



Mill Bay Nature School Weekly Newsletter

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A message from Ms. Alison, Principal at Mill Bay



I just wanted to add a photo of me and my two boys and officially introduce myself. I have enjoyed meeting many of you over the past couple of weeks and look forward to connecting with all of our families over the course of the year. This is my second year at Mill Bay. I moved over last August with my family from Surrey, where I was a Vice-Principal at their Outdoor Learning program. Before that I taught Kindergarten for 12 years at a variety of different schools. I'm truly excited to start building this early learning school community and working with all the amazing teachers, staff and families that are a part of it. Feel free to reach out anytime to talk or ask any questions you may have.

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Class Placement information and school supplies



We enjoyed a successful Kindergarten gradual entry and all the kids are settling into the routines and daily flows of their school days. We are still awaiting final approval of classes from the district but the Kindergarten classes have been placed and settled. If your child is in Kindergarten their teacher will be the classroom teacher that they spent the day with on Friday. If you are unsure who your child was with on Friday, please check in at the office and Ann-Marie will connect you with their teacher.

Information for grade 1-7 families:

We have a K/1 class this year. Ms, Newburg will reach out to you soon to introduce herself. The grade 1 students who will be in her class, have spent Thursday and Friday with her and know to join her on Monday.

We are still organizing our upper two divisions and we will hopefully have them settled and organized by the end of this upcoming week. Casey Cook is has been working with our grade 1-4 students and will be in this position until it is posted and filled. Joseph Adams with grades 4-7. If you have any classroom related questions please reach out to either teacher or myself.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Please feel free to start bringing the school supplies in on Monday. For grade 1-7, can you please ensure the supplies are all brought in a reusable bag with your child's name on it. This will be easier to store and keep the extra supplies organized.

Kindergarten Immunization Information

In B.C., routine immunizations are recommended for children at kindergarten entry (4-6 years of age). If your child has not received their kindergarten immunizations, please contact your local Public Health unit to book an appointment at 250-709-3050.

For more information about immunization, please go to <https://immunizebc.ca/> or contact your local Public Health unit if you have any questions.

Terry Fox Run



We will be having our Terry Fox run this upcoming Friday at 10:00 am. Our older students have been diving into mapping and charting skills over the past two weeks and will be creating our running track. We will start with a school warm up on the black top and then have our older kids start the run and support our Kindergartens while we raise awareness for cancer. Parents are more than welcome to join us for our run. It will last about 30 min.

Lost and Found



We have talked about lost and found this year and as a staff we have decided to focus on building on the BC curriculum's core competency of "personal and social responsibility." What this looks like is we will no longer gather "lost items" off the field or out of cubbies but rather do intentional walks and check-ins with our students to have them remember and take ownership of being responsible for their own items. How you can support us with this? If you have noticed your child is missing something, please let the teacher or Ann-Marie know and we will support your child in looking for that item. At the end of each month we will do a sweep, and then bag up the remaining items. If you have any questions regarding this please let me know and will be happy to chat further with you.

Sign in/Out



As we enter week three and all our students are now attending full days, we ask that if you arrive late to please come in and sign in at the office so we know your child has arrived. It's also important to sign in at the office if you arrive at anytime during the day to pick up your child.

Toys at school



We are asking that all toys from home please remain and home and not be brought to school. They are a very large distraction for the students and take away from the learning that happens at school. Individual teachers will communicate home if there is a special sharing day going on for your child and what the expectations are around the artifacts that they want brought in to share.

PAC News



On September 9th, the PAC held their AGM to elect this years executive. I look forward to working with all of you this year.

Chair: Arin Reim

Tempoary Vice-Char: Kate Segall

Treasurer: Janna Allen

Secretary: Talyce Henkel



We are seeking parent volunteers to sign up to coordinate the staff appreciation lunch (a different parent each month!). This is a flexible meal with a few options. Coordinators can put a call our for dishes prepared by other parents for a potluck, use Country Grocer GCs to buy food, or order extra panago.

Coordinators set up/clean up leftovers. Please reach out to segallkate@gmail.com if you have any questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44AFAD2AA7F9C34-51402008-staff>

Cowichan Valley School District Strategic Plan Feedback



The Cowichan Valley School District is asking for Parent/Caregiver feedback on the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan goals. Below is a link to 3 engagement questions to give insight and voice from the Parents/Caregivers.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=02sGLFxjPkyK6RzKdelbS5iPj1Umlg5Jm6FEC-nzjzVUQldSUzhBVUxTODJSNUM5RjlfREkxOFg1WC4u>

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Visit our website for calendar and other happenings around the school:

<https://naureschool.sd79.bc.ca/>