

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 19	January 20	January 21	January 22	January 23
Gr 4 Symphony Field Trip 10am – 1pm	2026/27 Kindergarten Registration opens	Gr 6/7 Boys Basketball HOME vs Lake Trail @ 3:15pm		SPirit DAY Superheroes or Super Villains
January 26	January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30
Gr 6 Immunizations		Gr 6/7 Boys Basketball HOME @ Puntledge 3:15pm	Kindergarten Hearing Screening	

Upcoming dates to note:

- January 20 – Kindergarten Registration opens
- January 26 – Gr 6 Immunizations
- January 29 – Kindergarten Hearing Screening
- February 16 – Family Day (NO SCHOOL)
- February 17 – District Pro-D Day (NO SCHOOL)
- February 25 – Pink Shirt Day

Lacrosse Club

A few Grade 4 students have initiated an after-school lacrosse club. We support their enthusiasm, but we need to be clear that this is **NOT** a school club and therefore there is **NO** school supervision. Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of the children involved.

REMINDERS

If your child normally takes the bus home from school, **please** phone the office if they are **not** taking the bus on any given day, otherwise we will send them on the bus. Emailing the teacher doesn't always work as they may not have access to their computer/email at the end of the day.

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!

****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.****

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM AT ECOLE PUNTLEDGE PARK

The Late French Immersion program accepts students who have completed grade 5 at a neighbourhood, English school. As they enter grades 6 and 7 at École Puntledge Park, they study French, in an Immersion setting. These students join their Early Immersion counterparts in grade 8 to study an identical program, as all French Immersion students transition to Mark R. Isfeld Secondary.

We would like to invite you to an Open House Information Session at Puntledge on Thursday, Jan 22 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. You will have a chance to learn about the program benefits, meet the LFI Grade 6 teacher and ask questions.

The Expression of Interest for Late French Immersion is open from Jan 26th until Jan 30th at 6pm, using a lottery system. Siblings of current students in French Immersion programs will have priority if they are registered before the end of this window. Please see SD71's Registration page to find the coming year's Expression of Interest Form for Late French Immersion. <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/late-french-immersion/>

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

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](#)

PAC NEWS

Miracle Beach Fun Fair

PAC is looking for a committee leader to oversee the Fun Fair for this year. There are many volunteers to support the event but a leader is needed to coordinate. Unfortunately if this position is not filled the Fun Fair will not proceed. Contact: miraclebeachpac@gmail.com for more information.

Open Gym Every Friday at MBE

A PLACE TO CONNECT AND HAVE FUN

Open Gym

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

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

**Every FRIDAY
2:30 to 4pm
Guardians MUST Attend**

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!

Counsellor's Corner

Family Smart is hosting a **free** event for families on digital well-being and mental health next Wednesday, January 21st at Mark Isfeld Secondary (multipurpose room) from 6:30 – 8:00pm. Please see the attached flyer for more information on this great event!

January Ordering for Hot Lunch

January ordering is still available 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.

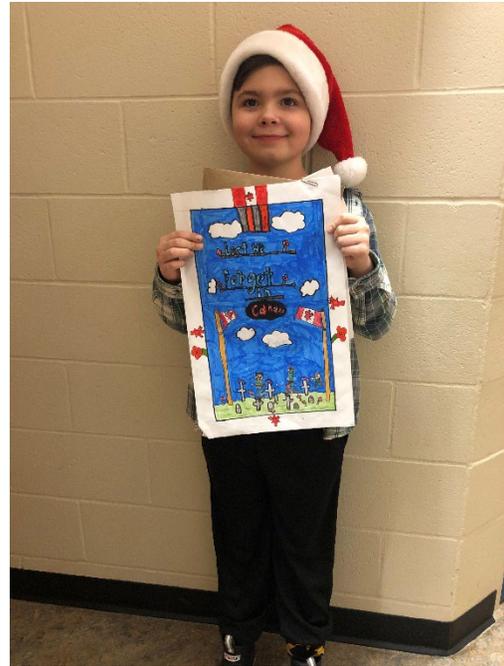
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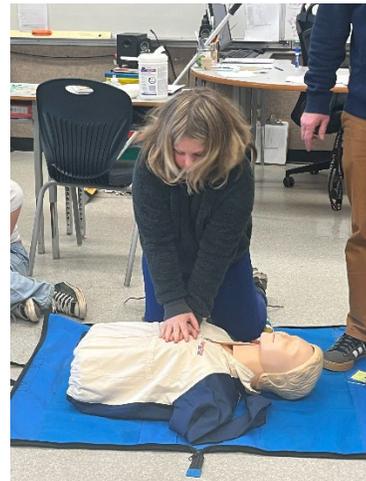
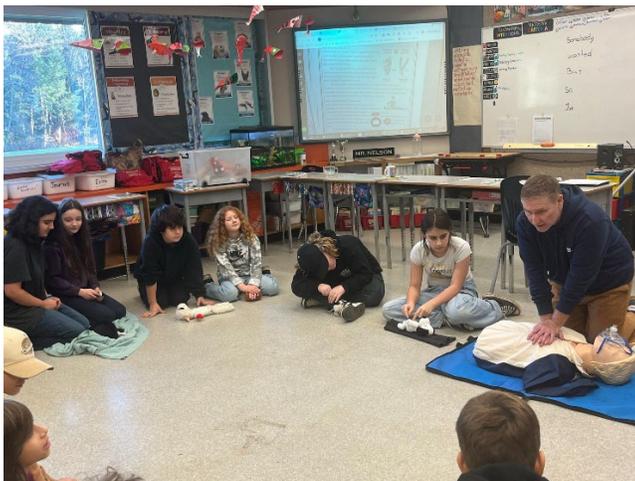
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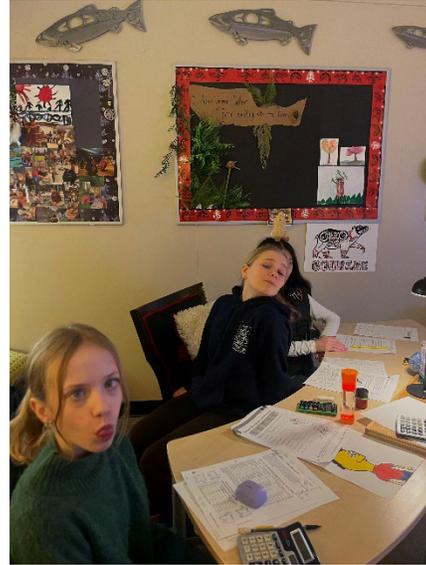
Reading Buddies!



Our Legion contest winner – Lucas 😊



Learning CPR in Mr. Nelson's class



Fun with Ms. Erin!



'Rethink Your Drink' with Ms. Jina Taylor



Learning how to play Indigenous games with Ms. Jina Taylor