



# SEAVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message

If September is any indication, this is going to be a great school year. It has been a pleasure watching our new and returning students get involved in a variety of learning activities within the school.

I am particularly proud of our school communities' involvement in the Great Shoreline Cleanup and the Terry Fox Run. As Canadians we are very fortunate with much that we have in terms of our environment and our quality of life. Our ability to help make a difference for the greater good is something we celebrate at Seaview. Thanks to all the students, staff and parents who helped make a difference through their enthusiastic participation and support of these two activities.

Please see special notes about these two events and other important items in the sections below. Of significant note, we have our Sorting Hat Assembly on October 17; this is where new students will be assigned their house teams.

Sincerely,  
*Patrick Young*

## Seaview "Storm Alerts"

Congratulations to the following students who received a Seaview Storm Alert in recognition of their respect for self, others and/or the environment, and had their name drawn during one of this month's Monday Assemblies. These students also earned a point for their house teams.



Intermediate Students: Aaron P of Firestorm, Clayton P, Emma G, Araya H & Erika S of Avalanche.

Primary Students: Maddisyn B, Walty P, Ryan D of Tsunami and Olivia K of Avalanche. Miles J of Firestorm

## New Seaview Staff

Since our last newsletter we have added to new staff members. Mrs. Lesley Wright is the teacher for our grade 2/3 classroom. Ms. Andrea Jamieson has joined us as a new Educational Assistant helping out many of our students.

Thanks to Mrs. Melanie Norcutt who helped ease our grade 2/3 students into the school year while we waited to hear who the regular classroom teacher would be.

## Email Addresses for Mail Outs

To continue with our efforts of timely communication, we once again want to gather parent's email addresses primarily for school newsletters and notices.

Please email our secretary Mrs. Angela Forster, [aforster@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:aforster@sd68.bc.ca), with a brief message of "For school mail outs" and she will keep a record of your email for future use. Please include your name and your child's name in the email. Thanks for your timely support in this matter.

## Shoreline Cleanup



Our Great Shoreline Cleanup took place on September 23<sup>rd</sup> as students, staff and parents took to our local beaches to help keep our local environment clean. We were very pleased to find our beaches in quite nice shape. It is a very positive sign that our local community is quite active in keeping our beach ecosystem in good health.

In celebration of this important event, we had a special Storm Alert draw with five students being the lucky recipients of a t-shirt commemorating this activity. The following students had their names drawn: Maddisyn B and Ceanna S from Avalanche, Matt L and Delaney O of Solar Storm, Levi G of Fire Storm & Aidan T of Tsunami.

A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Karen Pierce who helped organize the event, and to all the parent volunteers who helped to make it possible.

### Comfort Kits

We are hoping to load up our earthquake kiosk with the comfort kits from home as soon as possible. We still need them from about 40% of our students.

The recent Earthquake is a reminder of the need to be proactive in this area. Please remember to send those into school as soon as possible! We would like to see everyone's in by Friday, October 21 at the latest.

### Terry Fox Run



From September 26th to September 30th, we celebrated Terry Fox and his mission to help fight cancer. Throughout the week our school community held our coin drive as students deposited coins into our "Terry Fox Jug of Hope" (pictured above in front of the students) as it was brought to each classroom.

We finished off the fantastic week of fundraising with our Terry Fox run through the back roads of Lantzville.

Terry Fox would be very pleased as our school raised \$1052.55 to help in the battle against cancer! Awesome work, Seaview!

### Seaview Sports

Our school athletics have gotten off to a quick start. Our Bantam Boys' football team is being coached by Mr. Biggs while our Pee Wee boys team is being coached by Mr.

Young. We have combined our Bantam and Pee Wee girls to make a Bantam Girls soccer team that is being coached by Mr. Thomas. Thanks to Mrs. Cheryl Morch, one of our parents, for organizing and coaching our grade 3-7 cross-country team.

Parents can get game dates and times on our school's website calendar.

