



NEWS

Sunset Elementary School

November 2015

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Principal's Message

Professional Development Day or In-service Day

What's the difference?

Do you wonder what is meant by PD Day or In-service day? Some might ask, "Aren't they the same thing?" In a nutshell the answer is yes!

Both days are days of on-going study designated for staff to develop in their respective skills.

In-service days happen two times in the school year (September and January) and are days where the Principal and or Vice-Principal in a school sets, facilitates and guides the staffs' learning. In September, Sunset staff members and guests participated in a World Café model and we discussed and then created a set number of goals for the school year.

The goals that are established in our School Plan include:

- ◆ Effective communication to parents/guardians and students
- ◆ For all staff to be prepared to deliver, with confidence the new curriculum coming next September
- ◆ Improvements in student reading and writing
- ◆ Social Responsibility and for all students to have a sense of belonging

- ◆ Students participating in personalized learning activities/events
- ◆ Improving and mastery of computation facts for the respective grades

Four PD days are learning days for educators. The PD day in October is a provincial day and often teachers travel to various locations to participate/learn/plan/listen to implement new learning into their existing programs.

Aside from scheduled PD days, Sunset staff actively participate in various learning opportunities that are district initiated. Presently, Mr. Mollinga and Ms. Lok are working with Ms. Monckton in a series of workshops titled Changing Results 4 Young Mathematicians. Similarly, Ms. Jack and Ms. Woodford are participating in workshops titled Changing Results 4 Young Readers.

Just as we expect our students to be actively engaged in their own learn, we as educators are excited about learning too! Ongoing learning, PD days, or in-service days all afford us that opportunity.

Our next day of learning is November 23; I welcome you to ask your child's teacher(s) what was covered or learned from their day of study.

Cheryl Lloyd

Friendly Reminders

1. All students need a note from their parents if they are permitted to go home or leave the school premises during the lunch hour. The note can be handed in at the school office to keep it on file.
2. Please remember to phone the school office if your child will be absent from school for any reason. Phone (250) 956 4434. You can leave a message if there's no reply. Students who arrive late are required to report in at the office.
3. Please remember to refrain from sending any foods that contain peanuts to school.



Sunset Elementary Bell Times

Supervision begins 8:25
School starts 8:55
Recess 10:30- 10:45
Lunch 12:02 – 1:00
Dismissal 3:05

Upcoming Events

November

03 Photo Day
 10 Remembrance Day Assembly
 16-19 Book Fair
 18 DeVry Plant orders due
 18 November Monstaches
 19 Emily Carr Presentation
 23 Pro-D Day
 27 Popcorn Sale

December

2 DeVry Poinsettia pick up
 11 First Term Reports Issued
 17 Christmas Concert

Please send your child to school with his/her own cutlery. The cutlery we were lending, has disappeared. Thank



The Book Fair is Coming!

November 16-19

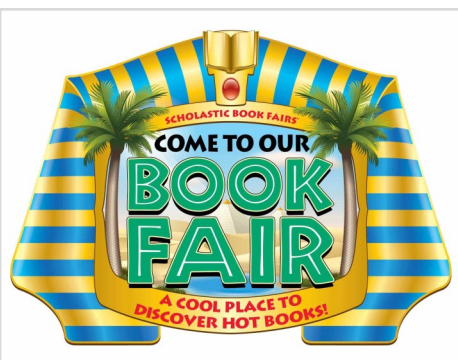
Monday -Thursday 12:20 - 1:00

Monday - Wednesday 3:00 - 4:00

FAMILY NIGHT Tuesday 6:00 - 8:00

Come with your parents and enter a draw to win a \$25.00 certificate at the Book Fair for you and your teacher.

Volunteers are needed; please call the school and leave your name for Mrs. Olson if you can help. Thank you for supporting this yearly event!



Cross Country Run October 21, 2015



Special Thanks

Thank you Doug & Cindy Grant, Chris and Christina Mardell, Rowan Metcalfe, Kate Green, Sonya Strong, David Jack, Kim Dutyvich, Boni Sharpe, Janel McNish and Tammy Bono for your tremendous support for our 39 dedicated runners!

Counselling Services for Children and Families

School counselling services are available for those students who need to access them. Individual counselling and small group programs are run throughout the year by the **SD 85 school counsellor, Angela Hagen**.

Students who received counselling services last year will need to be referred again this year; new parent permission forms are required for the 2015-2016 school year. You may contact Angela Hagen at 250-230-7711 for more information.

Parents/guardians, you can also access **community counselling services** for your child. Organizations providing child counselling services are listed on the "**North Island Multi-Agency Child & Youth Counselling Services**" (attached). For more information please contact Danielle Plummer, team leader for all North Island Child & Youth Mental Health services, at 250-230-2344.

Emergency Procedures for Sunset Elementary School



Over the course of a school year, we are required to ensure

we have various drills so our students, staff and parents are well versed in the case of a true emergency. We have 6 fire drills, 3 earthquake drills and 3 lockdown drills.

In the case of a true emergency, student safety and care is our top priority. Staff members will provide the best care we can and we have committee members who will oversee specific duties. When parents/guardians begin to arrive at the school or marshalling area to pick up your children, it is necessary to follow planned release procedures.

Parents/guardians if you have not already done so, please be sure to have your emergency contacts clearly stated as we only release students to those you have identified.

Thank you for your attention to this most important procedure.

Take Me Outside October 28, 2015

Take Me Outside Day was a day set aside to raise awareness and encourage all Canadians to spend more time outside. Our students at Sunset dress for the weather and play outside most days. As well, students participate in scheduled daily physical activity. Take Me Outside Day is a time to unplug and reconnect with nature. Many classes at Sunset participated in various events outside promoting physical health and well-being for our students.



**Line ups at the polls at Sunset were long!
Voting Days
October 15 & 16, 2015
Thank you to Mr. Ogren's class.**

Destination Imagination visits Sunset

Four students from the Comox Valley School District and their sponsor teacher came to lead and facilitate our students on October 29, 2015. These students' leadership and enthusiasm was contagious. Intermediate students at Sunset used their thinking skills and participated in rapid fire challenges. At the left, students are building a bridge which will support 2 nails. They were required to present a creative story along with their project.

Destination Imagination is a world organization with students ranging from pre-school through to grade 12. It is a volunteer-led non-profit organization to inspire and equip students to become the next generation of innovators and leaders. Challenges are open-ended and require innovation and imagination! Students gain confidence and have lots of fun too!

If there is student interest and an adult sponsor, our students are invited to participate in the regional tournament in the spring of 2016.

Parents, if you are interested in leading a group of 2—7 students please contact Mrs. Lloyd at the school. There is a team manager meeting on Saturday, November 14th. Mrs. Lloyd also has printed information.