



FRENCH CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The little school with the big heart

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Our Mission Statement: *At French Creek Community School, children, parents, staff and community promote a safe environment where learning is valued. Together, through respect and encouragement, we work creatively to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes of tomorrow.*

Goal 1: Literacy: *-To increase student achievement in literacy skills with an emphasis on reading comprehension and conventions of writing.* **Goal 2: Numeracy** *- To improve student performance in numeracy.*

Emergency Preparedness: *Our School Emergency Preparedness Plan includes processes for caring for students up to 72 hours if needed. If there are any changes to your contact and emergency information, please keep us informed.*

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March 25, 2009

Purple Day – March 26th, 2009 – Please wear purple to school.

A little bit about Purple Day...



Founded in 2008, by nine-year-old Cassidy Megan of Nova Scotia, Canada, Purple Day is an **international** grassroots effort dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy worldwide. On March 26, people from around the globe are asked to wear purple and spread the word about epilepsy. Why? **Epilepsy affects over 50 million people worldwide.** That's more than multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and Parkinson's disease combined. Why purple? Lavender is the international colour for epilepsy. **Getting involved is easy.** Wear purple and encourage others to do the same. Host a Purple Day party or fundraising event at your home, school or business. And most importantly, get real facts about epilepsy by browsing this site and those of our partners. **To learn more about purple day, please visit the link www.purpleday.org**



A Cultural Performance at Errington Elementary School "The Big League" is being held on Friday, March 27th at 12:30 pm. Our grades 1 to 5 will be attending this play. The play is about a young hockey player with dreams. In this unique production, the audience attends the game at the "rink" to watch the story/game unfold. Additional information about the play can be found at: http://www.carouseltheatre.ca/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25.

Parents are welcomed to attend.



Eat Well, Get Moving – District Health Challenge

Once again, our District will be encouraging this healthy program. The Eat Well, Get Moving health challenge will run from March 30 to May 9th – a total of six weeks. The goal of this program is have staff and students think HEALTH and increase their intake of fruit and vegetables as well as get out for some daily exercise! This year there will only be two challenges – one for work groups and one for interested students/classes/schools.

Prizes and certificates will be awarded for all participating work groups and schools. Information will be sent home soon!!!

Dates to Remember


The district calendar can be found on the SD 69 website: www.sd69.bc.ca


Every Monday	10:15-10:45am	Mother Goose Program in library
March	26	Purple Day - epilepsy awareness day
	27	Cultural Performance at EES at 12:30pm
	27	PAC Movie Night at 6:00 pm
	30	Jump Rope Demonstration (Parents welcome)
April	3	P.J. Day – PAC sponsored
	6	PAC meeting at 6:00 pm
	10	GOOD FRIDAY – no school
	13	EASTER MONDAY – no school
May	1	District Professional Development Day – no school
	5	QBMS staff visit Grade 5's
	18	VICTORIA DAY – no school
June	4	Grade 5's visit QBMS
	9	Parent orientation 7:00 pm at QBMS
	11	District Track Meet
	25	Final Day for Students
	26	Administration Day


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PAC News (Parent Advisory Council)
 We will be holding our April PAC meeting on **Monday, April 6, 2009** at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact Brian Elliott at 951-3300.

2008-2009 PAC Executive
 Chairperson: Brian Elliott Vice-Chair: Sue Hiersemann
 Past Chair: Michelle Anderson Treasurer: Wendy Trasolini
 Secretary: Corinne Leonzio

 Spirit Day Committee is hosting a **Pajama Day on Friday April 3**. Students are encouraged to wear jammies and slippers to school. Please make sure all outfits are weather appropriate as well as school appropriate and that children wear shoes to school and bring slippers or other accessories in their backpacks. There will be a prize for the class that has the most FCCS SPIRIT (highest number of children dressed up). Everyone will get a special Pajama Day treat.

 **Hanging Baskets Fundraiser by FCCS PAC.** All orders must be in no later than **Thursday March 26th**. Please make cheques payable to FCCS PAC. All funds raised benefits our children at FCCS. Please contact Robyn Elliott at 250-951-3300 if you have any questions. Extra forms can be picked up at the PAC bulletin board.

 **Family Movie Night "BOLT"** *an American White Shepherd, has lived his whole life on the set of his action TV show, where he believes he has superpowers.*

Movie night is sponsored by FCCS PAC. The next show is on **Friday, March 27th**, 2009. The movie is being held in the FCCS Gym (big screen) Bring your pillow, a friend and a favorite stuffy. Cost \$3.00 per child includes movie, popcorn, licorice and a juice. Doors open 5:45 pm movie starts at 6 pm pick up 7:30 pm.



- A HUGE THANK YOU.

Mr. Anders Mexican Fiesta Fundraiser for his trip to Barkerville was a huge success. This event could not have happened without all the sponsors and volunteers involved. Thank you for your support.



Community Events

BOOK SALE - BALLENAS DRY GRAD committee is hosting a garage sale on April 18. As part of this sale we are planning a **book sale**. If you have any books that you would like to donate please contact Jane at 954-0575 and she will make arrangements for pickup of the books or will give delivery details. We look forward to hearing from you!!

2009 BRANT WILDLIFE FESTIVAL - A wide variety of events for both children and adults are planned as part of the Brant Festival. Details are posted on the Community/Parent bulletin board. For more details call 1-866-288-7878 extension 226 or email rivers@naturetrust.bc.ca

RDN RECREATION AND PARKS PROGRAMS - Register online at www.rdn.bc.ca or call 250-248-3252 or 250-752-5014.

Swim and skate schedules are available online at www.rdn.bc.ca .