### Grade 5 & 6 Active Pass

Nanaimo Parks Recreation and Culture is pleased to announce the return of the Grade 5 Active Pass. New this year, Parks and Recreation is also offering the Grade 6 Stay Active Pass.

These two programs are focused on helping students stay active. The grade 5 (born in 2001) Active Pass gives students 11 months of FREE swims, skates or drop-in gym admissions. The grade 6 (born in 2000) Stay Active Pass gives students 12 FREE swim, skate or drop-in gym admissions.

Application forms have been sent home with all students in grades 5 & six or can be picked up at any Parks, Recreation and Culture facility. They are valid from October 1, 2011, until August 31, 2012.

### Parking Lot Safety Concerns

Parking lot safety is an ongoing priority at the school. Parents are asked to park in the gravel lot adjacent the lower field. Please do not drive up the hill to the school as this blocks our school busses and jeopardizes student safety for the sake of convenience.

### Dogs and Pets Policy

With some students and staff who have a real fear of dogs, it is our preference that dogs be kept off the schools grounds as much as possible. We have also had a few recent issues with "dog droppings" on our school site.

We continue to work on enforceable guidelines that work toward the greatest good! As a staff we agreed that we welcome animals into classrooms for show-n-tell etc. as long as advanced notice/permission is given and that the visit is kept short. In the event a dog is brought to school and needs to be tied up, we ask that they be kept along the perimeter of the school grounds, away from likely walkways used by students.

Thanks in advance for your thoughtful help in this regard.

### Inclement Weather

During October we will notice the shorter days, cooler fall temperatures, and most likely an increase in rain. Remember to send your child(ren) to school with appropriate warm clothes and outer wear as they will be going outside most days during playtime. Spending their breaks outside provides students with the opportunity for movement and fresh air.

### Fruit and Vegetable Program

This week, students were provided with two servings of grape tomatoes. The fruits and vegetables in this program are washed and ready to eat. All students and staff are reminded of the importance of regular hand washing. Tomatoes are loaded with phytochemicals which work to protect against cancer, clogged arteries and skin ailments. The lycopene in tomatoes is one of the most powerful anti-oxidants and helps in the fight against cancerous cell formation.

### Health News

Flu season is upon us so please follow the guidelines of being scrupulous about hand washing and sneezing or coughing into handkerchiefs or the crook of your arm. If you feel sick, please stay home until you are better. Sick kids need to be at home and we will be asking parents to pick up students who feel ill.



### Hul'q'umi'num

Seaview School has been very fortunate to have Mr. Gerry Brown teach our students Hul'q'umi'num. Hul'q'umi'num is a language of the First Nations peoples of southeastern Vancouver Island from Saanich to past Nanoose Bay. This language is near extinction today. In 2000, it was estimated that the number of fluent Hul'q'umi'num speakers was less than one dozen. Mr. Brown engages the students with drumming and singing while sharing his knowledge of Hul'q'umi'num.

### Art Start Performance

Lowry Olafson will be spending the day in our school on October 14. He will work with a group of 35 students from grades 3 through 7 guiding them in the creation, recording and performing of a song. This song will become our property and will be posted on his website. In the afternoon, Lowry and the group of students he has worked with will perform the song and teach it to the whole school. Parents are welcome to join us for this performance.

Thanks to the generosity of our SeaPAC, for providing the funds for this great opportunity.

### Early Dismissal For Students

As in the years past, students will be dismissed one hour early from October 17 to October 20. Teachers will be using this time to contact and/or meet with parents/guardians regarding the progress of students.

Due to the BCTF job action, the school office will not be involved in setting up appointments for parents. However, teachers will have ongoing connections with parents/guardians to make their own arrangements.

Parents/guardians are also welcome to contact teachers directly to receive updates on their child(ren)'s progress.

School busses will be running one hour earlier than usual.

### Contacting the School

Please be aware that the end of the day is very busy. We have been receiving several calls in the last 10 minutes of the day asking the office to contact students.

