



# THE CINNABAR CHRONICLE

Cinnabar Elementary School

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**Dates to Remember**

Implementation Day	Apr. 26
Class, Team and Whole School Photos	May 5
School Track Meet	May 18
Victoria Day	May 24
Grade 6 Immunizations (date change)	May 27
Zone Track Meet	May 31
District Track Meet	Jun. 10
Grade 7 Assembly—9:30 a.m.	Jun. 25
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.

## Parents Night Out

Parents of children between the ages of two and six years old are invited to a free event, just for parents.

**How to Raise a Caring Child**—join internationally renowned educator and award winning author, Michele Borba and learn about effective parenting skills. Michele is recognized for her practical, solution-based strategies to strengthen a child's behaviour, self-esteem, character and social development.

Coast Bastion Inn—Thursday, April 29, 2010, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

RSVP by Monday, April 26—Tina Walsh: [twalsh@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:twalsh@sd68.bc.ca)

For more information: Call 250-740-3516 or email [epennell@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:epennell@sd68.bc.ca)

## Planning on Moving?

Please notify the office if you have moved or are planning to move over the summer. Thank you!

## Milk Orders

There will be no Milk Program for the months of May and June. Thank you to everyone who supported this program.

# Transporting Children's Booster Seats on School Buses

From time to time, parents ask that students be allowed to transport car seats or booster seats on school buses, so that students can use these seats for field trips during the school day. In order to ensure the safety of all students:

- ◆ Some types of booster seats may be transported on school buses, but not all types of booster seats can be transported.
- ◆ Booster seats may not be used by students when riding school buses.
- ◆ Car seats may not be transported on school buses.

## Permitted on Buses

Booster seats without backs may be transported on school buses. As an example the Graco Backless Turbobooster Car seat (shown beside) will be permitted on a school bus. These booster seats must be able to fit under a bus seat or sit safely on the student's lap.



## NOT Permitted on Buses

Booster seats that have a back such as the one shown here, will not be permitted on school buses. This type of booster seat will not fit under a bus seat nor sit safely on a student's lap.

Booster seats with backs will not be permitted on school buses due to the following safety requirements:

- ◆ Bus Drivers are not allowed to vacate their driver's seat unless absolutely necessary, so are not able to store a booster seat in the luggage compartment. As well, not all buses are equipped with sufficient luggage storage to store a booster seat.
- ◆ Motor Vehicle Act Regulation 35.14 states that all items carried in school buses must be stored in proper luggage compartments or safely on the passenger's lap.
- ◆ The ICBC Commercial Driver's Guide states that items carried onto school buses must not block or partially block the aisle. They must be in a luggage compartment or stowed under a seat or on the passenger's lap. Under no circumstances is baggage to obscure the driver's view, obstruct access to emergency equipment, hinder the safe operation of the bus or interfere with the movement of the driver's arms or legs.



## Questions?

If parents or guardians have any questions or require information about booster seats and whether or not they are eligible to be carried on a school bus, they can speak to a bus driver at any bus stop or school.

They can also email the Transportation Supervisor, [dprevost@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:dprevost@sd68.bc.ca), or call 250-741-5246 for further information.

## Dress Code

Now that the warmer weather is here, we would like to remind students and parents of the dress code. Please take the time to go over the following:

School District Policy Number 3590, adopted February 28, 2001, states, "Each school will establish its own student dress code policy and will publish such policy in its School Handbook for parents, students and staff."

The following is the dress code for Cinnabar Valley and feeder High Schools (Cedar, John Barsby, NDSS).

The appearance of any young person is primarily the responsibility of that individual and his or her parents. We expect students to maintain the type of appearance that is not distracting to staff or other students to the detriment of the educational process of the school. Students are to wear attire which:

- ◆ Is safe;
- ◆ Is free of any reference to alcohol, drugs, gangs, hate, obscenity, profanity, racism, discrimination, sex or violence.
- ◆ Is not disturbing or distracting to others within the school setting.

Half tops and / or "beach wear" are not appropriate attire. Straps on t-shirts should be at least three fingers wide and skirt lengths should be mid thigh or longer. When a student's appearance is felt to be detrimental, the parent / guardian will be contacted and asked to bring appropriate clothing for the student. If the problem persists, a parent / administrator conference may be requested.

## 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.

## 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 cooperation with this.



## Elephant Joke of the Month

**Q:** How is an elephant like an apricot?

**A:** They are both grey. Well, except the apricot.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_