



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.*

Newsletter #15

April 22, 2009



The Music Department



is in need of a "lion" costume (we have the 'mane' and a pair of black ears for a zebra). If you can help please contact the school office or Mrs. Robinson in the music room on Monday.

Our final choir performance of the year will be performed at the school assembly on May 4 at 11:10 a.m. Hope to see you there!

Jump Rope for Heart – Our annual fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation is underway! If your child needs another pledge sheet, they are available at the office. Money collected must be returned on or before Tuesday, **April 28**. For safety reasons, children are asked not to go door to door for donations, unless supervised by an adult. On April 30 we will be have the Jump Off event from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend. We could use a few willing parents to count the donation money on Thursday, April 30. If you can help please contact the office.

Ready, Set, Learn! April 27-30, 2009
...with Special Guest Gerry Barnum!

Join the fun as Mother Goose brings Gerry Barnum and some special Storybook Characters for an hour of music, food and rhyme!

- Stories
- Songs
- Snacks
- Crafts

A fun, entertaining educational event!
...for children 0-6 years, their families, and Childcare Providers

Come Have Fun with Us!

Monday April 27	Tuesday April 28	Wednesday April 29	Thursday April 30
Benmore Bay Elementary School 8:45-10:45 am	Armenowick Elementary School 8:30-10:30 am	French Creek Community School 8:45-10:45 am	Brewer Elementary School 9:15-11:15 am
Erlington Elementary School 11:45 am - 12:00 pm	Qualicum Beach Elementary School 1:30-2:30 pm	Whitchouse Elementary School 1:30-2:30 pm	Parksville Elementary School 1:30-2:30 pm

READY, SET, LEARN!

Ready, Set, Learn! – April 29.

This is a free entertaining education event for children 0-6 years, their families, and Childcare Providers. Join Mother Goose, Gerry Barnum, and some special Storybook Characters for an hour of music, stories, crafts and snacks. All children who attend our RSL event will receive a bag stuffed with literacy friendly materials. Please join us in the library at 8:45 a.m.



Criminal Record Check - This is a reminder that all parents who plan to help out in classrooms, or who plan on attending a school field trip, must have a Criminal Record Check done at the Parksville RCMP office. Forms may be picked up at the RCMP Office. There is no charge to you as a parent/volunteer. One piece of picture ID is required.



Bottle Drive - Ice cream party to the class that has donated the most.

Time for spring cleaning! Dig out those bottles you have been storing and bring them along to the school on April 23 in support of the students in Room 4 who are off to Barkerville. Students and parents are asked to bring the bottles, cans, and other deposit-paid containers on the **morning of Thursday, April 23** and deposit them in designated class areas so we can see how much each class has donated. We will be awarding an ice-cream party to each of the top two classes. Thanks in advance for your support!



Kids Can Cook Program

The Society of Organized Services (SOS), in partnership with French Creek Community School, is offering the "Community Kids Cook Program" this spring.

This after school program, which may include some gym/outside activities, and will take place on Thursdays, May 7, 14, 28 and June 4. (no classes on May 21), and will be able to accommodate ten children from Grades 3 to 5. There is no charge for this program, which will run from dismissal time at 2:02 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Planning for next September

Please let us know if you are planning on moving to another elementary school over the summer. This will assist us with our planning. Parents of Grade 5 students planning to attend OMS next year are invited to attend the next OMS PAC meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the OMS Library.

Celebrate Earth Day - Enjoy the earth on Earth Day and every day



Children have to love the world we want to protect it. So take nature walks and look at the trees, flowers and sky. When you're away on vacation, don't forget to enjoy the local natural environment, not just the tourist sites. Encourage them to take pictures, draw pictures, read books, and write stories about the world and its beauty.

Today, Wednesday, April 22, Mr. Anders' and Ms Baynton/Stocker's class celebrates Earth Day with two activities in the local area. The coho salmon we have been raising for the past two months were taken down to French Creek for release. In the afternoon, the classes will walk to Hamilton Marsh to study a bit of this critical piece of our watershed. Students are able to see first-hand the different forest habitats (pre and post-logging) and study some of the marsh and its inhabitants.



