

The Cougar's Den

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June 3 - Track Meet

On June 3rd, some of our Grade 4 and 5 students will be participating in our Track Meet.

Who can I contact for more information? Mr. Bendall, who can be reached at dbendall@sd62learns.org

June 7 - Mark Andrews Retirement Assembly

Mr. Andrews, our incredible custodian, is retiring from our school. We thank him for all of his hard work and dedication, as well as his humor, stories and spirit! This will be a students only assembly, but the parent community will be represented by our PAC.

Who can I contact for more information? Mr. Lowther would be the best person here, he can be reached at plowther@sd62.bc.ca

June 9 - Fun Fair

Our incredible PAC is hosting a Fun Fair! This event is during the evening and is open to the whole family. There is more info on this on the PAC page of this newsletter. The PAC will also be connecting directly with you with more info.

Who can I contact for more information? You can contact the PAC directly at colwoodelementarypac@gmail.com

June 14 - Parent Appreciation

The staff at Colwood Elementary would like to thank all of our parents for all that they do to help our school succeed. Between 8-8:30, on June 14th, join us by the fenced area beside the Kindergarten classroom for refreshments and to appreciate some art made by our students.

Who can I contact for more information? Mr. Lowther, who can be reached at plowther@sd62.bc.ca

June 16 - Fun Day

More info will be coming in the June 10th weekly email about this fun event. This is a daytime, student-only event that will be held at the school.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ★ **Thursday, June 2**
HOT LUNCH—White Spot
- ★ **Friday, June 3**
DISTRICT TRACK & FIELD
GRADE 4/5
- ★ **Friday, June 3**
DYE DAY- WEAR TIE DIE
- ★ **Tuesday, June 7**
RETIREMENT ASSEMBLY
- ★ **Wednesday, June 8**
POPCORN DAY
- ★ **Wednesday, June 8**
PAC MEETING, AGM 6:30
- ★ **Thursday, June 9**
FUN FAIR 6-8 PM
- ★ **Tuesday, June 14, 8-8:30**
PARENT APPRECIATION
- ★ **Thursday, June 16**
HOT LUNCH— Boston Pizza
- ★ **Thursday, June 16**
SCHOOL FUN DAY
- ★ **Wednesday, June 22**
POPCORN DAY
- ★ **Friday, June 24**
BEACH DAY
- ★ **Wednesday, June 29**
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL





June 24 - Beach Day

For the first time in a couple years, Colwood Elementary is going to the beach! Our time on the banks of the Salish Sea will be a fun celebration of our year.

Important notes

Supervision – Supervision will be provided by the staff of Colwood Elementary and two hired lifeguards. Students are permitted to go in the water up to their knees while lifeguards are on duty.

What to send – Hat, sunscreen (must be able to apply on own), water bottle, snack and lunch, towel, change of clothes, appropriate footwear

* Beach toys such as plastic shovels, buckets, or frisbees are allowed but the responsibility of students

If you have any questions about whether students are allowed to bring a certain item, please contact your classroom teacher at their district email or Mr. Lowther at

plowther@sd62.bc.ca

Schedule – Classes start as usual at 8:30 with attendance and the expectations for the day being read and shown to the class. Busses will be loaded around 9:00. Students will still have a snack and lunch break, so please provide that for them during the day. Students will return to the school by 2:15 to prepare for dismissal at 2:38.

Picking up/dropping off at the beach – This is very discouraged. The priority of safety requires a great amount of communication and planning to ensure a successful event. To that end, if it is unavoidable that your child has to be picked up early from the beach, you must prearrange this with your classroom teacher and the office. You must also check in with your teacher and Ms. Debbie from the office before you take your children from the event. Again, this is very discouraged and should be avoided if possible.

June 28 - Grade 5 Lunch

An awesome way to celebrate our grade 5's and their journey through Colwood Elementary. A short program and slideshow will also be presented. For grade 5's and their guests only. Your teachers will be in contact with you regarding the specifics. Who can I contact for more information? Mr. Bendall, who can be reached at dbendall@sd62learns.org, and Ms. Fish, sfish@sd62.bc.ca.

Lost & Found

Please come and check out the Lost & Found. Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the school year.

Let's Read Sheets

They can be handed into the Library at **Recess** each and every day of the week. Last day to hand in sheets is Friday **June 10**.

