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Principal's Message

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all of our families. I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable winter break.

I would like to thank all the parents, staff and students who helped make the month of December so enjoyable. Thanks to the PAC and parents for organizing the Read-In and the Christmas Craft night; the students loved sipping on the hot chocolate during our all-school read and unleashing their creative abilities while making some fantabulous crafts. Thanks to staff and students for a very enjoyable Christmas Extravaganza concert; as the MCs stated, your voices "sounded like the singing of angels".

With the onset of the New Year I have challenged the students with a New Year's Resolution: to help make Seaview an even better place to be by working hard to reduce and ideally eliminate (a) rough play and (b) name calling / hurtful words. Although I am constantly proud of our Seaview students, these are two areas that still require our attention.

I hope everyone has a fantastic January!

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: Alex O of Solar Storm; Mikaela R(x2) and Erin B-D of Avalanche, Cassy K of Fire Storm, Jared W of Tsunami.

Primary Students: Abby O(x2) & Chris K of Solar Storm, Abigail C of Avalanche, & Olivia L of Tsunami, Gracie A of of Fire Storm.

House Points Update



As of the writing of this newsletter, the House Team Point Standings are: Avalanche (43), Solar Storm (38), Fire Storm (32), and Tsunami (31).

Keep up the great House spirit!

Visitor Badges

School District policy states that all adult visitors to schools must wear visitor's badges in an effort to maximize student safety. Parents are kindly reminded that badges and a sign in clipboard are located on a hanger just outside the office door. Please sign in, inform Mrs. Forster and wear your visitor's badge when you visit the school. Our sign in board is also part of our evacuation protocol and if you are signed in as a visitor to the building, in the event of an evacuation, we will make every attempt to account for you. If you happen to be in the building during an earthquake or fire drill you are kindly expected to follow the advice of any staff member and to participate.

Power Up

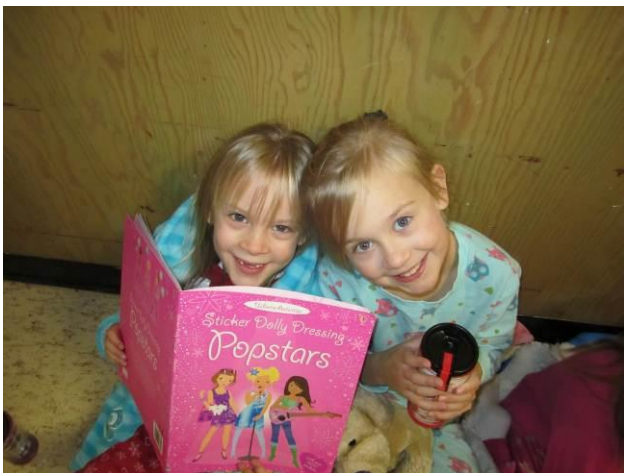
Kerri Isham will be visiting our grade 5, 6, and 7 classes in the next few weeks to present her Power Up program which covers some of the more sensitive parts of the Health and Careers curriculum. We are very pleased to have her returning; our last year's students and staff spoke very highly of her sessions.

Christmas Concert (Extravaganza)



It was great to see a packed gymnasium for this year's Christmas Extravaganza. Our students performed many tasks that helped showcase the Christmas spirit. Thanks to all the MCs, singers, actors, stage crew, sound crew and other helpers. Thanks to all the teachers and staff for being so flexible and helping to decorate the gym. A big Thank You to Ms. Raducu our Music teacher.

Read-In



Our Read-in was a great success thanks to the dedicated work of our Seaview PAC and parents. Although it will undoubtedly be overlooked by Hollywood, we believe our "Read-In Video" of the event is deserving of an Academy Award.

Christmas Door Prize

Congratulations to Division's 8 (Mrs. Miller) and 2 (Mr. Weighill) who won our school's Christmas Door Decoration challenge. Both classes received a pizza lunch for their efforts. Their doors, along with those of several other classes, were quite impressive.



