CRAFT NIGHT

The PAC will be holding a Craft Night in the classrooms on December 10th from 5:00-7:30 pm. There will be a bake sale, cake walk, crafts, etc. Raffle tickets for the Christmas baskets will be available for purchase.

SCHOOL CHOIR

The school choir will be performing on Thursday, December 10th at 11:00 a.m., in the front foyer of the school. Raffle tickets for the Christmas baskets will be available for purchase during this time.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Congratulations to Madison Heisterman who placed 1st and to Jessica Katzberg who placed 3rd in the Tyke Girls category. Way to go girls!

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Check out our new school website at

www.schools/sd68.bc.ca/cbar/

The staff and students would like to say a special thank you to Mr. Green for all his hard work getting the website up and running.

CALENDAR OF HOT LUNCHES

(The calendar is also posted on Facebook – Parents of Cinnabar Valley)

Dec 4	–	Hot dogs
Dec 11	–	Pizza
Dec 18	–	Tim Horton's
Jan. 8	–	Booster Juice
Jan.15	–	Country Grocer's
Jan.22	–	Hot Dogs
Jan.29	–	Panago Pizza
Feb.5	–	Tim Horton's
Feb.12	–	Chicken Nuggets
Feb.19	–	A&W
Feb.26	–	Quizno's

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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/she will be eligible for Kindergarten in the Fall. Birth Certificates must be presented at time of registration. Please be sure to

include your child's Care Card Number on the registration form. Registration will begin in January and to obtain assured space in your catchment-area school, you must register by June 15, 2010.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES

Occasionally, schools are temporarily closed on short notice for emergency reasons. A heavy snowfall is the most frequent reason for emergency school closure, but individual schools can also be closed because of a power outage or furnace breakdown.

Parents should be aware that all schools, or individual schools, could be closed due to an emergency at any time. In addition, schools closed in the morning may re-open in the afternoon.

Please listen for school closure announcements on the local radio stations (WAVE 102.3 FM and WOLF 106.9 FM) Also, please check the school district website (sd68.bc.ca) for updates.

LOST AND FOUND

Please check the lost and found for items that belong to your children. These items will be donated to a charity during the Christmas break.

WINTER WEATHER

This is a reminder to all students to dress warmly for our wet and cold weather. Please send your child with appropriate clothing (winter jackets, boots and gloves).



IPODS, CAMERAS, PHONES etc

We ask that students **do not** bring IPODS, phones, cameras and other expensive and distracting items to school. If these items are lost or stolen the school does not replace them.



SALVATION ARMY/LOAVES & FISHES

We will be collecting dry and tinned food for the Salvation Army and the Loaves and Fishes. Collection boxes will be in every classroom.

DROPPING STUDENTS OFF

We've had a great number of parents express concerns about drivers dropping off students. The cars stopping at Richardson Road are a huge safety concern, people are pulling out when young students are behind them and some cars are blocking private driveways. **(Please read the letter from the City of Nanaimo on the next page)** We also have concerns about our own parking lot with people speeding through, double parking and blocking cars in the parking lot. It would be most appreciated if you could drop off and pick up your children at the entrance to our driveway and let them walk to and from the school, when they are old enough to do this, as this will help everyone of our students to be safe. Thank you.

LETTER FROM THE CITY OF NANAIMO



Cinnabar Valley School
1800 Richardson Road
Nanaimo, BC
V9X1C9

Attn: Val Cooke, Principal

Our office has received numerous complaints of vehicles being illegally parked on the streets surrounding your school before school commences and after dismissal in the afternoon.

I have been to the school for 2:40 pm dismissal and witnessed the hazard these parents are creating for your students. Some are parked in Fire Lanes, on sidewalks, and on the travelled portion of the roadway. This forces students to walk onto the street and into the traffic flow to continue on their way home. It also creates an obstruction to vehicle traffic and near misses have been reported to us.

Although not required for enforcement, I am working with our Engineering Dept at this time considering additional signage in an effort to discourage the dangerous parking practices of some of the parents at your school.

Our department will be in the area during the times there is a problem and actively enforcing the Traffic and Highways Bylaw.

I know that you and the PAC are attempting to discourage this practice but unfortunately a small percentage of the parents don't seem to care about student safety.

Please share this letter with the parents of your school and I encourage any of them to call me if they witness vehicles parked that create a hazard. I would be happy to follow up with the owner of that vehicle and issue a ticket.

Thank You

Boyd Hunter
Municipal Enforcement

c.c. Sgt. Blaase NCO i/c Nanaimo RCMP Traffic

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CINNABAR COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

A "DROP IN" PLAY GROUP FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND PARENTS with a TODDLER Focus

Children of all abilities welcome

PLAY, SING SONGS, EXPLORE,.....

WHEN:

Every Tuesday until June 15, 2010

(See School District 68 calendar for closure dates)

TIME:

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

PLACE:

Cinnabar Elementary
1800 Richardson Road.
Nanaimo, BC
250-716-1030

COST:

By donation

Bring a snack and drink if your child will be hungry.

Please no peanut products

For more information please call:

Child Development Centre

753-0251 ext: 259 Angi Garnett

PARENT VOLUNTEERS WELCOME !!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 4	First report card
December 18	Movie be shown – Ice Age 3
December 18	Last day of classes before Winter vacation
January 4	School reopens
	Break
February 22	District Pro-D Day
February 23	Implementation Day
March 4	Spring Concert 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.
March 5	Last day of classes before Spring vacation
March 15	School reopens
April 2	Good Friday
April 5	Easter Monday
April 26	Implementation Day
May 24	Victoria Day
June 28	Last day of classes
June 29	Implementation Day
June 30	Administrative Day

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS & NOTICES

As in the past school year we would like to continue to reduce the amount of paperwork being sent home, we have created 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 below and return to the office. Thank you for the email addresses that have already been received and entered into our database.

Teacher Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent email Address: _____



