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# The Bayview Bulletin

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## School-Wide Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 5– Grade 6 Immunizations
- Oct. 7—Hold & Secure Drill
- Oct. 10—No School Thanksgiving
- Oct. 18—Clippers Visit
- Oct. 20—Shakeout Earthquake Drill
- Oct. 21—No School Pro-D Day
- Oct. 25—X Country Meet, Small Schools
- Oct. 26—Individual Photo Re-takes
- Oct. 27—Mobile Dairy Visit

## Principal's Message

We're off to a great start at Bayview this year! Some of the highlights so far include the Terry Fox Run, the Open House and our school trip to the Snuneymuxw beach. I have been amazed by this community, and am excited about moving forward together in good ways.

Parents and caregivers know that education in BC is changing at a rapid pace; as such, I ask you to be prepared for more changes coming soon. Specifically, the way teachers provide student assessment and communicate progress are being transformed; schools will soon be sharing the changes. As with any change, your voice is important, so I hope you engage in the discussion as we move forward.

Here's to a great October!

Mr. Kevin Brand, Principal

## WE ARE GOING PAPERLESS

In an effort to be environmentally friendly, we will soon be distributing all newsletters electronically. Starting in January we will not send paper copies home. Instead we will share newsletters in 3 easy ways:

1. An email will be sent with the link to the electronic newsletter.
2. The newsletter will be posted on our school website on the first school day of every month.
3. The newsletter will be posted on the PAC Facebook site.

Please ensure that the school has your email address so we can send the newsletter link to you.

We will always have paper copies of the newsletter in the school office.

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

Most school notices and newsletters will only be sent home with the youngest child in a family and with children who do not have siblings in the school. There will be some exceptions (e.g. hot lunch order forms or forms requiring a signature for each child). You can also stay informed by checking out our school website:

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

The PAC Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/bayviewpac](http://www.facebook.com/bayviewpac)

The Strong Start Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/www.bayviewstrongstart.ca](http://www.facebook.com/www.bayviewstrongstart.ca)

And be sure to follow us on Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/bayviewboxers>

## STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

If you haven't yet returned these forms, please do so as soon as possible. We ask that you complete them as thoroughly as possible so that we have the necessary safety contacts and medical information on file for your child. It is very important that we have two alternate numbers to call in case your child is sick or there is an emergency.

Please remember if your child requires any medication at school (e.g. inhalers, epipen, antibiotics) there is a form that needs to be filled out by the parents/guardians. All medication needs to be kept in the office.

## WET & STORMY WEATHER

With wet, windy, and cool weather here for several months, it is important that all students arrive at school properly dressed for the outdoors. Students are expected to go outside for fresh air, socializing and physical activity during recess times. Inside days are rare. Thank you for ensuring your child leaves for school in the morning dressed for the weather.

## SAFETY DRILLS

We have regular fire and earthquake drills so that we are prepared in the event of an actual emergency or disaster of this nature. Our aim is to have everyone understand the safety procedures and be evacuated and accounted for within a very short time frame. In October we are participating in our first Hold & Secure practice, plus the Great BC ShakeOut Earthquake Drill. Do you have a home evacuation plan and meeting place in the event of a fire or an earthquake?

Find us on Twitter!



@bayviewboxers

## R.O.C.K.S.

### Recognition

The respect shown in the community during our school walk to Snuneymuxw



## GAMES AND ELECTRONICS

### AT SCHOOL



We are asking that parents ensure that students keep any of their electronic games, game boys, Nintendo DS, iPods, MP3 players etc...at home! These items interfere with lessons in the classroom and run the risk of being lost, damaged or stolen at school. The school is not responsible for these items and we certainly do not want them to interfere with the learning in the classroom. Students can use these devices for their walk to and from school, but they should remain in backpacks or with the teacher for safe keeping for the rest of the day. We encourage the students to be interacting with others and not on technology at the recess and lunch breaks. The school phone is available for students to call home or for parents to contact their child/ren during the day. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated!

### STRONG START

Our Strong Start program is a drop-in program for parents/caregivers and little ones. Our Strong Start is open Monday through Friday from 8:45-11:45.

### BAYVIEW R.O.C.K.S.

### PBIS - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS

Everyone at Bayview participates in a school-wide approach to learning safe, responsible & respectful behavior to ensure a safe, caring, and orderly school environment. We are focusing on 'doing the right thing' – even when no one is watching. All staff describe, teach and practice, acknowledge, and reteach whenever needed. We are reviewing our school matrix and 'Bayview ROCKS' (Respect, Ownership, Cooperation, Kindness, Safety) and reviewing using WITS (Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it Out, Seek Help) as a problem solving strategy.

We thank you for your support and encouragement of your children to 'do the right thing' and for your interest and involvement in what is happening at Bayview.

### ROOTS OF EMPATHY PROGRAM



This year, Mrs. Stringer's Kindergarten class will be participating in the Roots of Empathy program. This program builds empathy in children as it allows the class to "adopt" a baby for the school year and learn about the baby's growth and development. With the Roots of Empathy Instructor, Kirstin Funke-Robinson, who is our school psychologist, the students will have

a lesson each week to learn about important topics such as safety, emotions, and communicating. Once every 3 weeks, a baby named Hussein and his mom and/or dad will join the Kindergarten class. The students will measure, weigh, and observe the many developmental milestones that Hussein will achieve, such as reaching for a toy, rolling over, sitting up, and perhaps crawling. The students will be learning about human development in a very concrete way as it unfolds in front of them and as they share observations of "their baby" at play. Connections will be made with the

students between caring for infants and caring for one another. As the year progresses, please feel free to check-out our Roots of Empathy bulletin board in Mrs. Stringer's classroom to see what we've learned most recently about our baby Hussein.

### BAYVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Uy skweyul/good day, my name is Michelle Swecera your new Community School Coordinator. I am excited to get to know the staff, students and their families here at Bayview. My goal is to continue to develop partnerships with organizations for a variety of opportunities that will benefit youth and their families in our school community.

To target the interests and needs of our youth, I will need feedback from you. Please do not hesitate to share your thoughts and ideas with me. Feel free to visit me at the school, you can contact me by phone #250-740-2033 or send me an email at [mswecera@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:mswecera@sd68.bc.ca)

Wishing everyone a great start up to a new school year! Michelle.

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The Leadership Group is underway and busy preparing for school events and community leadership. In the coming days and weeks, student leaders will be working towards the WE DAY trip in November.

### FREE SKATING



The Lions Club is sponsoring a free skate each Sunday from 12-1:30 at Frank Crane Arena until the end of March.

### MEND PROGRAM

MEND is a free, fun 10 week program for families with children ages 7-13 who are working together to become healthier and more active. The program facilitates safe, effective and lasting lifestyle changes by improving children's physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem.

Information: [mend@nanaimo.ca](mailto:mend@nanaimo.ca)

### TOY RESPONSIBILITIES AT RECESS

Recently, staff have been supporting students in understanding how to be responsible with the toys they are playing with during recess. This includes no trading at school. Parents are asked to support the school in reinforcing the expectation that students keep their own toys. We believe that appropriate toys contribute to positive play, but they will only be permitted if they do not cause conflict. Please check with your child's teacher to see if there are additional classroom expectations for toys at school.



### EARLY DISMISSAL

To facilitate Parent-Teacher Meetings, we will have early dismissal at **1:17pm** on the following dates:

- Tuesday October 18
- Wednesday October 19
- Thursday October 20