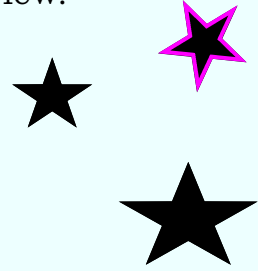
June 29 - Year-end Assembly

Colwood Elementary will be winding down the year with our final assembly. The event will include some speeches, a slide show, PAC remarks and a bursary, a song and some staff appreciation. This event is students-only, but we are definitely looking forward to future assemblies and events that include our parents and community in the future.

MyedBC Parent Portal Instructions

We are excited to use MyEd BC Family Portal to facilitate greater communication between teachers, schools, and families. The portal allows parents/guardians to view:

- Class Attendance Information
- Contact Information
- Assessments
- IEP's (If Applicable)
- Student Schedules
- Published Report Cards
- Published Student Information Verification Forms



It is important that you log in and get acquainted with the portal since you will be receiving your students report card through the parent portal.

A friendly reminder that the initial set up of your account must be completed from a computer (not a mobile device).

Login Instructions

1. Visit <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>
2. Make sure pop-ups are enabled on your browser and you are on a computer, NOT a mobile device!
3. Your login information will have been sent to you from sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca

Find your password

We have developed a tool to help parents/guardians look up their temporary MyEd BC Portal password. If you have never accessed MyEd BC Portal, please visit the MyEd BC portal page on our website [here](#).

Looking for your password? Use our [password tool](#). If you continue to experience difficulties signing in to your MyEd parent portal, please contact your child's school directly.

FAQ

1. What is my UserID? Your UserID is the email address we have on file for you (the email where you receive all of our communications)
2. I forgot my password, what should I do? Please use the "I Forgot my Password" link on the Myeducation BC login page
3. I am getting an error that my account has been disabled, what should I do? Please email dllisrael@sd62.bc.ca with a screen shot of the error message and we will do our best to help troubleshoot your problem.

Additional Portal help can be found [HERE](#)

* Security MyEdBC is a secure student information system used in all public school districts in the province of BC. Security is guided by the rules and regulations of the School Act and Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA).

Access to your child's information is only provided to legal guardian(s). Each parent or legal guardian will have their own account.

Fun Fair Reminders

Summer Fun Basket

Items due for June 3rd

Jar Game

Jars at school for June 8th

Cake Walk

Sweets to school day of Fun Fair



**Join us for our last meeting
of the year and AGM
Wednesday, June 8th
@6:30pm**

Hot Lunch Reminder

We cannot do refunds if your child is absent on hot lunch day.

If your child is away and you would like to make arrangements to pick up or give to a sibling,

**email us before 10 am
on hot lunch day at
colwoodhotlunch@
hotmail.com**

FaceBook @ Colwood Elementary School PAC
Online @ <https://colwoodschoollpac.wordpress.com/>
Connect with us @ colwoodelementarypac@gmail.com

PAC News

We would like to thank all the parents, teachers and staff that have supported PAC this year. Thank you for each and every hot lunch, bag of popcorn, holiday card and piece of chocolate you purchased. Thank you for helping raise the funds that make our children's school day that little bit extra fun.



A reminder that on Wednesday, June 8th we will be holding our Annual General Election. For the 2022/2023 school year we are hoping to fill all our executive positions.

If we do not have parents to fill these positions we will not be able to have a PAC at our school and any funds currently held by PAC will be dispersed to other schools within our district.

If you are interested in joining the PAC Executive or have any questions please let us know.

Important Upcoming PAC Dates

June 2 - White Spot
Hot Lunch
June 8 - Popcorn Day
June 9 - FUN FAIR
June 16 - Pizza Hut
Hot Lunch
June 22 - Popcorn Day

Everyday Fundraising

Cobs Bread (Westshore) -
Say Colwood Elementary at the till

Glenwood Meats - Bring receipts
to the office (we get 10% back)

GFL - Mention Colwood
Elementary when dropping off
bottles and cans at the bottle
depot

Co-op - Member # 74600



FreshGrade Information

FreshGrade is wrapping up as a portfolio and will no longer be accessible after July 31, 2022. Below are instructions on how to save a Portfolio and Individual Artifacts.

How to save a FreshGrade Portfolio and Individual Artifacts (Videos and Photos)

To save your child's portfolio in a way that will have a similar look and feel to that viewed on the FreshGrade app you will need to use a personal computer (laptop, desktop, Mac or PC).

Step 1: Open your child's FreshGrade Portfolio

1. Open a web browser (Chrome, Edge, Safari).
2. Go to: <https://freshgrade.com/>
3. Click on LOGIN.
4. Select CLASSIC LOGIN.
5. Select the FreshGrade Parent icon.
6. Sign in using the credentials you use to log in to the App.
7. Open the portfolio you would like to save.
 - To switch between students and past portfolios click on **Portfolio History** on the left side bar.