SPRING PONY SOCCER LEAGUE - Registration has begun for ages 5 – 9. The season runs from March 28th – June 6th. Please register online at: oceansideyouthsoccer.com or pick up a registration form at Oceanside Place.

OCEANSIDE YOUTH FOOTBALL REGISTRATION - Date: Saturday, March 28th, 2009 **Time:** Between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM. **Location:** The Lobby of Oceanside Place(north end of Wembley Mall), Parksville, B.C.

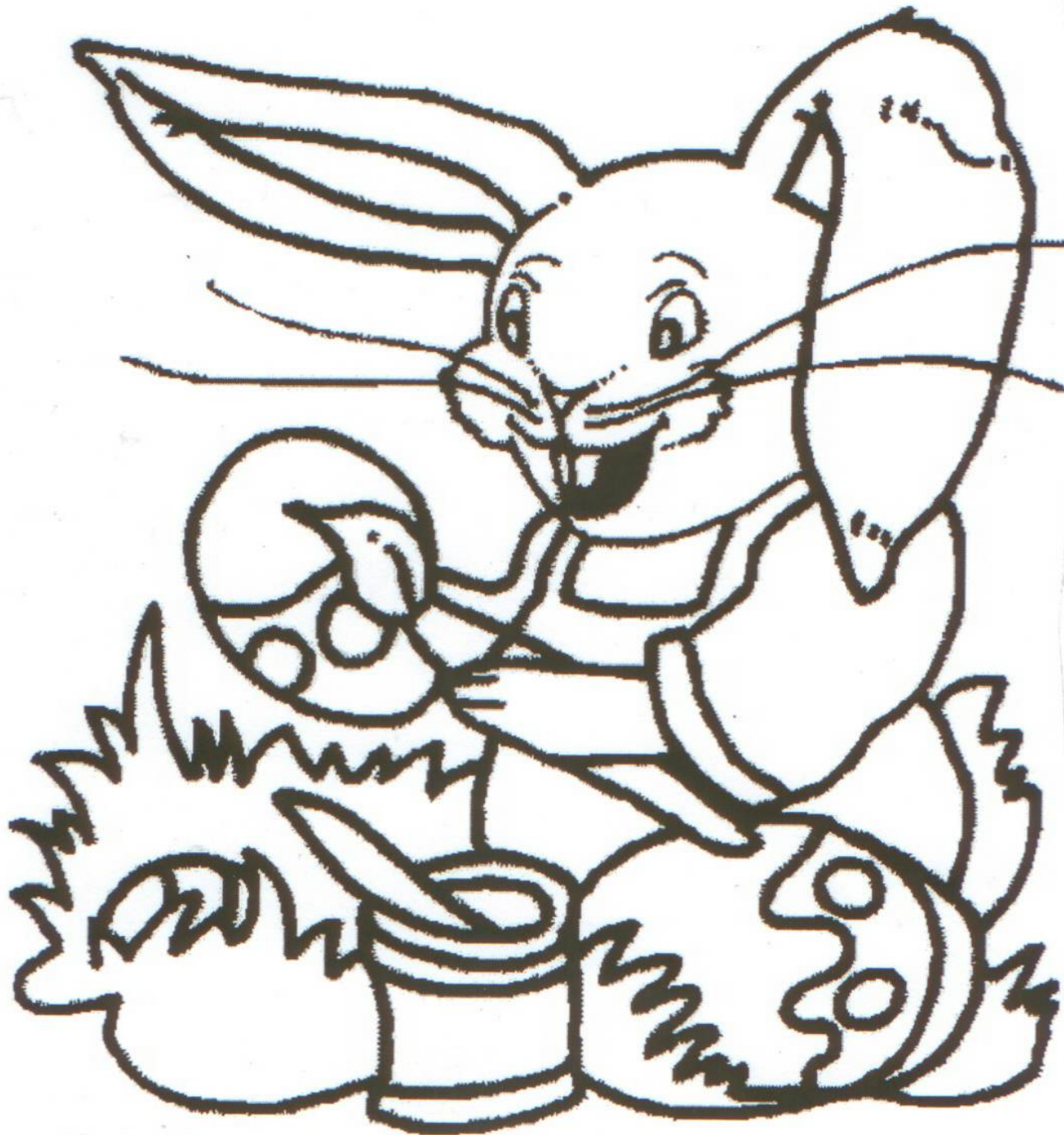
Registration will be accepted for our Flag Football program (April 7th to May 20th/2009) and our Tackle Football program (August 10th to Mid November). When attending to register your son (or daughter), please bring their birth certificate and BC medical card. For further info, call Rome Novak at 951-0532 or Guy Therrien at 951-8553.

MINOR SOFTBALL ONGOING REGISTRATION – It's not too late to register for softball. Registration forms are at the Oceanside Place arena, as well as at Sports Traders. Just fill them out and drop them into the registration box in the office of the arena. For more information, please call either Ray Dorkin at 468-5951 or Cathy Webb at 248-6373"

ERRINGTON CO-OP PRESCHOOL - presents "**Bobs & Lolo**", children's entertainers that are dedicated to connecting kids to the natural world with music, and movement, on **April 5th 2009** two show times, 11:00am and 2.00pm at the Errington War Memorial Hall. This is a fundraiser for the Co-operative Preschool and a fun family event. Tickets are available at Cranky Dog Music Parksville and the Errington Store or you can contact; **Wendy Glover (250) 954-1088, email: PeruMastiff@hotmail.com** We hope to see you there!



HAPPY EASTER



Coloring Entry Form for a draw:
Return it to the school by Tuesday, April 7th.

Name _____

Teacher _____