



George Bonner Elementary School

April Newsletter

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NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY

A reminder that there will be no school for students on Monday, April 19th due to the district wide Non-Instructional Day. Teachers will be attending a Zoom session in the morning and working on collaborative activities at Bonner in the afternoon.

STUDENT REGISTRATION

As the end of the school year draws nearer, we are starting the process of looking at next year's staffing and what our class configurations might look like. Both of these things are entirely dependent on student enrollment in the school. Should you or someone you know plan on registering new students at George Bonner next year, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for helping us prepare for next year.

MASK REMINDER

Please do not send your child to school with any contagious illness including cold and flu.

A reminder that students in Grades 4/5/6/7 are currently required to wear masks at all times while inside the school. The only exceptions are when students are eating/drinking or playing a musical instrument such as a recorder or trumpet that require students to blow into them. Grade 4-7 students are also required to wear masks if riding on a school bus. Kindergarten to grade 3 students are not required to wear masks. No masks are required while outside but physical distancing is encouraged. Please click on the link below for more information. Thank you to everyone in the Bonner community for your help keeping children, staff and families safe.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidlines.pdf>



BUSING REGISTRATION for 2021/2022

Registration for busing next school year can be completed online beginning May 1 – 31, 2021. Be sure to watch for an Information notice that will be sent home with your student; this will include your student's pupil # necessary for registration.



EARTH DAY



This year Earth Day is on Thursday, April 22nd. Classes will be participating in various activities organized by teachers. The entire school will also be participating in "Lights Out Canada." Lights Out Canada involves shutting off as many lights as possible throughout the day in order to conserve energy. If you are picking up or dropping off students that day and notice that the school seems dark, this will be the reason why. In addition, we have coordinated the April school spirit day with Earth Day. The idea is that students wear anything blue or green to show their school spirit.

LIBRARY NEWS

Six students from Mrs. Griffiths' class are commended for their extraordinary dedication to reading this month. The students formed a reading team, which consisted of:

Loen Christenson, Neela Graham-Nandhra, Austin Hill, Shea Hodge-Walsh, Alex Johnson, and Myles Phelps, who determinedly read six different novels.

They represented Bonner Elementary at a Cowichan Valley School District Reading Challenge. The reading challenge was sponsored by the Vancouver Island Regional Library, and organized by Nariel Davis, Customer Services Librarian - Children and Youth Services. The VIRL provided the books, organized the reading challenges, and provided reading incentives. We are grateful for their outreach to public schools.

The library inventory overhaul is almost completed, and that will provide an electronic catalogue which is accurate - it has been a long time coming, and we are so grateful for the CUPE team that has come into the library to do the repair. The inventory will allow us to see what is still missing from last school year, and to give us a true sense of what is in the catalogue actually matches what is on the shelves.

Thanks to all for your patience during this school year.

John Boan-Mitchell



STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) is participating in the 2021 Ministry of Education Electronic Student Learning Survey. Every year, the Ministry of Education asks all parents of Grade 4 and 7 students in the province of British Columbia to complete the survey based on your opinions of the programs and activities at George Bonner Elementary School. The results of this province-wide survey will be used to help schools, school districts and the Ministry of Education develop goals and priorities for next year. A link to the survey was sent home to all Grade 4 and 7 parents last month. If you did not get the email and would like to complete the survey, please contact the school.

DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE

Did you know that our school district has a Facebook page? This is a great page to follow for District and Board news, emergency updates, COVID updates and general good news stories.

You can find it at: www.facebook.com/CowichanValleySD79

STAFF PARKING LOT

A reminder to parents that the parking lot closest to the atrium of the school is for STAFF ONLY. The parents and visitor parking area is closest to the outdoor basketball courts. Parents should not be dropping off or picking up students in the staff lot as it is an unsupervised area and causes unnecessary extra traffic at the gate of the school.

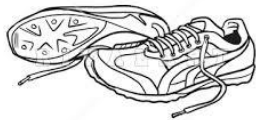
SPORTS AND CLUBS

As the weather begins to improve, staff are looking to begin teaching and coaching outdoor sports. Typical sports offered in the spring include Track and Field, the Kilometer Challenge and Badminton. Some of these programs may be affected by COVID protocols but we hope to at least offer some modified opportunities. Thank you to all staff who volunteer their time to coach!

