



George Bonner News

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Principal's Message

Over the year, we continued to work to build up a common set of behaviour expectations with the students by modeling how to solve problems in a peaceful manner. Because children learn in the context of everyday interactions, we have discussions frequently about how students need to treat others and themselves. We ask, "What can you learn from this situation?" "What do you need to do differently next time?", and "How can you make it right?" When students go to line up, or go into an assembly, we ask, "What does it look like?" "What does it sound like?"

We thank you for your support with the great conversations that go on at home about how to treat others and to solve problems in peaceful ways, even when situations get real sticky.

School Schedule

Supervision begins at 8:15 a.m.

8:30 a.m.	Classes begin
11:20-12:05	Lunch (play time)
12:05-12:18	Lunch (eating time)
2:18 p.m.	Dismissal

Supervision ends at 2:35 p.m.



Lost and Found area is currently overflowing with unlabeled items. **Lost and Found items are in the Lower Atrium.** After the long weekend in May the items will be donated to a local charity.

Parent Tea - June 13th, 2024.

8-8:30 a.m. We are appreciating all the support that parents and guardians provide for their children. Please stop by the front of the school and let us treat you to a coffee.

Sports Update

The Times Colonist 10 km run in Victoria was a huge success by our students who attended on April 30th. A big congrats to the students who ran the TC 10 km! Well done!

Girls Jr. and Sr. soccer teams did very well at the District tournaments – Showing the George Bonner spirit!

Students had a great Rugby season. At the District Rugby Jamboree our school rugby team represented Bonner exceptionally well. They had 2 wins, 1 tie, and 1 loss and played with determination, integrity, and heart. Congratulations to all rugby players! A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths for supporting this year's team.

For more Rugby - Register for Monday Night Minis here: <https://forms.gle/7fMNXYbveFvKP6cEA>

Track and Field

On Thursday, May 16th, Bonner students in grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 participated in the school Track and Field event at Chesterfield Track. Thank you to Staff for organizing this event and to all the parents who came out to support their children.



Have you moved recently?

Are you moving or have you moved? Do you have a new address since September?

Do we at Bonner's Office have your new address? Please let us know: 250-743-5571 or georgebonnerheadsecretary@sd79.bc.ca

Postal Codes?

Canada Post have just issued new postal codes to most of our community. If you have not already connected with the office. Please could you email us with the name of your student, your address, and your new postcode. Please also, confirm with us if your postcode will not be changing.

Spring KM Challenge

Students have been taking part in the annual Spring KM Challenge this April and May. Students have been running laps on the new school track and earning charms. Thank you to Mrs. Thomas & Miss Young for organizing this activity.

Multicultural Recognitions:

May brings us many celebrations that occur around the world. We are so fortunate to learn from one another about these different celebrations. In order to get to know one another is to celebrate or recognize different cultures within our community. I am hoping that this month students become aware of Asian Heritage.

Personal Electronic Devices (cell phones)

Please note that during the school day (once the students are on school property), all electronic devices must be stored in backpacks or lockers and must not be used.

Safety In and Around the Parking Lot



Both staff and parents have expressed concern regarding student drop off and pick up times at the start and end of the day.

As the warm days are upon us and more students may be riding their bikes, walking, or skateboarding to school, we ask that drivers to be more cognizant of the pedestrians in and around the vehicles.

Thank you for helping us ensure the safety of your children!



Thank you...

- Thank you to everyone who has been driving to sports events – we could not have done it without you!

Website Links

[George Bonner Website](#)

[Transportation & Bus Registration](#)

[Cowichan Valley School District - SD79 Website](#)

Calendars

Please see the attached calendar for June - add any other dates that your child's teacher may send for these months.

Homestays Needed

The Cowichan Valley School District's International Student Program has students from Europe and around the world and would like to encourage families to consider opening their home to welcome our new students to Cowichan. We have both short and long-term hosting opportunities.

Hosting an international student is an exciting, rewarding, and enriching experience that will allow Cowichan Valley families to learn about another culture and share what they know about Canada.

Our host families:

- are willing to provide emotional, social, and academic support.
- are open to new cultural experiences.
- integrate their student into their family life and share activities together.
- have transportation and the ability to pick up their student occasionally.
- provide healthy meals and snacks.
- are compensated \$1000/month when hosting a student.

More information: [Homestay Program](#)

ANY ALLERGIES, MEDICAL ISSUES

Please let our wonderful secretaries, in the office know as soon as possible if your child has any medical issues.

PAC NEWS:

Fun Fair – Is coming.
June 14th 4-7 p.m.

PAC CORNER

PAC Meeting Monday, June 17th.

Check the PAC Facebook page and George Bonner's for any updates.

All parents are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

PAC Facebook page has information and important dates

<https://www.facebook.com/GBEPAC>

Monday Muffins – This takes place every Monday morning. Students may come and get a muffin at the front of the school. Nut and peanut free. No cost.

For more information, you contact Kathy Lowry at gbmondaymuffins@gmail.com.

There are various ways to get a hold of us:

- Emailing general inquiries to

georgebonnerpac@sd79.bc.ca

- Hot lunch inquiries to gbehotlunch@gmail.com

- Any popcorn, fundraising inquiries to

fundraisinggbe@gmail.com

MAY IS TRANSPORTATION REGISTRATION MONTH

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

1) Registration can be completed online beginning May 1- 31, 2024. Registration completed prior to May 1st will not be accepted for the 2024/2025 year.

2) Please follow the link

<https://sd79.bc.ca/services/transportation/> (A student number is required please obtain from the school)

3) ALL Kindergarten registrations and any new students to the district must be accompanied with an electronic photo, and Student ID number.

Applications without a photo will not be processed.

Please email photos to

transportationregistration@sd79.bc.ca

4) Once registered, Parents/Guardians will receive an email mid-August indicating registration is complete and information for accessing routing and bus passes will be provided at that time.

Summer hours will be Monday, July 15th through Friday, August 16th, Monday – Friday 9am – 1:00pm



HOMESTAYS NEEDED FOR HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you are an active family interested in hosting an international student from Europe and around the world contact us!

Brenda 250-510-1436 / blanglois@sd79.bc.ca

COWICHAN RUGBY

5 NIGHTS FROM MAY 13 - JUNE 10

MONDAY NIGHT MINIS

FOR AGES 5-13 TO TRY NON-CONTACT RUGBY 6:30PM-7:30PM

REGISTER HERE:
<https://forms.gle/7fMNXybvEfvKP6cEA>
\$40 DONATION TO YOUTH RUGBY:
cowichan.jr.rugby@hotmail.com

Vancouver Island Regional Library - Summer Reading Club



For kids aged 0 – 12 years, this year's Summer Reading Club theme is World of Curiosities! This club encourages children to read a little every day by providing fun tools, trading cards, chances to win cool prizes, amazing in branch library programs/contests/activities, and begins July 2, 2024.

[Poster & Letter to Teachers](#)

Cowichan Secondary Senior Field Hockey - Summer Camp

Summer Field Hockey Camp for youth players, run by the Cowichan Secondary Tbirds and their coaches. Runs July 2-5, 2024, for ages 6-14. [Website](#) [Brochure](#)



Kerry Park Minor Hockey Association



Summer Goalie Camp – August 19-23, 2024, at Kerry Park Arena from 8:00–3:00

daily. Each day is broken out into on ice, dryland and in classroom sessions. All ages welcome.

[Register](#) [Poster](#)

U11 Players – Kerry Park Minor Hockey Association has room for multiple U11 teams this year and welcomes more players and goalies in that age division. To enquire, email registrar@islanderhockey.ca. [Poster](#)

Humble Hooves - Summer Camps

Humble Hooves focuses on strengthening connection, self-regulation, and empowerment guided by skilled educators with the help of the farm's loving animals. Summer camp options are coming up:

Youth Regulation Camp - [Poster](#) [Register](#)

Horse-Assisted Empowerment Camp - [Poster](#) [Register](#)



Humble Hooves
THE HUMAN & HORSE CONNECTION

These camps are instructed, and supported by education within social work, special education, yoga, somatic movement, and certified equine facilitation.

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- ✓ Activity Fees

Register at <https://sd79.schoolcashonline.com>

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