

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 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16
		PAC Meeting 6:30pm		
January 19	January 20	January 21	January 22	January 23
Gr 4 Symphony Field Trip 10am – 1pm	Kindergarten Registration for 2026/27 opens	Gr 6/7 Boys Basketball HOME vs Lake Trail @ 3:15pm Gr 6/7 Girls Basketball AWAY @ Lake Trail 3:15pm		

Upcoming dates to note:

- January 14 – PAC Meeting
- January 19 – Gr 4 Symphony Field Trip
- January 20 – Kindergarten Registration opens
- January 26 – Gr 6 Immunizations
- January 29 – Kindergarten Hearing Screening

REMINDERS

Please **do not** bring Pokémon cards to school – it can cause tension with the students (many of whom do not know the value/rarity of the cards they are trading. Thanks!

FROM THE BUS DRIVERS

Please **do not** park on the left side of the buses when dropping off or picking-up your children. This makes it impossible for the buses to move safely. Also, please **only walk on the RIGHT side** of the buses (to the right of the barriers).

As the weather has taken a turn for the worse, please ensure that students are coming to school in weather-appropriate clothing, and everyone has a full change of clothing in a waterproof (ie: Ziploc) bag either in their backpack or kept in their classrooms

**Please note that the parking lot is for STAFF ONLY. If you are dropping off or picking up at the school, you will need to park along the shoulders of Paulsen Rd. **

If emailing to report an absence, please ONLY send it to miraclebeach@sd71.bc.ca as all of the office staff have access to this email. Alternatively, you can download the School Messenger app to report absences, late arrivals, or early departures.

Neighbourhood School Kindergarten Registration Opens Soon

Kindergarten registration for Miracle Beach opens on Tuesday, January 20th. Please follow the link below for more information on registering.

https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/comox-valley-schools-announces-registration-dates-and-expanded-program-options-for-the-2026-27-school-year/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

MyEducation BC - New AspenGo mobile student & family portal launching January 11th

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

We are pleased to announce that they will be launching the new MyEducation BC AspenGo mobile portal on January 11, 2026.

- AspenGo is much simpler and more intuitive interface
- The ability to access published reports on mobile devices is restored in this new interface
- There is no action required on your part, the new interface will automatically appear as of January 11
- Your login ID and password remain unchanged. If you have setup access via the BC Services card, this too remains unchanged

A short overview video of the new portal is available here: myeducationbc.info/wp-content/uploads/New-Family-and-Student-Portal.mp4

Senior Boys' Towhee Invitational Basketball Tournament

The tournament schedule for the Senior Boys' Towhee Invitational Basketball Tournament is attached to the newsletter for anyone interested in seeing some high level basketball games being hosted at GP Vanier Secondary this coming weekend!

Non-Instructional Day Scheduled for Friday, May 15th

Comox Valley Schools is advising families and staff that a **Non-Instructional Day will take place on Friday, May 15, 2026**, following a decision of the Board of Education.

At the December Board meeting, the Board passed a motion confirming this Non-Instructional Day, which will be dedicated to **Indigenous learning for all staff**. On this day, **students will not attend school**, and staff will participate in professional learning activities.

This Non-Instructional Day aligns with provincial requirements under the **School Calendar Regulation**, which requires all school districts in British Columbia to include at least one non-instructional day each year focused on Indigenous student achievement and learning. The day is intended to provide dedicated time for staff to deepen understanding of Indigenous histories, cultures, and perspectives, and to support ongoing Truth and Reconciliation efforts within public education.

This learning also aligns with the **Comox Valley Schools Strategic Plan**, including commitments related to equity, relationships, and Indigenous education.

The updated school calendar with the May 15 non-instructional day now added is here on the district website: [District Calendars - Comox Valley Schools](#)

Open Gym Every Friday at MBE



Back by Popular Demand — Open Gym Fridays!

The community school is so excited to bring back Open Gym Fridays from 2:40 to 4:00pm! Come burn off some energy, explore the gym equipment, and connect with other families.

Please note: All kids must have a guardian in attendance — school rules apply.

Our awesome coordinator Heather is ready to welcome you and make it a fun afternoon for everyone!

Every Friday | 2:40–4:00pm | School Gym
Let's play, laugh, and build community together!

January Ordering for Hot Lunch

January ordering is open for Hot Lunch on the Munch-a-Lunch website.



If portions are feeling a bit too small, please note that **you can order more than 1 portion for each day.**

Reminder to please return any **BLUE containers with clear lids (if they happen to make it into a backpack by mistake). If your child would like to bring any leftovers home, please pack them a reusable container from home as we return the blue containers each week to be cleaned.**

For the Vegetarian and Gluten Free options - if not specified, these items will be as close to the regular option as possible with those modifications.

Still having troubles logging in to Munch-A-Lunch? Contact Ashley for help (ashley.lefley@sd71.bc.ca).

If you would like to order Hot Lunch for your child/children, but finances are a barrier, please note it is a 'Pay What You Can' program and is subsidized by the school district.

Volunteering and Driving for the 2025/26 School Year

If you would like to volunteer at the school and/or drive for field trips this school year it is important that you supply the necessary documentation ahead of time.

Please consider submitting the documents required in advance so when the time comes you don't have to wait to be approved. It also makes it easier on teachers to know ahead of time when planning field trips and activities.

The following items are required yearly (email to miraclebeach@sd71.bc.ca):

- **A Personal Driving Record** from ICBC, can be done online [Driving Record and Insurance History](#)
- A copy of a valid driver's license
- vehicle insurance showing minimum \$1 million liability

(emailed photos emailed will suffice, or we can photocopy at the office)

Required every five years:

- Criminal Record Check - if you think you have one on file please don't hesitate to call or email the office to confirm

*Criminal Record Checks can take weeks to be approved so must be submitted well ahead of time.

Online Link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

Access Code: XGAX6D8B53

Pictures

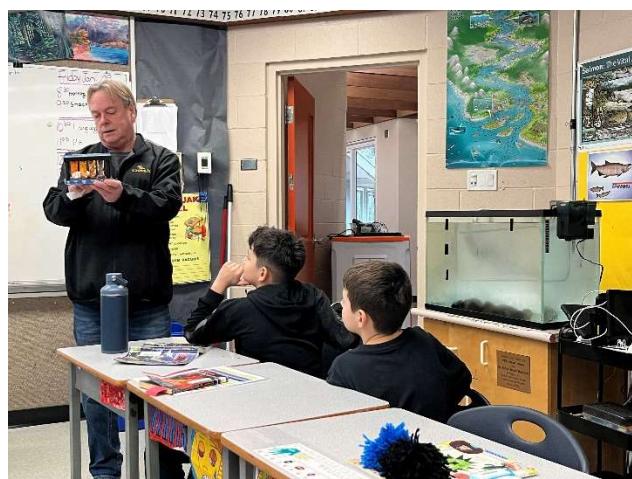


Lacrosse Club!





Fun in Ms. Erin's room!



Learning about Salmon life cycles with Mr. Nelson's class