Step 2: Download the Entire Portfolio

1. Open your child's portfolio as described in Step 1.
2. **IMPORTANT:** Wait until the entire Portfolio has loaded on the webpage before proceeding. This may take a few minutes depending on the number of artifacts in the portfolio.
 - Scroll down the webpage until you see the first dated entry (*most likely Sept/Oct of the school year*).
 - Artifacts will continue to load as you scroll down.
3. Once the entire portfolio has loaded, right click your mouse and select **Save As**.
4. Choose a location, file name, and ensure **Save as type: Webpage, Complete** is selected.
5. Click **Save**.
6. Two items will download and save to your computer:
 - A .html file
 - A folder containing the image files associated with the portfolio.
 - *Please note: video files are not supported and must be downloaded separately. See optional Step 4.*

Step 3: View the Saved Portfolio

1. To view your child's portfolio, you may open the **.html** file at any time (with or without internet access). Please be aware that video and audio files will not play.

Optional Step 4: Download Individual Video or Image files

1. Open your child's portfolio as described in Step 1.
2. Click on the video/image artifact you would like to save.
3. Click the *Download File* (light blue text) at the top of the page.
 - For images: Right click and select **Save image as** to save the image
 - For video files: Click on the 3 dots in the lower right corner of the video. Select Download.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 62 (SOOKE)

2022 - 2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Total Days in Session	186
Days of Instruction	179
Non-instructional Days	6
Administrative Day	1
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School Year begins (All schools in session one-half day)	Tues., Sept. 6
Non-instructional Day (District-Wide School Planning)	Mon., Sept. 19
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Fri., Sept. 30
Thanksgiving Day	Mon., Oct. 10
Non-instructional Day – Professional Development (Provincial)	Fri., Oct. 21
Remembrance Day	Fri., Nov. 11
*Early Dismissal (three hours for all schools)	Thurs., Nov. 24
Non-instructional Day – Professional Development (includes CUPE)	Fri., Nov. 25
Last day Before Winter Break	Fri., Dec. 16
Winter Vacation (incl. Christmas, Boxing Day and New Year's Day)	Mon., Dec. 19 – Mon., Jan. 2, 2023
Schools Reopen	Tues., Jan. 3, 2023
Non-instructional Day – Professional Development (Tri-District)	Fri., Feb. 17
Family Day	Mon., Feb. 20
Last Day before Spring Break	Fri., Mar. 17
Spring Break	Mon., Mar. 20 – Fri., Mar. 31
Schools Reopen	Mon., Apr. 3
Good Friday	Fri., Apr. 7
Easter Monday	Mon., Apr. 10
*Early Dismissal (three hours for all schools)	Thurs., Apr. 20
Non-Instructional Day – Professional Development	Fri., Apr. 21
Victoria Day	Mon., May 22
Non-instructional Day – Professional Development (includes CUPE)	Mon., May 29
Last Day of School	Thurs., June 29
Year-end Administrative Day	Fri., June 30

*Nov. 24 & April 20 will remain the Early Dismissal Days; however, the elementary and middle school parent-teacher interviews/conferences may be held at an earlier date if the local school community deems it to be beneficial for communicating student learning to parents.

SD62 (SOOKE)

2022/2023 CALENDAR

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■ Instructional
 ■ Non-Instructional
 ■ Vacation Period
 ■ Statutory Holiday



Ministry of Education

The school district's International Program is looking for great host families who are interested in welcoming an international student into their home next school year. Students come from many different countries (Germany, Mexico, Thailand, Spain, Brazil, Japan, Italy, China, and more), and typically stay for 5 or 10 months, attending one of the high schools in the district. If you are interested in learning more, contact homestay@sd62.bc.ca. Families are encouraged to apply now, as placements are currently being made for September. To apply directly, use the QR code in the image below or visit <http://www.sooke-schools-victoria.com/homestay/>



HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

BELMONT, ROYAL BAY & EMCS
SECONDARY SCHOOLS

You will provide an experience of a lifetime, build lifelong relationships, and learn about other cultures.

APPLY TO HOST

www.sooke-schools-victoria.com/homestay



Take a photo with your phone to apply!

BASIC EXPECTATIONS: Clean, safe, rooming, supportive home environment. Private furnished bedroom (your home address), 2 meals per day plus snacks. Transportation to family activities. Monthly transportation provided.



Sooke Schools
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOOKE
VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