Library News - Dragon Scales

Mrs. McKee would like to congratulate this month's winners of the Book Dragon lotto. The primary winners are Peter M from Div. 8,

Brynn Walker from Div 7 and the intermediate winners are Sophia Sampson from Div. 3 and Katie Lundman from Div 2. These students won a Chapters gift card and points for their house teams.

Ready, Set Learn

Helping your preschooler get ready for school? Ready Set Learn, is a one hour participation session for 3 and four year olds. Location: Seaview Time: 9 a.m. to 10:00 am on Thursday February 23rd. Please contact the school to register. There is no cost for this event.

Caring & Sharing Column (by Mrs. Quinlan and Mrs. Martin)

Ah, yes- New Year's Resolution time again. First, a little trivia- the most common resolutions: Lose weight/get fit, save money, stop smoking, and get organized. On average, 78% of resolutions fail, 45% by the end of January. Still, that means that 22% of resolutions are successful, and the successes have some things in common.

So, in this month's column, we have a few proven tips to help with your resolutions:

1. Break your goals into smaller, attainable bits, and avoid perfectionist thinking. Successful weight reducers tend to focus on eating well most of the time with the aim of losing the next 5 pounds, rather than obsessing over every morsel to lose the whole 35 pounds. Instead of trying to be a perfect parent, how about making a commitment to spending an extra half hour per day doing something special with your family?
2. Get others involved in your success. Your family will benefit from your better health and they would appreciate the opportunity to cheer you on. Take up some new activities as a family to have fun while losing that bulge. It will make you feel better, help you to bond more with the children, and you may find a new interest along the way!
3. Give the resolutions some meaning. Understanding a healthy weight benefits your whole family gives you extra incentive when you are tempted to give up. Tying your exercise plan into charity fundraising runs gives a sense of purpose as you train and a source of pride when you are successful.

These are all lessons that our children can learn, so go ahead and make those New

Year's Resolutions, and then be a role model as you carry them through.

Best of luck and Happy New Year from Jo Quinlan and Sheri Martin.

Report Card Envelopes

Please send back your child's report card. You will be able to keep them in June but we need them back to send out report cards in March. If you have already returned yours, thank you.

Student Support Services Survey

SD68's Student Support Services is hoping to gather more input from parents. You can provide your feedback by completing the online parent/guardian survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DFDCSTM>. The deadline has been extended until February 10th.

Grade 7 FYI

Course selection for grade 7 students entering Dover Bay in September is expected to take place the week we return from Spring Break. If you are planning an extended vacation around the Spring Break week, consider extending the week prior to the break rather than the week following.

Grade 4 & 7 FSA Assessments

Are you curious about the content of the Foundation Skills Assessment or FSAs given to all elementary students in British Columbia in grades 4 and 7? If yes, take a look at the sample questions at the following web address:

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/sample_tests.htm

The Ministry of Education requires that FSA Assessments be completed by all students in grades 4 and 7 between January 16 and February 24. Students who have a mental or physical handicap or do not comprehend or speak English well enough to be able to meaningfully complete the assessment may be excused. In addition, the Ministry allows principals to excuse students in "extenuating circumstances" (those circumstances which are unforeseen, unexpected, and significantly disruptive and beyond a student's control).

This Foundation Skills Assessment provides a province-wide snapshot of how well students are learning the prescribed learning outcomes for reading, writing and numeracy across British Columbia. While there is

debate about how the results are used by the Fraser Institute to compare schools, at present, this is the only province-wide assessment we have to review how well our students are mastering the expectations set out in our provincial curriculum guidelines.

Parents of students in grades 4 and 7 should have received more specific information about these assessments.

Attendance

A reminder in regards to the importance of school attendance: Students who are frequently absent or late typically experience frustration and reduced academic success due to gaps in their learning. Please help ensure your child is setup for the greatest success by assisting them in arriving at school on time each day.

Kindergarten Registration 2012!

Children who will be 5 years of age before January 1, 2013 may enter school in September 2012. If your child was born in 2007 you are encouraged to register them as soon as you can. Registration is at the Seaview School office daily from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. Please bring your child's Birth Certificate and Care Card with you. Please pass this information to other parents with kindergarten-aged children.

