

# Eye of the Cyclone

## Cilaire Elementary School

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I can't believe that it is spring break! February has been a very busy month. As well as being glued to our TV sets watching the Olympics, students have had their heads down and focused on their work for much of the time, it has been a great month to really focus in on the curriculum and make strides in their growth and development. We have also had some fun with Red and White Day for Valentine's Day and to Support our Olympic athletes, a dance for Gr.'s 5 – 7, school runs, basketball season starting, and of course, our WRAP Fair and Jump Rope for Heart Skip-a-thon. Be sure to check out the rest of the newsletter for more detailed reports on what has happened at Cilaire.

On April 1<sup>st</sup> (No this is not an April Fool's joke ☺), your son/daughter will be bringing home their second report card. As mentioned earlier in the year, this is a great opportunity to chat with your child about what they are learning at school and asking questions about how they view their progress. Be sure to take the time to go through the report card with them, with an emphasis on looking closely at the comments, and talk about strategies for working towards some of the goals that are outlined for them in the third term. If you have any questions or concerns, be sure to contact the classroom teacher to discuss them as a team approach is the most effective approach to a child's education.

**Remember - Next weekend (Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>) turn your clocks ahead one hour as we are heading into daylight savings time.**



Enjoy the holiday and remember that the first day back is a Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>!

Thanks for your continued support.

Mr. Ireland

### PRINCIPAL'S ENCOURAGEMENT



Principal's Encouragement is a time when students are more formally recognized for an accomplishment or service they have made in the school. Students are sent to the office to meet

with the principal to be acknowledged for work they have done. Be sure to check out the bulletin board between Mr. Hird's and Miss Scott's room which will display the students that are recognized each week. The students recognized this month are:

Ryeden Caswell, Ryan Harrison

### SCHOOL WIDE RUNS AND CILAIRE KILOMETER CLUB

Congratulations to the following students for their Kilometer Club milestones!

**25 km** - Owen Kelly, Zahra Saeed, Savanna Bice, Pooja Nagi, Andy Cabral, Amanda Cody, Skyler Dick, Braydon Flack, Sophie McAuliffe, Summer Cody, Emily, Coutu, Genevieve Van Der Voort, Hana Villeneuve

**50 km** – Dayton Dodds, Ethan Dodds, Alexis Charles, Coral Gammie, Jacob Williams, Sam Browne, Josh Carless-Jones, Kate Mason-Betts, Jetahnoh Peachey-Blackburn, Maya Long, Devon Kruger, Ben Villares, Ethan Blott, Gabriel Enns, Niall Jensen, Vhari Prins, Blake Wessell, Darrian Gaetz, David Briones, Dylan Strutt, Heeyeon Kim, Jasmine Schulz, Jesyka Arsenaault, Kalib Furlong, Kaz Kukiela, Michael Briones, Mitchell Nelson, Quinn Dusenbury, David Svenstrup, Shalayna Harrison, Spencer Strutt, Trevor Ward, Jordan Labas

**75 km** – Jack Park, Sam Laidlaw, Devon Kruger, Jessica King, Erin Jensen

**100 km** – Seth Loewen, Sam Laidlaw, Mackenzie Kerr, Jessica King, Jack Park, Savanna Jecklin

**225 km** – Leora Middleton

**250 km** – Leora Middleton

### STUDENTS LEAVING THE SCHOOLGROUNDS

Recently we have had reports that some of our students (who have already been dropped off at school by their parents) are leaving the school grounds to visit Tim Horton's, Quizno's, etc over at the mall. This is a reminder that students are not allowed to leave school grounds unless they have a note. Legally the school is responsible for your (child(ren)) once they arrive at school.

## SPORTS REPORT

### Basketball



The basketball season is now well underway with all of our teams competing in the NETPEA leagues. Thank you to Mr. Silverton, Mr. Hird, and Mr. Ireland, for offering to coach our teams as well as Mr. Drexhage and Mr. Hird who have offered their expertise to referee our home games.

### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Cilaire School completed its annual Jump Rope for Heart Skip-a-thon which was held on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The entire school participated in our annual Skip-a-thon. At the time of this newsletter, we had raised \$4220.00 for the Heart and Stroke foundation which I believe is a new record for Cilaire. Top class was division 3 who raised \$975.11. Well done everyone!



### WRAP FAIR



Our Writing, Reading and Presenting (WRAP) Fair was held on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Every intermediate and primary student had something on display, whether they worked on their project individually, in pairs, or as a class. By all indications, it was a terrific success. During the evening session, the gym was packed with students and their parents, grandparents, caregivers, and friends.

### STUDENT REGISTRATION – 2010-11

Kindergarten and Out Of Boundary Registration for September 2010 has begun. All children born in 2005 may register at the office. Children out-of-catchment may register also, filling in an "Out of Catchment Application". **Out of catchment applications must be completed by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 to be seriously considered for enrollment at Cilaire.** Your child's original birth certificate plus proof of address must be presented at the time of registration. If you know of

children of kindergarten age in the neighbourhood, we'd be pleased if you passed the word.

***Our registration for kindergarten of in-catchment children for next year has been slow so far. If you have a child or know of one who will be entering kindergarten at Cilaire next year, please come in and register them. You have until June 15<sup>th</sup> to be guaranteed a spot for next year.***

### Out of Catchment Attendance

Pupils currently approved for out-of-catchment attendance need not apply for subsequent years. They will be permitted to remain at their current school unless otherwise advised.

Grade seven students who wish to transfer to a secondary school other than their designated school (Woodlands) are required to complete a "Request for Out-of-Boundary Attendance" form. These forms are available from a secondary school office.

### LOST AND FOUND



**Last call!** Our Lost and Found box is overflowing. If your child is missing an item or two, please drop by the school after spring break to collect it. The items will be placed on the floor on the main floor so as to be more easily viewed. Anything left over at the end of this time period, will be donated to a worthy cause.

### PARENT, CHILD MOTHER GOOSE – Early Learning for 2 to 4 Year Olds

These sessions focus on the pleasures and powers of rhymes, songs, and stories. Cilaire will be hosting a series of these sessions starting at the end of March and running through to the beginning of June. Register early as there is a limit of 20 participants.

### Cilaire Elementary

Wednesdays 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

March 31 until June 2

Call 250 713-1745

### SCHOOL EDUCATION PLAN REPORT

#### Questions To Ask Your Child About Reading

(Ideas taken from Reading and Responding by Jeroski, Brownlie and Kaser)



Did you know that children who talk about reading and books at home become better readers? Encouraging your child to discuss his or her reading experiences can also help you to keep track of your child's progress.

Here are some questions you might find helpful in talking to your children about reading. (Of course, you'll want to

ask just one or two questions at a time!) You might want to invite your child to ask you questions about your own reading, too.

- Do you like to read? What do you like about it? What don't you like about it?
- Is reading usually easy or hard for you? What parts are easy? What parts are hard?
- What kind of books do you like to read? Which ones are your very favourites? Why? Tell me about one of them.
- If you could be a character in this book, who would you be? Why?
- What's the (saddest, scariest, funniest, most exciting, most interesting) part of what you've read? Why? Can you tell me about that part?
- What is the problem in this story? How was the problem solved?
- What do you think the big important message in this story is? What evidence makes you think this?
- What books and stories have you read in school lately? Tell me about them.
- What do you do when you're reading and you come to a word you don't understand?
- What do you do when you come to a section that doesn't seem to make sense?
- What questions are you asking yourself while you are reading?
- What's the most challenging book or story you've read? What did you do that helped you to read it?
- Do you like to write stories for others to read? If so, what do you like to write about?