Book Fair April 23 - April 29

Join us in supporting the book fair. The Literary Fundraiser returns up to 60% in books to our school. Just visit the Fair with your family and you could win FREE BOOKS! Don't miss this great chance to catch the reading wave! For more information contact Lisa Drake at 752-3868.

Book Fair Schedule:

Book Fair Hours	Open
April 23	After school 2:00 – 2:30
April 24	Recess 9:50 – 10:10 Lunch 11:50 – 12:20 After school 2:00 – 2:30 Evening 6:00 – 7:00
April 27	Recess 9:50 – 10:10 Lunch 11:50 – 12:20 After school 2:00 – 2:30
April 28	Recess 9:50 – 10:10 Lunch 11:50 – 12:20 After school 2:00 – 2:30

Eat Well Get Moving Program

Hopefully you and your family are paying attention to and tracking the amount of physical exercise you are receiving on a daily basis and your intake of healthy fruits and vegetables! We are into the third week of the six week promotion, **Eat Well, Get Moving** and some students have already finished their first tally card. Lucky School District Draw winner after two weeks are:

Carl FCCS
Sam BES
Rachel BES
Adena BES
Elissa BES
Callum QBES
Alexa BES
Kaitlyn NBES
Sahne OMS
Olivai AES
Stephen PES



Further draw prizes for completed cards will take place after the fourth week of participation; on Wednesday, **April 29** so when you have finished a tally card be sure to turn it into your teacher or school collection box. Then, pick up another score card and keep tracking your healthy lifestyle!

Did you know.....every pound of additional lean muscle you put on your body through exercise burns an additional 30-50 calories a day! Fat takes up more space than muscle and a pound of muscle is about 30 percent smaller than a pound of fat.

PAC News (Parent Advisory Council)

We will be holding our May PAC meeting on **Monday, May 4, 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

PAC Fundraiser – French Creek Community School PAC is selling “Summer Bridge Activity Books”: Come check out this award winning series that is curriculum-based. Sample copies of the books are in the office. All orders must be placed no later than May 25. Please see the attached order sheet.

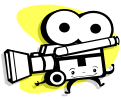


A huge **thank you** to everyone who ordered the Hanging Basket for the PAC fundraiser. All together we sold 103 baskets. They will be ready for **pick up at the school on May 7th**. Wyatt in Mrs. Cleland's class sold 23 baskets to The Gardens at Qualicum Beach where he helps as a volunteer at The Gardens in Qualicum Beach. Thank you to The Gardens in Qualicum Beach for their support.



Wacky Tacky Tourist Day Friday, May 8, 2009

The Spirit Day Committee is holding another fun day on May 8. Plan now for the best costume. Prizes will be given to the “best dressed” and the class with the most spirit.



Family Movie Night - Friday, April 24

The movie is "Bedtime Stories" A family comedy about a hotel handyman whose life changes when the lavish bedtime stories he tells his niece and nephew start to magically come true. Bring a friend, a pillow and don't forget your stuffy. \$3.00 for the movie, popcorn, licorice and juice.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Movie starts at 6:00 p.m. and pick up after the movie is 7:30 p.m. You must sign your child in and out. Also, don't forget to check out the book fair. The book fair will be opened from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Movie night is sponsored by FCCS PAC. We appreciate your support.

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Dates to Remember

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

Every Monday	10:15-10:45a.m.	Mother Goose Program in library
	22	Earth Day
	23	Bottle Drive - Grade 5 fundraiser
	24	Movie Night
	28	Jump Rope 1:00 p.m.
	29	Ready, Set, Learn! – Gerry Barnum and Mother Goose 8:45 a.m.
	23 - 29	Book Fair
May	1	District Professional Development Day – no school
	4	FCCS Assembly 11:10 a. m.
	4	PAC Meeting
	5	QBMS staff visit Grade 5's
	6	District Spring Sing
	May 7-June 4	Kids Can Cook Program
	8	Spirit Day-Wacky Tacky Tourist
	18	VICTORIA DAY – no school
	25-28	Grade 5's Barkerville Field Trip
June	4	Grade 5's visit QBMS
	9	Parent orientation 7:00 p.m. at QBMS
	10	All library books to be returned
	11	District Track Meet
	19	Whole School trip to Rathtrevor Park
	25	Final Day for Students
	26	Administration Day



Community Events

"How to Grow a Child's Brain"- Seminar with Gary Anaka, Morning Glory School is hosting a seminar with facilitator Gary Anaka. Tuesday April 28th at Errington Hall. 7:00 p.m. Admission \$8.00 tickets available at Errington Store. Admission is \$8.00. Tickets are available at And Tiger Two in Parksville and Errington Store. Call 250-752-2722 for more information.

