



SEAVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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<http://schoolsweb.sd68.bc.ca/seaview/>

Principal's Message

Our school year is well on its way!

I want to thank all the parents and guardians of our students for their patience and understanding during the first week of school. Elementary Schools in Nanaimo-Ladysmith normally do not place students in permanent classes during the first few days or week of school. This allows for a process that looks at first week attendance, wait-listed registrations, and new families who have moved into our area over the summer. We use this time to try to minimize potential re-arranging of classes due to enrolment fluctuations.

As we start another year, it is my hope that all of us, school staff, parents and students, will make the most of our time together. I would encourage parents to make the effort to get to know your child's teacher(s). You are welcome to request a meeting with them if you would like to share any information about your child or ask about their progress. It is important to build the bridge between home and school.

Be sure to take the time to chat with your child each day about his/her classroom activities, provide a regular homework and reading time, and check their planners for information from school. Working together, we will strive to provide the best possible education for your child.

Welcome and good luck for another school year.

Sincerely,
David Cooper

Early Detection: Phoning in Absences

The early detection system is for the safety of all students at Seaview. The answering machine is turned on each evening so parents may call before 8 am to report students who will be absent or late. This program is for the safety of your child. All absences and late arrivals should be called in. When leaving a message please state your child's name, division and whether they are ill, at an appointment, on vacation, etc. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Students Arriving Late

The beginning of each school day is a very valuable time. Being late to class can impact your child's day as critical information (ie shape of the day) is covered early on, as are the morning announcements. Being late can also cause distractions for students and staff. Please ensure your child arrives to school by 8:35 to maximize their learning at school.

Allergies (Nut Aware School)



This year our school has several students who have severe anaphylactic reactions to peanuts and nuts. We all need to be aware that peanuts, peanut butter, almonds, ground nuts and products which have peanut butter, peanuts, or other nuts in them can be fatal for some of our students.

These students do not have to eat a peanut or nut product to have a reaction. If someone nearby has a peanut or nut product and touches a student, this can cause an anaphylactic shock. We ask that you not send or bring any of these products to school. We appreciate your assistance with this very serious matter.

No Child Without

The "No Child Without" program is provided by the Canadian Medical Alert Foundation and provides free medical identification services for your child. If your child has an illness or allergy requiring a Medical Alert bracelet please call to enroll at 1-877-282-5378 or visit www.nochildwithout.ca

Our Website

We want to bring to your attention to our newly designed school website. Always check out the calendar for the latest updates of what is going on. All our school events are listed on the calendar with start times. Check us out at:

<http://sv.schools.sd68.bc.ca/>

Entering and Exiting the School

To minimize the amount of traffic in the front foyer, students are asked to **enter and exit the school through their line-up doors**, unless accompanied by their parent. If your child is arriving at school after the second bell, they may then come in the front door and check in at the office to obtain a late slip.

Student Information Verification

This week we sent home Student Information Verification sheets. These sheets contain all the important contact information for your child in case of an emergency, injury or illness. Please be careful to look over these sheets, change and complete any areas that require attention and return them to the classroom teacher by the end of the week.

School Supplies

A reminder to please be sure to pay for the school supplies for your child. An information sheet was sent home requesting \$30 for the supplies and \$7.00 for a planner (grades 1-7 only)

Cheques to Seaview

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

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. Sanderson, 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.

Parking Lot & Traffic Reminders

For safety reasons, **the Upper Parking Lot is a No Parking and No Drop-Off/Pick-Up area for parents. This includes even a "quick" drop off.** As a bus school, this area needs to be kept free for our buses. We also do not want students walking through this parking lot, as it creates an unnecessary safety issue for them.

Parents are asked to park in the gravel lot adjacent the lower field. We also ask parents parking along the fence in the gravel parking lot to park parallel to the fence to allow for better sight lines so that on-coming traffic may more easily see students exiting the field and school area.

Seaview Staff

<u>Div.</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher(s)</u>
1	7	Ms. Kiala Silverton
2	6	Mr. Shaun Weighill
3	5/6	Mr. Mike Biggs
4	5	Mr. Garrick Neumann
5	4	Mrs. Carene Booth & Mrs. Carmelina Burton
6	3/4	Mr. Grant Sandeman-Allen
7	3	Mrs. Gerry Davis & Mrs. Christine Lange
8	2/3	Mrs. Lara Graaten
9	2	Ms. Susan Latour
10	1	Ms. Lindsay Miller
11	K/1	Mrs. Lauren Baetz & Mr. Chris Newman
12	K	Mrs. Sue Trebett
Band		Mrs. Deborah Lambert
Music		Mrs. Carmen Raducu
Librarian		Mrs. Jolaine Canty
Learning Assistance		Mrs. Anna Slater, Mrs. Carmelina Burton
Aboriginal E.A.		Ms. Barb Byers
Education Assistants:		Mrs. Pauline Devereaux, Ms. Saralee Stremel, Mrs. Anne Sponaugle, Ms. Carol Burkosky, Mrs. Naomi Landry, Mrs. Lorraine Fawcett
CYFSW		Ms. Kelly Pile
Speech Pathologist		Mrs. Catherine Brunt
Counsellor		Ms. Toni Caruso
Custodian		Mr. Blaine Griffith & Mr. Barry Sands

Meet the Teacher Night

Our K-7 meet the teacher night is scheduled for **Wednesday September 26 from 6:00-7:00 PM.** Please drop in to meet your child's teacher.

