

THE CINNABAR CHRONICLE

Cinnabar Elementary School

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Dates to Remember

Kerplunks Performance	Mar. 1
Spring Concert 1:00 and 6:30 p.m.	Mar. 4
Spring Concert Rehearsal 12:30	Mar. 3
Last Day of Classes before Spring Break	Mar. 5
School Re-opens	Mar. 15
Report Cards go Home	Apr. 1
Good Friday	Apr. 2
Easter Monday	Apr. 5
Implementation Day	Apr. 26
Victoria Day	May 24
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 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.



Spring Variety Show

We will be presenting our Spring Variety Show (Spring Concert) on **Thursday, March 4th at 1:00 in the afternoon, and 6:30 to 7:30 in the evening.** All classes will be involved.

We are encouraging as many people who can to attend the afternoon concert to please do so.

This is a great time for younger siblings and grandparents to attend and the best time for photos and video shots.



Help for Haiti Bottle Drive



A big THANK YOU goes out to the school families and the community as a whole, for their generous support of the Grade 4 bottle drive. The class decided to make an \$200 donation to the Canadian Red Cross to help with relief efforts in Haiti. The funds have been sent and received by this hardworking agency. The remainder of the funds helped pay for swimming lessons and will pay for cultural field trips in our First Nations study. Thanks again!

Mr. Johnson and the Grade Fours

Family Fun / Valentines Night & Book Sale

It was Family Fun Night of February 11th, with many activities for children of all ages. We also had the Scholastic Book Fair which was well received and successful.

Thank you to the PAC for putting on this great evening.



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

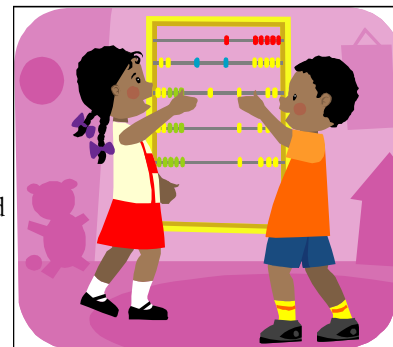
- ◆ Talk with your child calmly about the report. Ask what could be done to improve and praise generously where appropriate.
- ◆ Remember—report cards reflect what has already happened. The past cannot be changed.
- ◆ Focus on the Future—use a poor grade as a platform for change.
- ◆ Put report cards 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.

Math Night

What do you want to know about Math? We are hosting a Math evening for parents on March 25th at 7:00 p.m. If you are wondering...

- ◆ What we are doing?
- ◆ Why we use manipulatives
- ◆ How to support your child's learning in Math
- ◆ What your child needs to know for high school
- ◆ What is the same about Kindergarten and Grade 12 Math

Then bring your Math questions and join Mrs. Dodd, our Kindergarten teacher and our special guests, Mr. DeGear and Mr. Wood as they share their experiences teaching Math from Kindergarten to Grade 12. If you have Math questions related to content or theory you hope we can answer or want to discuss, send your questions ahead of time to sdodd@sd68.bc.ca



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.

Join the Choir!

The Choir has been rehearsing in the Multi-purpose Room every Wednesday from 11:30 to 12:00.

The Choir is open to students from grades 4 to 7.

New singers are always welcome!



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



Elephant Joke of the Month

Q: How can you tell there is an elephant in the bathtub with you?

A: You can smell the peanuts on his breath!

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: _____