



# Cedar Grove Elementary

## NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates

Fri., May 4 - Pro D Day (no school)

Mon., May 21 - Victoria Day  
(no school)

Tues., May 22 - Panoramic Photo Day

Thurs., June 28 - Last Day of School

### Principal's Message

*"The currents that determine our dreams and shape our lives, flow from the attitudes we nurture every day."*

It is great to be back!! - thank you so much to all of the students, parents and staff who have made my return so welcoming. Thank you as well to Mr. Cotter and Mr. McGowan for doing such a super job in my absence.

#### Gym Sense

Gym Sense has been outstanding - it is awesome to see our students engaging in gymnastic/movement activities under the qualified gymnastic instruction provided by the Gym Sense staff. Thank you to our PAC for assisting in making this opportunity available to our students.



We have parent presentations by the Vancouver Police Odd Squad about youth making positive life choices around drug awareness and criminal behaviour, at the Gibsons Community Center on Wednesday, April 18th 7:30-9:00 pm.

Also, Children of the Street Society, partnered with Charlene Smith a student at Elphinstone Secondary, will be presenting to gr. 6/7 students at 9 elementary schools in our district. Cedar Grove gr. 6/7 students are scheduled to have the presentation at 1:00 pm on May 22, 2012. Check out the poster by the office and this website:

<http://www.scyouth.info/>

Our Home Decor/Plant Sale was on Saturday, April 14th. Close to \$3,000 was raised to support our Earthquake Preparedness and other opportunities for students at CGE.

Our CGE Courtyard Planters look wonderful, thanks to our district maintenance staff who rebuilt the planter boxes and our parent volunteer gardeners who, in a partnership agreement with our maintenance staff, did some wonderful weeding, trimming, replanting etc. - what an amazing transformation. More great gardening to come.....we'll keep you posted.

### FRIENDLY REMINDER TO PARENTS - Parking/Student Pick-up & Drop-Off



Please, if you are visiting or volunteering in our school, or if you are dropping off or picking up your children, please do NOT park in the staff parking lot at the back of the school. We ask that you please use the lot at the front of the school. When dropping students off in the morning, please assist in keeping the flow of traffic moving. There is a marked Fire Lane - please do not park in this area or the drop-off area. If you are coming into the school, even for a very short time frame, please park in marked stall, NOT in the pull through lane or school bus/fire lane area. Thank you in advance for your help and support.

### Basketball Season Closes

As basketball season drew to a close last Wednesday and Friday with girls and boys tournaments at Chat and Elphi respectively. I must express how very proud I am of all of our Cedar Grove athletes who played basketball this year. Students grew in their individual and team skills, and consistently demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and class, at times, under difficult circumstances. What a tremendous representation of our learning community and a tribute to the character of our players.



Both teams played very well in tournament play and every team member made an important contribution - Well Done! I would like to express my deep appreciation to all of the parents who so kindly volunteered to drive our students to games and the tournament - your support made our participation possible - thank you on behalf of all of the Cedar Grove Basketball Program!

A special thank you to Coaches Mr. Cotter, Mr. McGowan, Ms. Kelly Marits, Mr. Williams, Mr. Ali Khan, and Mr. Pond - what a great Job!



### Planning for 2012/2013 School Year

We have begun the planning process for the 2009/2010 school year. We base much of this planning on projected enrollments and on the assumption that students currently enrolled in K-6 classes will be returning in September. If you are aware of an upcoming move or your child will not be attending CGE in the coming school year, could you please notify the office as soon as possible so that we can adjust our planning accordingly. Thank you.

### The Final Stretch

The third academic term is a very important one for students. Teachers are working hard to ensure that curriculum is completed and that students have built the necessary inventory of skills and knowledge to complete the school year and advance to the next grade. Many students are involved in extra curricular activities such as track and field and baseball. It is important that students maintain their commitment to completing assignments and projects at this busy time of year. As a staff, we appreciate your continued support in working together for the success of our students!



### Kindergarten Registration

Parents of pupils entering Kindergarten in September 2012 are asked to register children at the elementary school serving their area. Kindergarten registrations are still being accepted. Please be advised that proof of age (birth certificate or passport) and Care Card MUST be supplied before registration can be accepted. Kindergarten students must be five years of age on or before December 31st, 2007.



### Unpredictable Weather

Throughout the winter months, often it is overcast but not raining when recess/noon hour begins. Occasionally, when students are dismissed outside, it begins to lightly sprinkle a short time later. In these circumstances, students are permitted to remain outside, unless the rain gets heavy. With this in mind, we ask that students come to school with outerwear that will keep them dry in light rain conditions. If it is raining heavily at the start of recess or the lunch time play period, the day is designated as an "in" day, and a variety of choices are offered to students in terms of activities/places to go within the school.



### PAC

Hats off to our fabulous PAC at Cedar Grove, who are so positive and work so hard to support learning and student progress at CGE. Our PAC meets regularly each month where educational issues, programs such as hot lunch, school and PAC events, student opportunities etc. are all discussed. All parents are always welcome to attend - we value and appreciate your input and support. Thank you to all of our PAC executive for doing such a fantastic job.



### Talent Show

We are temporarily postponing our talent show. My apologies for the delay to students who have been rehearsing and planning for this event. Ways to still have this event before the end of the school year are being explored.

### Volunteers

Parent volunteers are always welcome and very much appreciated. All parents who volunteer as parent drivers, help with supervising on extended experiences, work with individual students listening to them read etc. are required to have a completed RCMP Criminal Record Check on file with the School District. We are pleased to offer the forms to complete this process at the office. Also, Drivers Abstract are required and available at ICBC. Copies of Drivers License and insurance can be made in the office and kept on file.



## SD46 Online Survey

School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) invites you to complete an online survey <http://www.sd46.bc.ca/index.php/community-info/225-sd46-online-survey> prior to April 23, 2012. You are also encouraged to attend a [Community Forum](#) on Tuesday, April 24th to discuss future directions in the District's Strategic Plan for 2012-15.