



Cinnabar Valley Elementary

Principal: Mrs. Val Cooke

Secretary: Mrs. Barb Suttie

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September, 2009

WELCOME BACK!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new families to our school and in our neighborhood!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

Cinnabar Valley is pleased to welcome the following new staff to our school:

Cindy Patten	Grade 1
Wendy McCuish	Grade 3
Dean Chadwick	Grade 4/5
Justin Green	Grade 6/7
Tom Bradbrooke	Music
Heidi Fargo	Kindergarten
Christy Bratkowski	Child & Youth Care Worker
Candace Curr	Aboriginal EA

We are excited to have them join our school community.

GOODBYE MESSAGE

Mrs. Bourne would like to say goodbye to the staff and students at Cinnabar Valley. After 7 years of teaching at our school she will be re-locating to Seaview Elementary teaching a grade 4 classroom and the music program. We wish her good luck!

CINNABAR VALLEY STAFF LIST 2009-10

Div. 12	Gr. 7	Mr. Pozar
Div. 11	Gr. 6/7	Mr. Green
Div.10	Gr. 5/6	Mr. O'Hara
Div. 9	Gr. 4/5	Mr. Chadwick
Div. 8	Gr. 4	Mr. Johnson
Div. 7	Gr. 3	Mrs. McCuish
Div. 6	Gr. 3	Mrs. Quigg
Div. 5	Gr. 2	Mrs. Morrison
Div. 4	Gr. 1/2	Ms Carruthers
Div. 3	Gr. 1	Mrs. Patten
Div. 2	K-pm	Mrs. Dodd
Div. 1	K-am	Mrs. Dodd
Music Teacher		Mr. Bradbrooke
Librarian		Mrs. Leeson
Education Assistants:		Kim Van Straten
		Deanna Madge
		Judy Holt
Ab. Education Assistant:		Candace Curr
Learning Assistance		Patty Kirk
School Counselor:		Jolaine Waffle
School Psychologist		Kirstin Funke Robinson
Child & Youth Care Worker		Christy Bratkowski
Speech/Language Therapist:		Madeleine Ware
Custodian:		Tony Gardner
Secretary		Barb Suttie
Principal		Val Cooke

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

8:44 Start up

GUTT - Guaranteed Uninterrupted Teaching Time)

Most classrooms' GUTT time is **8:44 to 11:15.**

Please do not interrupt us at that time. If you have a message to deliver or materials to drop off, please visit the office and ask someone there to follow through for you. If you have a question for the teachers, no matter how brief, please try to catch them before or after their GUTT time or leave a message for them to contact you later in the day. If possible, please arrange appointments for doctors or dentists, etc. for the afternoon and your efforts to ensure that your child is here promptly at the beginning of the day are appreciated. This will allow us to spend the most concentrated amount of quality teaching/learning time with your child. Thank you for your assistance in this regard.

11:15 Long recess

12:00 In session

1:15 Short recess

1:30 In session

2:40 Dismissal, Monday through Thursday

1:30 Dismissal Friday

TERASEN GAS SCHEDULED SYSTEM UPGRADE

Due to a scheduled upgrade, Terasen Gas will be releasing a volume of natural gas on or about September 23, 2009 in the areas south of Cassidy and south of Nanaimo.

For a while you may hear or smell natural gas. During this time you may hear sounds – similar to a jet engine – or smell natural gas related to the work. Any noise should diminish within an hour.

This work is part of a system upgrade to ensure that Terasen continues to deliver natural gas reliably.

If you have any questions, please contact Terasen at (250) 888-0477.

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 I have already entered into our database from last school year.

Teacher Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent email Address: _____

OPEN HOUSE



Our Open House will take place on Wednesday, September 24th, from 6:30-7:30 pm. Your children will be your tour guides and show you the school and their classrooms

Teachers will be happy to discuss classroom routines and expectation but it is not a time to discuss individual student progress. These discussions will take place at the Parent/Student/Teacher conferences scheduled in October. Please sign up for your conference at the open house. Sign up sheets will be in the front foyer. **(Please note: Parent/Teacher conferences will be held over 2 weeks this year - Oct. 19 & 20 and Oct. 28 & 29)**

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 22	Grade 6 Hep-B immunizations
September 24	Open house 6:30-7:30 pm
September 25	Terry Fox Run 10:30 am
September 28	Non-instructional day
October 12	Thanksgiving Day
October 19 & 20	Parent/Teacher conferences
October 23	Non-instructional day
October 27	Photo Day
October 28 & 29	Parent/Teacher conferences
November 6	District Cross Country
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30 am
November 11	Remembrance Day-School Closed
December 6	First report card
December 10	Christmas Concert 6:30 – 7:30 pm
December 18	Last day of classes before winter vacation

TERRY FOX WALK/RUN

The Terry Fox Walk/Run will take place on September 25th. Our route will follow the sidewalk across the street from the school. If you would like to join us we will be meeting on the lower field at 10:30.