Since students may be in locations other than their classroom including the outdoors, it is not always possible to ensure they get messages. An additional challenge is Mrs. Forster needs to remain in the office in the event of an emergency. It is preferred that arrangements are made prior to the school day.

Additionally, we kindly request that parents/guardians contact the school when your child will be absent or late for school. The answering machine is always on. Thanks for your assistance in this matter

## 4 Cats Arts Studio



4 Cats Arts, #1-7221 Lantzville Road, is a local art studio that offers programs for various age groups. They have several workshop opportunities coming up in October. Please check out their website for a list of workshops: [www.4cats.com/nanaimo](http://www.4cats.com/nanaimo)

You can register for workshops by phone (250-933-2424) or online.

## Canadian Parents for French

- FIDDLE FÊTE - ( NDSS gym )
- Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- Admission is FREE to CPF members (\$25 membership, sign-up on site) or \$5.00 per person; \$15 / family.
- Everyone is welcome!!

## Cheques To Seaview

When paying for various items, events, etc. at Seaview, please make cheques payable to School District #68.

## Photo Orders & Retakes

Your child's photos have been sent home today. The green screen photo technique allows you to view your child's photo over 80 different backgrounds online. In order to take advantage of all the possibilities, you need to place your order on line. If you are unable to order online, your order forms are due in the office Wednesday, October 12.

No late orders can be accepted in the office.

Yes, I would like to receive notices and newsletters by email.

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Email address

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Student's Name  
Please print neatly.

## Important Dates

Please check our website for a calendar of events as some events are subject to change depending on the teachers' job action.

All sporting team games are on the calendar.

To see more detail on any event on the calendar, click on the event and it will tell you if it's a home or away game, performance details, or fieldtrip information.

Thanksgiving	Oct.10
Pro-D	Oct.11
Photo Orders Due!	Oct.12
Art Start (Lowry Olafson)	Oct.14
Sorting Hat Assembly	Oct.17
Early Dismissal Days	Oct. 17-20
Zone Cross Country	Oct.19
Pro-D	Oct.21
Drop Everything and Read	Oct.24
Hot Dog Day	Oct.27
PAC Family Halloween Dance	Oct.28
Photo Retakes 9am-9:30	Nov.3
District Cross Country	Nov.3
Remembrance Day Assembly	Nov.10
Remembrance Day Holiday	Nov.11
Christmas Concert (Tentative)	Dec.7
Hot Lunch Urban Beet	Dec.9
Last Day before Christmas Break	Dec.16

**PRO-D DAY ACTIVITIES**  
in **Nanaimo Arenas!**

**Pizza Movie Skate**  
6 to 12 Years  
After burning off some energy at a skate session, the group will relax while watching a movie and enjoy some pizza. Pick up and drop off at the Cliff McNabb Conference Room. Skate rentals and helmets are free for this program, and helmets are mandatory.  
Tue, Oct 11, 11:30 am-3:30 pm 105794  
Fri, Oct 21, 11:30 am-3:30 pm 109515  
Mon, Feb 20, 11:30 am-3:30 pm 105796  
Tue, Feb 21, 11:30 am-3:30 pm 105798  
\$27/1  
Cliff McNabb Arena

**Pro-D Day Hockey Daycamp**  
6 to 12 Years  
A variety of activities, including 2 ice times for hockey skill practice and scrimmages. Off-ice activities will vary depending on the weather. This is not an official "hockey school" but rather a non-competitive co-ed hockey program with emphasis on engaged participation. Previous hockey experience is recommended. Full gear required.  
Tue, Oct 11, 8:30 am-5 pm 105032  
Fri, Oct 21, 8:30 am-5 pm 105041  
Mon, Feb 20, 8:30 am-5 pm 105033  
Tue, Feb 21, 8:30 am-5 pm 105049  
\$38/1  
Cliff McNabb Arena

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