

Dear Families,

May is just around the corner so we wish to share some dates and information with you.

Track & Field:

- Gr 4-7 have Jamboree Meet on May 4. All gr 4-7 are invited to try as many events as they wish. No qualifications are required. Only thing required is a permission slip signed by a parent, bag lunch, water bottle and support of the teacher to participate (rules are being followed at school so there are no concerns about misbehaviour when we become part of a bigger group while off site. Transportation will be by bus, a concession will be available if you wish. NO ACCESS to Vanier or the Sports Center.
- Qualifiers (top two per age / per gender) will be invited to attend the District Meet. A Separate form will come for that.
- Gr 8-9 also have a track team with two meets. First one (north Island meet) is May 4&5.

Sports opportunities:

- Cross country has concluded – we hope to see you back next year. Thank you to our parent leaders who showed up!!
- Rugby is on (gr 8-9) and our team is showing well. Practices continue on Tues and Thurs afternoons.
- Gr 8-9 Mountain Biking in the High School series is on – many staff are leading this session, too.

Welcome to Kindergarten:

- An afternoon (3:15 – 4:30), tentatively June 8, where new kindergarten students come to the school with a parent to participate in some pre-planned activities.
- Kindergarten visitors will take a peek at a K classroom, meet some K teacher and play a few games. There will be a treat in our nice, new outdoor classroom at the end, along with a fantastic loot bag.
- All **new kindergarten families** will receive an invitation by email or Canada post mail in the middle of May. (K families, ensure the school has your mailing address please – forward it to Suella.price@sd71.bc.ca asap).

Childcare info meeting:

- A Public information meeting around childcare in Cumberland, including the new onsite childcare facility will happen in the MPR in the Beaufort Building on Tues., May 3 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. News release sent out last week.
<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/cumberland-child-care-info-session-may-3/>

Year End Fun:

- We are still developing some of our events, so details are not available at this time, but here are some exciting events to look forward to:

- Beach Day – June 15 @ Airforce Beach in Comox – transportation by bus
- School Fun Day with student leadership
- Many class field trips are happening now or toward the end of the school year
- Cumberland's 3rd Annual Read to Ride Contest is starting in the Library in May! Each child in grades K-5 will fill out a ballot each week that highlights some aspect of their engagement with reading. In the final week of classes, we will have a draw for scooters-- one for each grade!
- Further library fun – please send back books as soon as they are finished – overdue messages went out a short time ago.
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Active Travel Week:

- Many fun events are being planned by the active travel committee
- Every day is “wheels are welcome” in the zone with a helmet
- Gravity MTB will be on site for clinics for classes in gr 3-7. Others are welcome to observe

Dance:

- Leadership is currently planning a dance for gr 6-9 students to take place in the early evening on May 20
- This is the first dance held in many years, so we want to ensure it is a positive experience for all
- No guests will be admitted
- Parent chaperones are required – please contact Jeff.Vonwartburg@sd71.bc.ca if you are able to help.

Community Kids Disco Dance for K-gr 5 – being organized by CCSS and more info will come out about this one closer to the dance date (mid June)

From CCSS:

- **CUT A THON**

Stop by Alley Cuts on Sunday June 5th between 10 AM and 4 PM for a haircut by donation. 100% of the money raised will go to CCSS programs. Suggested minimum donation of \$15.

- **KIDS DISCO**

Celebrate the coming school year end at our Kids' Disco Fundraiser! Children & youth can blow off some steam to the family friendly funk grooves of Music by Jozy. Enjoy a mocktail and dinner from our canteen. Lights, music, action! Kids 9 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday June 17, 5-7 PM

Cumberland Cultural Centre

Entry by donation (suggested \$5 per person). Proceeds to CCSS programs.

PAC info

- New webpage is now live – great place to go for info and to find out how you can help out at school. Either take the link from the Cumberland school page or go to www.myCCSP.com or email ccspa2017@gmail.com
- The CCSPA needs your help at a couple of upcoming fundraisers. We will be running the concession at the Village Park over the May Day long weekend (this is a fun event and a BIG fundraiser for the school!), **and** we will be helping at the end-of-year Beach Day celebration at Air Force Beach Park (this is a really fun way that money raised by PAC is *spent* to support and celebrate our CCS students!).
Visit our website, and look under the 'Volunteer With Us' tab for all the details and to sign up for volunteers shifts:
<https://www.mycspa.com/volunteer-with-us/>
The school, and our students, appreciate your support.

Public Health:

Grade 6 & 9 Immunizations:

Public Health Nurses will be back in schools on Fri., May 13 to complete the grade 6 & 9 immunization program. COVID-19 vaccines were not available for students when consent forms for routine immunizations were sent home in the fall. If you would like your child to receive their COVID-19 vaccine at school, please call your local health unit at

250-331-8520 to speak with a Public Health Nurse. In grade 6 parental consent will be obtained prior to immunizations being provided in the school setting.

For more information about **COVID-19 Vaccines** visit:

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/sites/default/files/documents/hfile124a.pdf>

If you have any questions, call your [local Public Health Unit](#) or visit www.immunizebc.ca

Closed Campus:

- This is becoming a bigger problem recently. The rule has not changed in over the past 5 years but many are thinking it is negotiable.
- No student should be leaving property to go to the store or go for a walk during the school day as we cannot supervise this travel.
- We respectfully request that no parents text permission to their children as that again affects our school supervision realities.
- If your family has arranged for your child to go home for lunch, they just need to sign out in the office (no friends come with), go home, enjoy lunch, return and sign back in so we know they are still safely with us.

Class Information:

- Keep in touch with your teachers about concerns and questions you have

- Field trip plans are all organized directly through your teacher – contact him / her directly for lost forms. We need written permission (no phone calls) for all trips.
- Many class trips or grade level trips will not be posted on the school calendar or the below upcoming dates, so check with your teacher if you have questions.

Dates to note:

- Wed., May 4 – Intermediate (gr 4-7) track meet – all at the track unless other arrangements have been made.
- Tues., May 3 & 10 – hearing screening for K and gr 1 students
- Tues., May 17 – CCSS meeting in the library 6pm
- Thurs., May 19 – PAC meeting in the Foods room 6pm
- Fri., May 20 – Gr 6-9 Dance (no guests) – chaperones requested 😊
- Mon., May 23 – Victoria Day holiday
- Mon., May 30 – Fri., Jun 3 – Active Travel week

LOTS GOING ON!!! Enjoy your weekend!!