EARLY DETECTION

– *for your child's safety:*

The purpose of the Early Detection system is to detect as soon as possible the whereabouts of each student not in class. For the system to operate successfully, parents are requested to:

Phone the school at 250-716-1030 in the morning between 8:15 and 8:45 if your child is late or absent from school for any reason.

Send a note with another child in the family or give advance notification, preferable written, of dental/medical, or any changes from the usual routine like staying/going home for lunch, early music lessons, etc.

Most parents already inform the school and this is much appreciated!

If the school has not been notified of a child's absence by 9:00 am, the school will try to contact a parent at home.

A note of caution: The Early Detection System is just that – detection of a child's whereabouts if absent from school without reason. It does not replace the safety precautions students must exercise to prevent harm. Students must:

- ✓ Walk/bike to and from school with friends
- ✓ Be wary of strangers

- ✓ Report suspicious events and people to parents or teachers
- ✓ Follow a safe route to and from school established by their parents
- ✓ Inform parents of participation in any other school activities, including detentions of more than 15 minutes

STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS

Your child will be bringing home a Student Information Form. The information collected on this form is updated each year and it is imperative for your child's comfort and safety that it be completed and returned promptly. *If the information provided on this form (i.e.: telephone numbers, names of emergency contacts, etc.) changes throughout the school year, please inform us as soon as you can.*

The medical information portion of the Student Information Form is reserved for serious medical conditions that may require emergency care during School hours. Our Public Health Nurse will follow up with parents personally on potentially life threatening medical conditions.

PEANUT/NUT SAFE SCHOOL

We have a number of students who have life threatening allergies to peanuts and nuts. Please help keep our school peanut/nut safe. Thank you.

TOBACCO LEGISLATION

The use of tobacco products in school buildings and on school property is now against the law! The BC Legislature approved legislation making it illegal to smoke or use tobacco products at school. This ban applies to everyone – students, staff, parents and the public.



SCHOOL SPEED ZONE:

Please watch for signs posting the school speed zone of 30 km/hr. The hours for this speed zone are from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, including Pro-D Days. Also, we would ask that for before and after school drop-off/pick up, you do not block the road/bus lane in the parking lot.

DRESS CODE

School District #68 Policy No. 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/staff."

The following is the dress code for Cinnabar Valley:

The appearance of any young person is primarily the responsibility of that individual and his/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 and/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.

HOMEWORK REQUESTS

If you need to pick up homework for your child, please allow teachers the opportunity to have time to meet homework requests. Please contact the school ahead of time, so that you can make arrangements with teachers to pick up homework for your child.

ELECTRONIC ITEMS

Students are not allowed to bring iPods, or other music devices, cell phones to school. Thank you.

GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATION

The school health nurses are beginning another grade 6 immunization program for Hepatitis B, Meningococcal C and the Human Papilloma Virus vaccine (HPV) which will be administered to girls only and involves three doses (two given before Christmas and one in the Spring). The nurses will be here on Tues., Sept. 22nd. Consent forms have already been sent home with grade 6 students.

BOOSTER SEATS

Who needs a booster seat? Booster seats are for children:

- Who are at least 18 kg (40 lb.);
- Until they are 9 years of age unless they have reached the height of 145 cm (4'9") tall.

Even if your family doesn't drive, your child under nine years old or 4'9" now requires a booster seat to travel in any passenger vehicle. That means getting to soccer practice, to a friend's house after school and on field trips.

Safe placement of a low back booster seat requires:

- A lap and shoulder belt (not just a lap belt)
- A headrest

Children under 12 years of age should ride in rear seats.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to help in the library on Tuesdays in the morning 9:00 – 11:15 or afternoon 12:30 – 2:30 please contact Val Cooke at 250-716-1030. Thank you

CALLING ALL SPARKS, BROWNIES, GIRL GUIDES AND PATHFINDERS...

This year, registration for Chase River/Cinnabar is held on:

- Wednesday, September 16th & Thursday September 17th, 6pm - 8pm, at the Moose Hall

Any questions please contact Karen McCarthy at 250-753-0011, Email skmac@shaw.ca. We look forward to having a whole lot of fun and adventure this year.

1ST CEDAR SCOUTING REGISTRATION

Come and find out about the exciting possibilities that await your child in the world of Scouting.

1st Cedar Venturers, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers are welcoming boys and girls to join our group for fun, friendship and new challenges.

Registration is at the North Cedar Fire Hall

Wednesday, September 16th 6:30 – 8:00 pm

For more information or late registrations call:

Ryan Rangno 250-722-0045 or 250-616-0996

Torry Clark 250-722-2642

FRIDAY NITE BASKETBALL

Registration takes place at Woodgrove Mall (by Toys R Us entrance) on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9:30 – 5:30. The Fall 2009 League runs from September 18 – November 27 on

Friday nights. It is for boys and girls in Grades 1-10. The registration fee is \$110. Brochures are in the foyer of the school for further details.

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:

Tuesdays Sept. 22, 2009 to June 15, 2010

(See School District 68 calendar for closure dates)

TIME:

10:00 – 11:30 am

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 !!!