



# Mill Bay Nature School Weekly Newsletter

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Welcome back



Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a restful winter break and found time to recharge. It was wonderful coming back and greeting all the students and their families this past week. The excited smiles and the telling of winter break fun was heartwarming for us all. We look forward to seeing what hope and adventure 2025 brings for us here at school.

## Hot Lunch



Deadline for this term's hot lunch is tonight at Midnight. Please log into your Munch-a-lunch account and place your orders. Hot lunch will continue to be delivered each Tuesday for those that have ordered.

<https://munchalunch.com/>

## Late sign-in

Just a reminder that if you arrive after 8:45 am to please sign in at the office with Ann-Marie. Once your child has been signed in Ann-Marie or myself will walk them to their classrooms. This helps with building independence in our Kindergarten students as well as eases distraction from classes when students arrive late. We appreciate your support in this.

## Bus Lane Reminders



This is a reminder to parents that drop off their children at the school, the bus lane must be clear at all times from 8:00 am - 8:45 am and again from 1:45 pm - 2:45 pm. We have multiple buses that arrive and they need the space to pull in to drop off and enough space to make the wide turn out of our school. We appreciate you respecting our bus drivers and their schedules. I also know that parking is limited and we are working with the district to come up with a solution for the 2025/2026 school year.

## 2025/2026 Kindergarten Registration



**Registration will take place at your catchment school during regular office hours the week of January 27-31, 2025.**

You can sign up at your school or online at:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/das2/sd79/public/studentregistration.asp>

### **Kindergarten Registration process:**

Parents or guardians, please bring your child's **Canadian Birth Certificate or Canadian passport, and proof of residency (such as your child's BC Services Card)**. Any students without Canadian documents and/or proof of BC residency will be redirected to the Principal of International Education located at Cowichan Secondary School.

- Kindergarten registrations will be accepted from families living within a school's catchment area, and from families whose older child(ren) will be continuing at the school with out of catchment approval.
- Any family wishing to register their child in a different school may apply to do so using an out of catchment request form available at the school. As per Administrative Procedure #301, first preference for registrations will be given to those children who reside in the school catchment. For more details see our website at [sd79.bc.ca](http://sd79.bc.ca).

- Parents with questions about a full day kindergarten program should speak to the principal about their child's needs.
- Families from *Honeymoon Bay, Mesachie Lake and Youbou* register at Palsson.
- