



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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Cool Creekers - Monthly recognition awards are given to students for positive attitudes and behaviour in the classroom and playground. Our Cool Creeker/ Solving Problems in Peaceful Ways Assembly was held on June 3 at 8:40 a. m..

Cool Creekers for May - *Congratulations* to:

Danika and Chris in Mrs. Cleland's class, Kierra and Jacob in Ms. Stocker/Ms. Baynton's class, Erica, Eddie, Savannah, Grace, Autumn, and Rebecca in Mr. Anders' class, and Ms. Churchley's entire class was recognized for their outstanding artistic achievement,

Also, each month a student from each classroom is chosen in recognition of his/her ability to solve problems in peaceful ways with a compassionate attitude toward others. This award also recognizes kindness, sharing, and participating in events and activities incorporating fair play in the school and on the playground.



Solving Problems in Peaceful Ways - *Congratulations* to:

Emma, Hunter and Matthew in Ms. King's class, Mariya and Austin in Mrs. Cleland's class, Trey in Ms. Churchley's class, Drew in Ms. Stocker's class and Conrad in Mr. Anders' class.



Bring your Smile! - On **Wednesday, June 10** in the morning before recess, Lifetouch School Photographs will be taking the whole school picture. Each student will receive a class photo free of charge. The cost of purchasing an **8"x10" whole school photo is \$10.00. Order forms available in the office.**

Visiting Scientist – Dr. Michael Day who was sponsored from Science World visited our school on Tuesday, May 26. Students enjoyed the hands on experiments with Dr. Day. The grades 1/2/3/ explored Chemistry of Colour and Gr 3 and 4 created Polymers.



Our **Mother Goose Program** has **ONLY THREE VISITS LEFT**. Don't miss this half hour of fun which includes songs, stories, rhymes, books, puppets and much more... Mother Goose's last visit for this school year is June 15.

Library News -

Congratulations to the following students for being winners of the *Rhythm and Rhyme: Poetry and Verse* library book draw for the month of May:



Devon – Kindergarten - Ms King's class
Adrian - Grade 1 - Ms Cleland's class
Eli - Grade 2 - Ms Churchley's class

Thank you to all students who participated! You did a great job!



A reminder to students and parents that June 1-5 is the last week to sign out library books. **All library books must be returned by Wednesday, June 10th** so that the end of year inventory can be carried out. Thank you for your understanding.



First Nations Cultural Fair at FCCS – On May 22, Friday morning at French Creek our students, and visiting Errington Elementary and CEAP students were treated to a marvellous series of workshops presented by First Nations leaders. After a moving introduction including a 'drumming song' in the gym, every classroom rotated through a series of workshops. Our students really enjoyed learning about First Nations Culture through a spirited, 'hands on' approach. We thank the many First Nations Leaders who provided such engaging and meaningful workshops.



Oceanside Middle School - Parent Orientation Evening - Thursday, June 4th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.



Qualicum Beach Middle School – Parent Orientation Evening - An Invitation to the Parents of Grade 5 Students and Grade 5's attending QBMS in September: Please attend our Parent Orientation Evening at QBMS on **Tuesday, June 9 at 7 p.m.** QBMS staff and students will provide brief presentations about life at QBMS, followed by a tour of the school. This will provide an opportunity for our incoming 5's to tour their parents around QBMS. We look forward to meeting you on June 9.

Qualicum Beach Middle School P.A.C. would like to extend a welcoming hand to all interested parents of grade 5 students who will be attending our school as 6th graders in the fall of 2009. At this time of year, we look to fill the executive positions for next year - Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer, D.P.A.C. Rep. as well as a variety of committees. Fortunately, a very capable parent has stepped forward to fill the position of Chair. Participating in the P.A.C. either in an executive position or as an active parent is a great way to become aware of what's going on at the Middle School and is both personally rewarding and a vital way to contribute to the school community. For more information, please contact Leona Matte at 752-7404 (home) or 951-1290 (cell)



Students are outside a lot at this time of year—before and after school, recess and lunch play times, PE classes and special events. Parents are strongly encouraged to put sunscreen on children and to send them to school with hats and sunglasses! Thank you for your help with this important safety issue.

Community Picnic - June 5 – You are invited to the Arrowsmith Community Picnic which will be held at the Coombs Fair Ground (behind the Coombs General Store). Friday, June 5 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Bring a main dish or salad. Ice cream and dessert will be provided.



Barkerville Trip - Last week, Mr. Anders' class- along with 14 parents, made the very long trip to Barkerville, the historic gold mining town in the Cariboo. We followed the route taken by the early miners up the Fraser and Thompson rivers, past historic towns such as 108 Mile House, Quesnel, Cottonwood House and Wells.

Students and adults dressed in period costumes and took part in a wide variety of educational programs. We went to court where students became the jury and found out how the early justice system worked. We spent an hour in the school where Mrs. Hall taught important lessons in deportment and manners. Students panned for gold – and found it! Plus, we had a chance to explore the restored town and enjoy many interesting sights. We even visited the cemetery and viewed the resting place of many famous personalities. Overall, it was a wonderful trip full of exciting adventures. Many thanks to the parents who came along and to all of those people who worked so tirelessly in raising the funds for the trip.



The KidFest Executive for 2009 is busy getting ready for this wonderful one day event to be held on Sunday, August 16, 2009 at the Parksville Community Park. We are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

Concession: The vendors are booked, the binder is ready to go and the person taking this on will only need to do the follow up with the vendors and be on site to direct them and be the liaison.

Site/Grounds: This position requires the booking of the tents, staging, electrical supplies, toilets, etc. and then the co-ordinating of these on the day of the event. There is a good binder full of information to follow and a local service group that shows up in the morning to help with set-up and back again for take down. Both of these positions require little time, but are a wonderful way to get involved with a children's activity in your local community.

Day of event volunteers: We will also need volunteers for the day of the event. There are 2 hr, 4 hr. or full day shifts available. Or whatever you can offer us! If you are interested please call: Mary @ 250 954-1189 or email mready@sd69.bc.ca

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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
June	4	Grade 5 Parent evening at OMS
	5	Community Picnic Grade 5's visit QBMS
	9	Parent orientation 7:00 p.m. at QBMS
	10	Whole School Group Photo All library books to be returned
	11	District Track Meet
	12	Science World Trip
	19	Whole School trip to Rath Trevor Park- leave FCCS 9:00
	25	Final Day for Students – Report cards handed out.
	26	Administration Day



Community Events

Oceanside Youth Football Registration - Date: Saturday, **June 6th, 2009**, Time: Between 11:00 a. m. and 2:00 p.m. Location: The Lobby of Oceanside Place (at the north end of Wembley Mall), Parksville, B.C.

Registration will be accepted for our Tackle Football Program which will commence on August 10th, 2009. When attending to register your son (or daughter), please bring their Birth Certificate and BC MEDICAL CARD. The registration fees are as follows: PeeWees(ages 8-11 yrs) - \$125.00 and Jr. Bantams(ages 12-13) - \$175.00. We also require an equipment deposit cheque in the amount of \$200.00 post-dated to December 31, 2009. Should you require any further information about the program, please call either Rome Novak at Ph.# 951-0532 or Guy Therrien at Ph.# 951-8663.

Summer Childcare at Errington Elementary! Errington Community Childcare is open July and August! We have an amazing line-up of activities and outings hosted by awesome, energetic staff in a licensed on-site facility! Spaces are limited so please call Linda or Erin at 250 248 7210.

Qualicum Beach Airport Days The Town of Qualicum Beach is having Airport Appreciation Day on Saturday, June 13th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. They will be having demonstration flyers, sight seeing tours, free flights for kids (register at the QB Pharmasave between May 23rd and June 6th), hanger activities, paper airplane flying contest, and many displays. The organizing committee is looking for "flight" related poems or pictures – the theme for these are – "Firsts in Aviation". Please turn poems and pictures to the school office.

Youth Arts Summer Program The Oceanside Community Arts Council is now taking registrations for the 2009 Youth Arts Summer Program. Children ages 6-13 will have the opportunity to learn and experiment with a variety of art forms including painting, sculpture and drama. Classes run weekly from July 13 to August 21. For more information please contact the OCAC on 250 248 8185 or email ocac@shaw.ca.

Parksville Taekwondo - Summer Camp for ages to 12. Join Parksville Taekwondo for a week of fun, exciting activities and games under the supervision of highly qualified instructors and leaders. Learn fundamental skills, safety, discipline, courtesy, self-confidence. Improve balance, strength and coordination. To register contact Parksville Taekwondo Academy at 250.954.3359 or info@parksvilletkd.com

Follow the Reader @ Vancouver Island Regional Library It's a smart idea to include reading as part of your summer fun. Like all skills, a little practice reading goes a long way! The "Summer Reading Club" is free for children from kindergarten to grade 7. Non school-aged children can join in the "Read to Me Club". Fun tools, such as a colourful reading record, stickers, prize medals and a website game to help children monitor their reading success and challenge themselves. The more they read the more chances there are to win cool prizes. For more information, call or visit your Vancouver Island Regional Library or visit www.virl.bc.ca

Summer Youth Theatre Workshop -The 12th annual Summer Youth Theatre Workshop, for ages 7-14, will run daily July 13 - 19 at the Village Theatre in Qualicum Beach with two performances on July 19th. Spaces fill up fast for this popular, reasonably priced workshop sponsored by the Oceanside Arts Council. For information and to register for a week of creative fun and musical theatre and performance skill development contact Thea at tstavroff@shaw.ca or 250-752-9867.

RDN Recreation and Parks Programs - Register online and view program details at www.rdn.bc.ca or call 250-248-3252 or 250-752-5014. **Register today for Summer Camps!** Day Camps, Computer Byte Camps, Girl's Hockey Camp, Flight School Basketball, Soccertron, Golf, Volleyball Camp, Aqua-Smorg and many more choices. **Jr. LIT** starts June 26 for Grade 6 & 7 students. **Camp d'ete en Francais** for children 6-10yrs. July 20-24 and Aug 10-14! **Registered Scrub Hockey** is back, starting June 8. Age 6 years to adult. Please note, 6-9 years Scrub is currently full but taking a wait list.