

# Miracle Beach Elementary School Newsletter

Hello Miracle Beach Families,

Here are this week's information items. New items are in **Yellow**.

## Week at a Glance

January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1	February 2
Family Literacy Week  Yard Clean Up – Ms. Stride’s and Ms. Bergs’s Class  Noon – Minecraft Challenge	Family Literacy Week  Recycling - Leadership  9:00 – Strong Start  Noon – Choir	Family Literacy Week  Noon – Environmental Club  Boys Basketball Game @ Puntledge  Girls Basketball Game @ Home	Family Literacy Week  Noon - Soup Day  Noon- Leadership  Staff Lunch Team 1  2:30 – Fiber Arts Club	Family Literacy Week  Wear orange for Truth and Reconciliation  Field Trip - Mr. Biegler’s, Ms. Cadden’s, Mr. Nelson’s Ms. Gravels Classes Skiing  Hot Lunch  2:30 – Open Gym
February 5	February 6	February 7	February 8	February 9
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Upcoming dates to note:

- February 16 – Pro-D Day – No School
- February 19 – Family Day – No School

## Kindergarten Registration – Now Open

Parents are asked to register their children at their current neighbourhood catchment school using the online registration located on our website [www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration](http://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration). While most, if not all, students living in a school's local catchment will be accommodated at that school, they cannot be guaranteed placement in the catchment area school and may be required to go to the nearest school having space available. To determine your neighbourhood catchment school, please visit our district website at [comoxvalleyschools.ca](http://comoxvalleyschools.ca), click on "Schools" and go to "Schools Locator".

If you live in an area where busing is provided, please complete a Bus Transportation Registration Form which is located at <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-transportation>

If you do not have access to technology to complete the online registration, please connect with us for support.

Please visit the [Miracle Beach website](#) for more information.

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

## Drawing Club

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our Drawing Club with Ms. Street! Starting Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup> at lunch, students can unleash their creativity and join in the artistic fun. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to explore the world of drawing together!

## Literacy Week - January 29 to February 2

We are celebrating Family Literacy Week at Miracle Beach!! Here are a few ways you could participate with your family:

**Book swap:** We will have tables set up in the school foyer Monday and Tuesday for a book swap. We will have some books to put out that students are welcome to take home and keep. We encourage you to send in any books your child is done with that are in decent condition and that other students might enjoy.

**Reading Bingo:** Come to the school library for a bingo card (or print out the attachment) with suggested literacy activities. If your child completes an activity, please initial the square. Students who participate and turn in a completed BINGO card by Feb 5th will be invited to a pizza lunch! Choose the beginner or advanced bingo card as appropriate.

**Mystery reader:** Take a photo of your child with their face hidden behind a favourite book. Send it to [erika.spearman@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:erika.spearman@sd71.bc.ca) and we'll create a display in the library where students have to guess who is behind which book.

**Vancouver Island Regional Library cards:** Watch for an application form for a VIRL children's library card coming home with your child (or print the attachment). The public library has fantastic digital resources which we can learn to use at school. If you return the application form, we will send it to VIRL, they will prepare the cards for us, and we will distribute them at school.

# FAMILY LITERACY WEEK JAN 29-FEB 2

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## Hot Lunch

As a reminder to any families with outstanding Hot Lunch balances, we offer the following payment methods:

- PayPal or E-transfer. **No cash or cheques please!**
- PayPal -- pay through your PayPal account, or login as a guest.
- E-transfer -- send payment to: [mbhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:mbhotlunch@gmail.com).
  - **Please make sure to note your child's name in the comments section, and what the payment is for (ie. hot lunch).**

All proceeds go towards the Miracle Beach PAC, which supports the school and kid's activities. Thank you for supporting Hot Lunch at Miracle Beach Elementary.

## Spare Clothing, Raingear and Water Bottle

As we transition through the seasons, and deal with all types of weather, we kindly request your attention to a few essential reminders:

**Spare Clothing:** Please ensure your child has a spare set of clothing in their backpack. Unforeseen situations can arise, and having spare attire ensures a smooth transition back to the learning environment.