## **CILAIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NUTRITION POLICY**

One of our school goals is to promote healthy living so I have included (following) our school nutrition policy as a focus for this goal:

Cilaire Elementary School will continue to promote a positive and informed attitude toward healthy eating and active living through nutrition education and physical education. We will ensure that all decisions involving food and drink at Cilaire Elementary will be carried out in the best interests of our school communities' needs. Our continuing education will incorporate Canada's Food Guide for Healthy Eating and will focus on nutritional foods during classroom and school functions.

### ***Cilaire Elementary School Food Guidelines***

a) All food and beverage items being sold to students (i.e. hot lunch, recess sales, concessions, etc.) will be selected from the Choose Most and Choose Sometimes categories of the Nutrition Guidelines for Sales of Food and Beverages in B.C. Schools.

b) School community members (students, staff, and parents) are encouraged to refer to *Eating Well with*

*Canada's Food Guide* when making snacks and lunches for school.

c) Parents are asked to not send 'special treats' to school on their son/daughter's birthday.

d) It is recognized that there are 'special celebrations' occasionally throughout the school year (i.e. Valentine's Day, Christmas, etc.). Staff will work to create a balanced approach to these celebrations while recognizing that 'treats on occasion' are part of a balanced approach to a healthy lifestyle.

e) Staff will not use food as a reward.

## **SATISFACTION SURVEY AVAILABLE NOW FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 4 AND 7**

What is the Satisfaction Survey? The Satisfaction Survey is intended to provide a source of information to identify and celebrate current strengths, as well as to determine where schools may need to focus improvement. The survey has been kept brief and is understood as a starting point for more detailed examination and dialogue within schools.

The ministry administers the *Satisfaction Survey* annually from **early February to March 31st**. Ministry, districts and schools value participation in the satisfaction survey.

Parents, students in Grades 4, 7, 10, and 12 and all public school staff (teachers, principals, vice-principals, support staff, teacher assistants and non-enrolling professionals such as First Nations support workers and school psychologists) participate in the survey.

The survey is provided in [electronic](#) format **ONLY** for all participants. Last year, parents and staff had the option of completing a paper survey. Parents of grade 4 and 7 students should have received a letter from the school explaining the process and included an access code for you to use. The web site is: [http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm) or use the link above if you are reading this newsletter on e-mail ☺

If you don't have access to a computer, please call or come in to the school and we can give you access to a school computer to complete the survey.

**The surveys for Cilaire parents of students in grade 4 and 7 were sent home near the beginning of February. If you didn't receive yours, please contact the school office for the instructions and an access code.**

We appreciate the time it takes to give us this feedback. Your SPC and staff do make use of this information!

## **PAC NEWS**

### **Bottle Fundraiser**



There will be a Bottle Fundraiser in the Cilaire parking lot on March 17<sup>th</sup>! Drop off the children and drop off any refundable bottles/cans at the same time! This is an easy fundraising opportunity. To date, this fundraiser has raised \$709.25. Watch for this fundraiser every second Wednesday of the month from your Cilaire PAC.

### **Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser**

The PAC is extending this fundraiser for Easter. To order as a member of Cilaire Elementary School, please go to <http://www.purdysgpp.com> and click on 'Sign up as a group member' and use group number: 20779. Fill in your contact number, create your own personal password, browse the fabulous chocolate selection and place your order. It's that simple, and the PAC receives 25% of the total amount sold.

### **PAC Meeting**

The next PAC meeting is Wednesday April 14, 2010, 3 pm in the Library. Childcare is available. Please plan to attend and bring any ideas you might have.

### **PAC Sponsored Magazine Sales**

While the PAC sponsored magazine sales are officially over, you can still renew/order through the year. You can renew/order on-line at [www.ccrp.ca](http://www.ccrp.ca). Please use the campaign order code **BC650**

### **Fairway Market**

Just a reminder from the PAC that the school collects Fairway Market receipts. These can be turned in at the office – there is a box allocated as Fairway Market in the 'wall' of boxes. These receipts are all added up periodically and taken to Fairway Market who then in turn gives us a cash donation based on a percentage of the total amount. Last year the total donation was \$3000.00. **Donations this year are down from past years so you are encouraged to bring these receipts in.** Many thanks to those who continue to bring in their receipts.