RDN Recreation and Parks Program - 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 .

Golf Tournament for juniors ages 18 and under at Morningstar Golf Club April 16-19th. Come watch the best junior golfers in Canada and also check out our programs available for your junior golfer. Programs available for ages 6 – 11 year of age

Vancouver Island Children's Book Festival - It's Bookfest time again!!! Registration began April 2nd . Registration forms are available at the school office. Meet Authors and Illustrators from across Canada at Bookfest 2009. Saturday, May 2nd 10a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Vancouver Island University. To find out more www.bookfest.ca Register early to avoid disappointment.

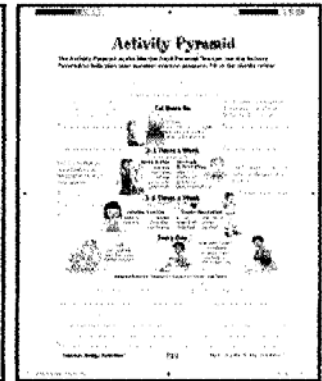
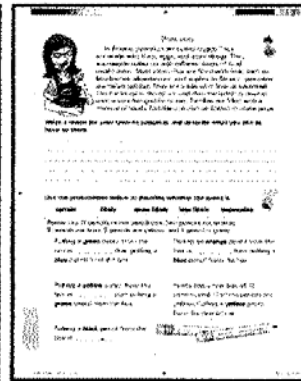
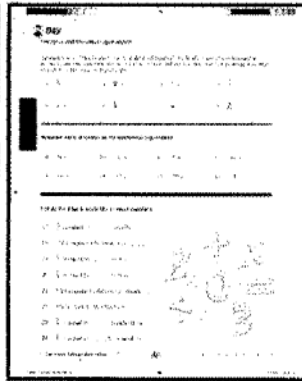
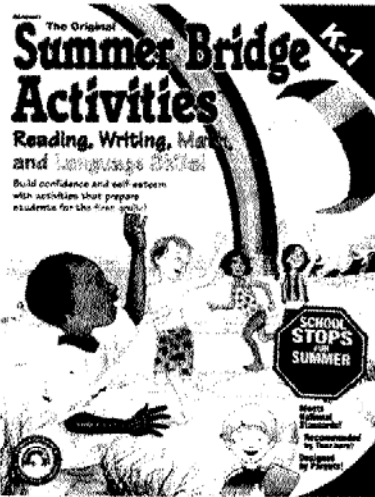
Summer Bridge Activity Books

Fundraiser!!!

\$2.00 will be earned for every book purchased.

This award winning series helps children maintain and enhance scholastic and reading skills while they are away from school! Includes daily activities in reading, writing, mathematics, language arts, science and a healthy eating section.

- The curriculum-based activities become progressively more challenging.
- Enhances self-esteem & builds academic confidence.
- Includes enrichment activities, motivational calendars and certificate of completion.
- *A website pass code* comes with each book that unlocks a world of age appropriate online games, reading programs, book reviews, contests and fun prizes.



YES!

I want to help my child retain his/her knowledge while away on Summer break!

Summer Bridge Books
Cost \$16.50

Qty.	Subtotal
Pre-K to K	x
K to 1st	x
1st to 2nd	x
2nd to 3rd	x
3rd to 4th	x
4th to 5th	x
5th to 6th	x

Center Name: _____

Address: _____

Student: _____

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Current Teacher: _____

Payment Enclosed

Cheque: *(Make Cheques payable to: **The Teacher's file**)*

Visa: Mastercard:

Card# _____ Exp: _____

Please return form to school by May 25, 2009