

Hello Miracle Beach Families,

Well, the first week flew by! By the sounds of it everyone settled right in to being back a school and other than some bussing issues the week was pretty smooth.

I want to give a huge shout-out to our PAC for organizing coffee on opening day. That was a nice treat and very appreciated. Thank you also to [Forbidden Zone](#) for supplying the coffee and staffing the table.

This week we had some challenges with the busses. I apologize for any inconvenience this has causes. The district is working closely with First Student (bus company) to correct any issues. Hopefully next week will be smooth riding ☺

You might have noticed that we have the upcoming pancake breakfast happening on September 16<sup>th</sup>. This should be a fun way to celebrate the end of the first full week! If you are interested in volunteering to cook or serve pancakes on that morning, please send me an email. We are looking for about 6 to 8 volunteers. As a reminder all volunteers need to have a completed criminal record check on file.

Here are a couple of pictures from the past week.



Welcome back sign on opening day



First assembly of the year for all primary students.

**Week at a Glance**

**Miracle Beach Elementary School Week-at-a-Glance  
September 12<sup>th</sup> to September 23<sup>th</sup>**

Monday, Sept 12	Tuesday, Sept 13	Wednesday, Sept 14	Thursday, Sept 15	Friday, Sept 16
9:30 fire drill (Full <a href="#">School</a> - no alarm)  12:25 – 2:30 - Kindergarten	12:25 – 2:30 - Kindergarten	Kindergarten full days  Noon - Choir		9:00am - Pancake Breakfast  Noon – Tone Chimes
Monday, Sept 19	Tuesday, Sept 20	Wednesday, Sept 21	Thursday, Sept 22	Friday, Sept 23
	1:00 – Fire Drill with Bells	Noon - Choir	7:45 - SBT	Noon – Tone Chimes

**Upcoming dates to note:**

- September 23 - School Supplies Fees Due
- September 28 – Cops For Cancer / Terry Fox Run
- September 26 to 29 – Reconciliation Week
- September 29 – Orange Shirt Day
- September 30 – Reconciliation Day (No School)
- October 5 – PAC Meeting
- October 7 – Hot Lunch Starts

## Community Activities

Below are a few community activities or programs happening that families may be interested in. This information will also be posted on our school website.



**PARENT  
AND  
PEANUT**



**At the Black Creek Community Association**

Drop-in with your little one(s) for a **free** and friendly morning of connecting with other families!

- Playtime for your baby and/or tot
- A chance to chat with others and learn about community resources
- Once a month mobile library and children's story time (VIRL)

Supported by:



**Thursday mornings  
9:30am-noon  
Fall Session:  
Sep. 15--Dec. 15**

For more information, email:  
[comoxvalley.connections@gmail.com](mailto:comoxvalley.connections@gmail.com)

### **New Cook-Along BC Event**

Celebrate National Organic Week and BC Chicken Month! Enjoy a FREE cooking lesson with Chef Trevor Randle and learn about BC foods and agriculture with a virtual webinar from 5:30pm to 7:00pm on September 14. Register [here](#) for this fun Cook-Along BC event.

### **Field to Fork Challenge**

Attention BC young cooks! Enter the 2nd annual [Field to Fork Challenge](#) now! Submit BC grown recipes and cooking videos for a chance to win cash prizes totaling \$6,400!



### **Miracle Beach Kids' Club**

An after-school program right here at Miracle Beach school. Kids can choose from a number of activities, including table games, arts and crafts, or just hanging out with their friends. We also have the use of the school gym, when it's not being used by school or other user groups. We are advocates of outdoor active play, so weather permitting, we spend time daily on the school playground, field or wooded areas adjacent to the school.

We have room for 20 kids per afternoon. Daily fee: \$20 per space

Our hours are from 2:30 to 6:00 pm every day school is in session. Registration is free and there is no obligation to use our service unless you need it. Children on subsidy are welcome.

For more information or to request registration forms: call/text : (250)334-6360 OR email: [mbkidsclub@gmail.com](mailto:mbkidsclub@gmail.com)



## Informational items

Information highlighted this week is **NEW**:

- **Water Bottles** - We currently do not have water fountains and are asking all families to remember to send their children with a water bottle. We do have water bottle filling station available.
- **Reporting Absences** - Each morning, we verify all unaccounted absences through our Whereabouts Program. Your cooperation in reporting all absences is appreciated. If no word is received by 9:00 am, a phone call home will be made to check the whereabouts of your child.
- **School Messenger** - SchoolMessenger is a communication suite used by Miracle Beach Elementary for attendance reporting and to notify parents of unexcused absences.
  - Emergency notifications (e.g. snow closure) are also broadcast to parents/guardians using SchoolMessenger. Instructions for opting-in to receive SMS text messages from SD71 can be found below.
  - An app is also available to parents/guardians that can be voluntarily installed to mobile devices allowing messages to be received on a mobile device. Instructions for how to sign-up, download and configure the app on your mobile device, as well as accessing the platform on the web, can be found below:

[SchoolMessenger Parent App Mobile Device \(PDF\)](#)

[SchoolMessenger Parent App Website \(PDF\)](#)

[SMS Text Messaging Opt-In Instructions \(PDF\)](#)

You can also report an absence by [calling](#) / [emailing](#) the school.

- **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)** – Pack Meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month, starting October 5th. All parents are welcome to attend. More information will be available in future newsletters.
- **Emergency Response & Fire Drills** - Regular fire drills and emergency response drills will be held throughout the year to practise student safety procedures. Our first full school Fire Drill is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>. Classroom teachers will walk through expectations and practice with students during the first week of school.
- **Criminal Record Check** – As per School District Policy 6031MR2 all volunteers will be asked to complete a Criminal Record Check before they are able to drive, volunteer in the classroom or participate in field trips. If you are thinking about volunteering at the school, please take the time to complete the Criminal Record Check process early in the school year. A letter will be sent home in the first week of school with more details.

- **School Supplies** - For the 2022-23 school year Miracle Beach will be providing basic school supplies to students in kindergarten to grade 7. Instead of parents purchasing individual sets of supplies, families provide money to the school and the school will purchase supplies for each student. This approach will ensure equity and equality among all students and will save parents time (no shopping!) and money (ordering in bulk, our discount on school supplies is significant). The only items parents will have to provide are a backpack, a lunch bag, and appropriate shoes for gym.
  - Kindergarten to grade 7 the fee will be \$40
  - The office will accept cash, cheque, or e-transfer
  - Fees are due no later than September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thank you to those families who have already paid.
    - Those who are choosing the e-transfer option, you can send the transfer to [miraclebeach@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:miraclebeach@sd71.bc.ca) . When using this option in the comments section please make sure you use the following message: **School Supplies-Student(s) Name**

Feel free to email me at [zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca) if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

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