**Weather-Appropriate Clothing:** With varying weather conditions, it is advisable to dress your child in layers and provide them with appropriate rain gear. This will enable them to engage comfortably in outdoor activities and be prepared for unexpected weather changes.

**Hydration:** Please ensure your child has a water bottle to school. Staying hydrated is vital for their well-being and having access to water throughout the day supports optimal focus and concentration.

We appreciate your continued support in helping us provide a positive educational experience for all students.

## Music Program Fundraising



### Support our Music Programs!

No sorting or standing in line required. Just bring in your clean refundables in a CLEAR or BLUE plastic bag. Go to the Express printer (at the depot) and print off a label using the school phone number. Attach a label to each bag and drop it in the bin! All money will go to support the Performing Arts programs at Miracle Beach Elementary!

1. Use a clear or blue bag
2. Print off a label using 250-337-5114
3. Attach the label
4. Leave the bag in the bin





# FIBER ARTS CLUB

Open to Students in grade 4 and 5



**THURSDAYS 2:30-3:30**  
**JANUARY 25 - FEBRUARY 29**  
**MIRACLE BEACH ELEMENTARY**

**STUDENTS MUST HAVE A RIDE HOME**

For more information or to pre-register email:  
[samantha.mckay@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:samantha.mckay@sd71.bc.ca)

**Volunteers Needed**

Space is limited as most will need 1-1 support if you have a passion for  
Knitting  
Hand Sewing  
Machine Sewing  
Crocheting  
please consider volunteering.





**MIRACLE BEACH Elementary School  
PAC  
Fundraiser 2024  
Instructions From  
Good Earth Farms Seeds**

**Welcome!!!**

In order to support this amazing fundraiser please proceed to our online store located at: [www.goodearthfarms.ca](http://www.goodearthfarms.ca)

Please go ahead and shop for any seeds you need.

As you are shopping make sure to select **“Store Pick Up”** under **“How to get it”** Your order will be delivered to the school, you do not need to come to the farm...

Once you have filled your cart with all you need, please proceed to the **“Checkout”**.

**IMPORTANT** - Please enter the following coupon code under **“+ Apply Coupon or Gift Card”**: **“MiracleBeachFundraiser2024”**  
Do not miss this step as that is how we will track your order as a fundraiser.

Important Dates:

Monday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser Sales Begin

Wednesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> Fundraiser Sales Cut-off

Monday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> Orders Distributed at School

There are planting and gardening instructions on the website:)

Thanks so much for your Support!!!

## Miracle Beach Elementary Open Gym



**A PLACE TO  
CONNECT AND  
HAVE FUN**

**Open Gym**

- Play Together
- Explore gym equipment
- Fun
- Build community
- Indoor activities

2:35 going until 4:30 join us and other parents with your kids and enjoy some open gym time.

**Every FRIDAY  
230 to 430  
Guardians MUST Attend**

## Community Information

### Family Sessions – Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities – More Dates!

In partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, Safer schools Together have opened up four more dates for our “Social Media Awareness” Family Sessions. These sessions were designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world. See dates here: [erase Family Sessions \(saferschoolstogether.com\)](https://saferschoolstogether.com)

### Kindergarten Registration – PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

More information can be found using this link: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

- **Late French Immersion Registration Information:** The Late Immersion Open House is January 25<sup>th</sup> at Puntledge from 6:30-7:30 pm with Registration/Expression of interest opening at 6 pm January 29<sup>th</sup>.

- **ENTER Program Open House:** Aspen Park will be holding an ENTER open house on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 pm in room 159 at Aspen Park Elementary. The Expression of Interest will open on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Youth Basketball Camp



# Youth Basketball Camp

February 11 2024 @ Isfeld Secondary Gym

Grades 4-7 Boys 9-11:30 (FEB 11)

Grades 4-7 Girls 12:30-3:00 (FEB 11)

Fundraiser for Isfeld Sr Boys Basketball Program

Cost \$40

Register online via the QR Code

or visit Mark Isfeld Website

[Registrations due by Feb 9 2024](#)





**Pictures**





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,

**Zale Darnel**  
Principal, Miracle Beach Elementary