Note: To obtain assured space in your neighbourhood (catchment-area) school registration must be received by **June 15, 2012**. For new out of catchment students, the application process will continue until **March 31th, 2012**. For more information on student registration for September 2012, visit the school district website at: <http://www.sd68.bc.ca/News/StudentRegistration.asp>

Our Welcome to Kindergarten/orientation day will be Thursday, May 17th from 9:15 to 10:30. All September 2012 Kindergarten students are encouraged to attend, and bring a guest.

Fall Weather & School Closures



We have noticed a significant change in the weather as of late. Please ensure your child comes to school with clothing that helps protect them from the cold and wetness.

In the event of a school closure due to snow or power outages etc, announcements will be on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM and WAVE 102.3 FM) by 7 AM on the day of the closure. Please do not call the school. Tune into the radio station where announcements will be made on a regular basis. It will also be posted on the school district website at www.sd68.bc.ca

Nanaimo-Ladysmith School District is now on Facebook. For up to date information on what's happening in our district, click Like.

Spirit Day - PJ or Weekend Warrior

January 20th will be the next Spirit Day. Students can wear their PJs or wear something that represents what they do on the weekend. Hockey player? Dancer? Chef? Wear something that shows who you are, when you are a Weekend Warrior!

Celebrating Family Literacy Day

My Story Your Story will be held on January 28 & 29, 2012 in celebration of Family Literacy Day. This is a free event for the whole family.

January 28 - 1 to 3:30 Wellington Library
 January 29 1 to 3:30 Harbourfront Library
 (See flyer on PAC board for more details.)

Sledding

When snow is on the ground, we are still one of the few schools that still allows sledding during recess. I ask that everyone remember this is a privilege that requires great attention to safety. Students must take turns and listen to the supervisors at all times. Sledding will only be allowed when the ground is completely covered with snow.

We also ask that only crazy carpet and the foam style sleds be used; we want to avoid the more rigid sleds that can lead to serious impact.

Navigating Girl World

The impact of media on girls' self-esteem and body image. Navigating Girl World will be held on February 16, 2012 6 to 8 PM at Beban Park. This is an event for parents of girls ages 2-13 with Kerri Isham. Registration is required. Tickets are \$15 if bought in advance and \$20. at the door. Contact Kerri at (1-250-248-5053) or powerupworkshops@gmail.com or Leah at (250-740-3516) lpearson@sd68.bc.ca. See flyer on PAC board for more details

Parents Night Out

Parents of children between 2 and 5 are invited to a free event just for parents. How to deal with aggressive behaviour.

RSVP by Friday, Feb 3, email Leah at lpearson@sd68.bc.ca. Or for more info call 250-740-3516 or email Elizabeth at epennell@sd68.bc.ca

(See flyer on PAC board for more details.)

Important Dates

Please check our website for a calendar of events, as some events are subject to change depending on the teachers' job action. Please note that we try to list all sporting team games on the calendar.

To see more details about some of the Calendar events, click on the event and it will tell you if it's a home or away game, performance details, or fieldtrip information.

Hep A Immunizations	Jan 17
Spirit Day (PJ or Weekend Warrior)	Jan 20
Spirit Day (Red/White/Pink)	Feb 14
Pro-D Day school closed	Feb 20
Curriculum Day school closed	Feb 21
Ready, Set Learn	Feb 23
Report Card Day	Mar 14
Spring Fling Dance Gr 5,6 & 7	Mar 14
Spirit Day (wear Green Day)	Mar 16
School closed for Spring Break	Mar 19
School reopens	Mar 26
Spirit Day (Crazy Hat & Hair)	Apr 2
Good Friday - no school	Apr 6
Easter Monday - no school	Apr 9
Kikeyambay Performance	Apr 13
Pro D - no school	Apr 23
Class & Team Photo Day	May 2
School Track Meet	May 9
Welcome to Kindergarten	May 17
Disco Dance Gr 5, 6 & 7	May 16
Break-A-Rule Day	May 18
Victoria Day-No School	May 28
Zone Track Meet	May 29
Cooperative Games Day	June 22

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