As well, one of our parents has noted that Fairways sells nitrate-free deli meat and at a very decent price. She is guessing that lots of kids have lunch meat in sandwiches (her kids love ham) and the regular stuff is not very healthy.

### **XPLORESPORTZ SPRING BREAK CAMP 2010**

What: Multi-Sport Day Camp for kids aged 8 – 13 years

When: March 8 – 12, 2010 9:00am – 4:00pm

Where: Fairview Community School, Georgia Ave. Community School, Nanaimo Aquatic Centre & the Nanaimo Curling Club.

Why: To have great fun with new friends learning the FUNDamentals of up to 20 different and exciting sports under the direction of qualified community coaches.

What Sports: Lacrosse, Curling, Swimming, Synchronized Swimming, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Wrestling and many more!!

How much: \$130.00/participant (camp fee Includes a camp T-shirt, daily morning and afternoon snacks & 3 lunches courtesy of Thrifty Foods and Subway)

How to register: Online at [www.cscpacific.ca/content/events](http://www.cscpacific.ca/content/events) or contact Catharine Edwards, Program Coordinator PacificSport 250-740-6572 or [cedwards@pacificsport.com](mailto:cedwards@pacificsport.com)

### **STEVE NASH YOUTH BASKETBALL**

Steve Nash Youth Basketball is a grassroots basketball program developed by Basketball BC. Students will have one practice and one game each week. Each player will receive a reversible basketball jersey and membership to basketball BC. Practices are scheduled for Thursdays and games will be played on Sunday afternoons at Oliver Woods.

Dates: April 8 - June 16 / 2010

Boys and Girls - Ages 8 - 12 years

Day & Time: Thursdays (1 hour practices between 4-8pm) / Sundays (1 hour games between 1-5pm)

10 weeks / 20 Sessions

Location: Rutherford Elementary; Randerson Elementary; Oliver Woods Rec Center

Fees: \$90.00 new players / \$80.00 returning players (L.E.A.P qualifies)

Please provide your email address at the time of registration.

To Register: Call 756-5200 / Internet at [www.nanaimo.ca/ireg](http://www.nanaimo.ca/ireg) / in person at Beban Park, Bowen Complex, Oliver Woods Community Centre, Nanaimo Ice Centre or Nanaimo Aquatic Centre

CALLING COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS: If you are interested in coaching or volunteering with the Steve Nash Youth Basketball program please call 755-7526 or email [damon.johnston@nanaimo.ca](mailto:damon.johnston@nanaimo.ca).

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

March 6 - 14	Spring Break
March 14	Day Light Saving Time starts.
March 16	Swimming – Divisions 8 and 9
March 18	Swimming – Division 7
March 23	Swimming – Divisions 8 and 9
March 25	Band form Vancouver concert (1:30)
March 30	Swimming – Divisions 8 and 9
March 31	Parent, Child, Mother Goose
April 1	Second Report Cards go home
	Swimming – Division 7
April 2	Good Friday
April 5	Easter Monday
April 6	Swimming – Divisions 8 and 9
April 8	Swimming – Division 7
April 13	Swimming – Divisions 8 and 9
April 15	Swimming – Division 7

### **NEWSLETTER CONTEST**

Winners for the February 6<sup>th</sup> newsletter draw were: Christos Vassilopoulos (Div. 9) Jordan Jenkins & Chloe Hunt



### **NEWSLETTER RESPONSE SLIP**

The newspaper response slip will be used to draw 3 names for prizes each month. Once you have read the newsletter, return the slip below with your son/daughter to put it in the draw box, three names will be drawn at the month end assembly. ***If you receive the newsletter via email, either print this page off and return it with your child or copy and paste it into an email and return it to [cila@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:cila@sd68.bc.ca).*** If you have any questions or comments regarding the information in this newsletter, you may also include them below. Thank you



Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, I would like to receive the Cilaire newsletter, etc via email. My email address is:**

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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