SPIRIT DAY

On Wednesday, March 31st we celebrated the return of spring with Flower Power Day at Bonner. Students were encouraged to wear something bright or multicolored. Many student and staff took the opportunity to show their school spirit and brighten up the school. The next school spirit day will be held on April 22 and the theme will be Earth Day. Students are encouraged to wear anything green or blue.

KILOMETER CHALLENGE



This year many students at George Bonner will once again be participating in our annual Kilometer Challenge. Students will be running/walking around our “chip track” every week and each student will accumulate kilometers based on how many laps they complete. Students will be given plastic charms when they reach various milestones such as 5 km, 10 km, etc. By the end of last year’s challenge, we had some students nearing the 100 km mark! Good luck to all runners and thank you to Mrs. Griffiths and Mrs. Thomas for organizing this great fitness challenge!

TC10K – GEORGE BONNER BEARS – Ms. Cadorette

A small but dedicated group of students continue to complete practice runs every Wednesday during the lunch hour break. Due to the pandemic, this year’s run will be held virtually. Ms. Cadorette and Mrs. Joyce have organized a group run for Bonner students who have signed up for this event. This run will take place on the morning of Sunday, April 18th. There will be water/cheering stations along the route and all participants will receive a medal when crossing the finish line. Thank you to Ms. Cadorette and Mrs. Joyce for running the practice sessions and organizing this event.

BADMINTON

Bonner will be starting up a badminton club for grade 6 and 7 students! Students can sign up to join Mr. Low and Mr. Burgess and have fun playing games and working on developing their skills each Tuesday in the gym at lunch. Cohorts will be kept separate and all students will wear a mask while playing. All students will be required to have proper non-marking shoes to play. The sign-up clipboard is on the Sports Board. Please ask Mr. Burgess or Mr. Low if you have any questions. The focus will be on fun and proper badminton etiquette. All ability levels are welcome - no experience necessary!

FKSS PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Frances Kelsey staff have invited all grade 7 parents to a parent information night via ZOOM. As FKSS will not be able to host in-person tours or meetings, the link for parents to log on to the parent ZOOM info night is shown below.

Tuesday, April 20th at 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Zoom Meeting


<https://sd79.zoom.us/j/62813005336>



NEXT PAC MEETING

If you would like to be involved in supporting, encouraging, and improving the quality of education and the well-being and safety of the students in our school, you are invited to attend the next PAC meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, April 20th via Zoom.

Upcoming Free District PAC Presentations:



Cowichan Valley District PAC
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Parent Education Presentations

Lock these dates in your calendars and join us on the screen!









MARCH 18	Bcelyn Lundberg - Self Regulation	MAY 7	White Hatter - Online Gaming
APRIL 7	White Hatter - Social Media Safety & Digital Literacy for Parents	END OF MAY	Shelley Moore - Universal Supports
APRIL 20	John Gaitman from BCCPAC - Advocacy: How to Advocate for your Child	SEPT 22	White Hatter - Online Predation & Exploitation
		OCT 7	White Hatter - Teen Sexting

These are open to all parents / guardians, as well as staff of SD79.

Stay tuned for registration links.
If you have any questions,
please contact covichanvalleypac@gmail.com

George Bonner Elementary Monthly Calendar

April 2021

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2 Good Friday	3	4
5 Easter Monday	6 Assembly @ 9:00	7	8 Div. 1 Try a Trade 	9 Div. 1 Try a Trade  Newsletter home	10	11
12 Div. 2 Try a Trade 	13 Div. 2 Try a Trade 	14 Staff Meeting @ 2:45 via zoom Div. 3 Try a Trade 	15 Div. 3 Try a Trade  Bottle Drive in front of school all day	16 One hour early dismissal	17	18
19 Non Instructional Day	20 FKSS Parent Info. Night 6pm Zoom  PAC Meeting at 6:30 Zoom	21	22 Earth Day- wear something blue or green 	23	24	25
26	27	28 One hour early dismissal	29	30		