



Mill Bay Nature School Weekly Newsletter

September 30 - October 4

Mill Bay Nature School 2024/2025

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Principal's Message



Well we had our first week of fall rain and I think we all remembered how important it is to have those extra clothes and waterproof clothing available. However, we ended our week with beautiful, warm sunshine. I saw classes exploring the garden, discovering and learning about snakes, organizing and creating inventory on all of our new math bins and enjoying the imaginative play together during lunch time. I hope you all have a restful and relaxing weekend.

Alison

Our Staff

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We have officially come to the end of September and we are finally starting to feel the daily flow of our school community at work. Although we are still looking to fill a few support teacher roles we have most of our staff in place. Our newest addition to the staff is Ms. Whitney Johansen and she will be teacher Div. 2 our grade 1-4 class.

Here is our staff community's names and roles:

Teaching staff:

Division 1 (grade 3-7) Joseph Adams

Division 2 (grade 1-4) Whitney Johansen

Division 3 (K/1) Lisa Newburg

Division 4 (K) Lauren O'Neill

Division 5 (K) Shawna Thomas

EA's:

Tara Mcleod (After school care)

Rebecca Ollinger (Noonhour Supervisor)

Melanie Kozma (Before School Care)

Arlene Chesney (After school care)

Vacant position to be filled

Indigenous Support Worker:

Cecil Price

Cousellor:

Susanna Longridge

Speech and Language:

Michelle Andrews

Office:

Ann-Marie Braithwaite: Secretary

Alison Leslie: Principal

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

This upcoming Monday, September 29th is the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. This day is to observe, support and bring awareness of the generational and cultural impact that residential schools had on our Indigenous People of Canada. Please feel free to come down to Duncan this Monday to support 2024's Every Child Matters Walk.

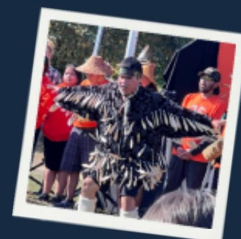
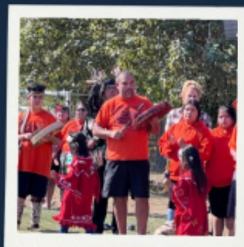
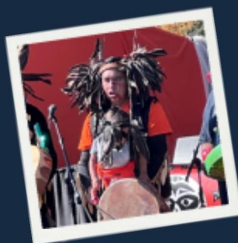
2024 Every Child Matters Walk



WALK WITH US

Monday September 30th, 2024 at 9:30am
Starts and ends at Charles Hoey Park

Q'ushin'tul' 'walking together' on the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - Wear orange, bring signs and an open heart



"It is more than just buying the orange shirt." It is about breaking cycles and making a better world for the children and grandchildren of the future." Organizer, Audrey George

March Organizer
Audrey: 250-815-6383
ageorge@makola.bc.ca



Volunteer
Coordinator: Rosalie
rosaliesawrie@gmail.com

Sign in/Out



It's important that when you arrive late to the school or you are here onsite to pick up or visit to please stop in at the office to sign in. This allows Ann-Marie and I to know who is on site at any given time.

Canadian Dental Plan



Please see the information below for the new Canadian Dental Plan.

CDCP Postcard



**The Canadian
Dental Care Plan**
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How to apply for CDCP online info graphic

Canadian Dental Care Plan: How to Apply Online

- You can apply for yourself or for someone else. If you're applying for someone else, you'll need to call in and speak to an agent.
- Before applying, make sure you and your spouse or common-law partner (if applicable) have filed your 2023 tax return and received your Notice of Assessment.

1 Gather your information

To complete the application, you will need to provide:



Social Insurance Number (SIN)



Date of birth



Full name



Home and mailing address



List of any dental coverage you currently have

2 Visit Canada.ca/dental and follow the steps

2.1

You will be asked for your **personal information**. If you have a spouse or common-law partner, you will need to provide their information as well.

2.2

Provide your phone number, alternate phone number, mailing and home address(es).

2.3

Tell us your preferred language and how you'd like to communicate with Sun Life.

2.4

Tell us if you're already covered by any other dental insurance plans.

2.5

Tell us if you have any other government dental benefits. This will **not** affect your eligibility.

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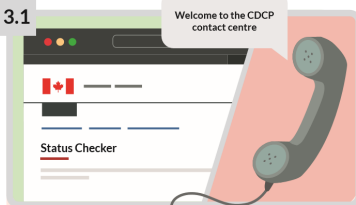
Review your information, then click the "Submit application" button.

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Keep a copy of your application. You will **not** receive a confirmation email.

3 Sit back and relax

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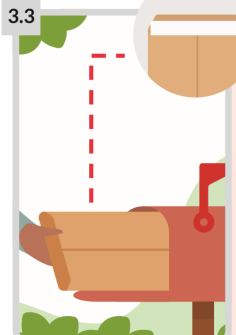
To check the status of your application, use the **CDCP Status Checker** at Canada.ca/my_dentalapplication or call 1-833-537-4342 and choose "option 2".

3.2



You will get a letter by mail with details about your **eligibility** and **what to do next**. In the future you will be able to receive notifications through My Service Canada Account (MSCA). [Sign up for an account now.](#)

3.3



If eligible, Sun Life will mail you a **welcome package**. It will include your coverage start date, a member card and other details.

For more information, visit Canada.ca/dental.

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=02sGLFxjPkyK6RzKdeIbS5iPj1Umlg5Jm6FEC-nzizVUQldSUzhBVUxTODJSNUM5RjIFREkxOFg1WC4u>

Important Dates



Monday, September 30: Truth and Reconciliation Day: No school for students

Thursday, October 3: 1 hour early dismissal: students dismissed at 1:13

Monday, October 7: School Photo's

Monday, October 7: PAC meeting 6:30-8:00

Monday, October 14: Thanksgiving: No school for students

Friday, October 25: Pro D day: No school for students

Thursday, October 31: Halloween

Contact Us



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

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