Photo Day

Many parents wish to know in advance as to when school photographs will be taken. This year student pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 and retake day will be Friday, Oct 16.

School Sports

Football season has started this week. Mr. Biggs is coaching our boys team and Mrs. Canty is coaching the girls team with Mrs. Trebett as the sponsor. X-country will be starting soon with Mrs. Slater and Mr. Weighill coaching.

Risk/Threat Assessment

SD 68 takes all threats seriously. What parents and students need to know? Students and parents need to be aware of the steps the school district will take in responding to a threat:

- Any threats must be reported to the school principal, counselor, or some other responsible adult
- Nanaimo-Ladysmith schools will follow up on every reported threat.
- Follow-up may involve the police
- Interviews will be held with the threat-maker and any other students who may have information about the threat.
- Threatening behaviour may result in discipline for a student
- Intervention plans may be developed for the student making the threat and a support plan developed for any students who are the target of threats.

Safety Drills

Throughout the year we conduct numerous safety drills to ensure students and staff will know what to do in the event we ever have an emergency. There are three different kinds of drills we practice:

Fire Drills: after an alarm is sounded the students line up in a quiet fashion and exit the building through the closest door. Classes gather on the lower field and check in their attendance to ensure all staff and students are accounted for.

Earthquake Drills: an announcement is placed on the school PA system and the sounds of an earthquake are played for 60 seconds. Students get under their desks, cover their heads, and are instructed to face away from windows. During this time, they count until the sound effect has stopped. They then count to 60 again to account for any aftershocks or possible falling debris. After this time, students are taught to carefully move from under their desks and prepare to exit the building. Classes gather on the lower field and check in their attendance to ensure all staff and students are accounted for.

Lockdown Drills: are intended to be used in response to an imminent and serious safety or security threat. A lockdown drill requires all staff and students to stay in their classrooms with the doors locked. Any students that are not in their class at the time would report to the closest classroom. During a lockdown all doors of the school are locked and no one will be granted access to the school until an "All Clear" signal can be given.

There two other versions of this drill called shelter in place and hold and secure. These are similar to a lockdown in that we do lock the exterior doors. The difference from a lockdown is classes continue to function normally. These two procedures are used when there is a potential threat occurring outside, but not necessarily related to the school.

As of today we have already conducted our first fire drill, will be practicing our first lockdown drill on Monday, September 24th, and our earthquake drill will be on October 18th.

Back To School Routines

Taking the time to establish routines and regular habits will help to support your child's school life.

- Regular bedtimes with time for brushing teeth, bathing and quiet reading time helps to calm active children and enable them to sleep well each night.
- Consistent wakeup times, healthy breakfasts and sufficient time to dress and gather school books enables children to begin the school day on time and in a calm way.
- Regular daily homework time (with parental support as needed) is essential to help children feel competent and confident in class.
- Make time to listen to your child read and read to your child. Even if your child is a confident reader, it is okay to still read to them.
- Ensure there is a balance between active play and television or computer time. Time with friends and family is essential to developing positive social skills and a sense of belonging.
- Computers should be in a highly visible area of the house. A child's computer time must be monitored and should follow specific safety guidelines regarding site and program access.
- Share a caring conversation, a hug and a smile with your child each day.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Our parent teacher conferences will take place from **Monday, October 15 to Thursday, October 18**. More information will be coming prior to the sessions, **but please be aware students will be dismissed at 1:30 on the Monday and 1:10 Tuesday – Thursday** in order to facilitate the conferences.

Important Dates

The next newsletter will contain more detailed calendar details, but for now...

Student Photo Day	Sept. 26
Terry Fox Run	Sept. 27
Orange Shirt Day	Sept. 28
In Service Day – No School	Oct. 4
Pro D – No School	Oct. 5
Thanksgiving (stat holiday)	Oct. 8
Hot Lunch	Oct. 12
Photo Retakes	Oct. 16
Parent/Teacher Interviews	Oct.15-18
ProD - No School	Oct. 19
Zone X-Country	Oct. 23
Hot Lunch	Oct. 26
Remembrance Day Assembly	Nov. 9
Hot Lunch	Nov. 9
Remembrance Day No School	Nov. 12
Hot Lunch	Nov. 23
Christmas Concert 1&6:30	Dec. 4
Christmas Break Begins	Dec. 21
School Reopens	Jan. 7
Report Cards Issued	Feb. 1
Family Day	Feb. 18
Pro D – no School	Feb. 25
Pro D – no school	Feb. 26
Spring Break Begins	Mar. 15
School Reopens	Apr. 1
Good Friday – no school	Apr. 19
Easter Monday – no school	Apr. 22
School Track Meet	May 16
Victoria Day	May 20
Zone Track Meet	May 23
District Track Meet	June 6
All School Year End Assembly	June 27
Last Day of School	June 27
Final Report Cards issued @ 2:30	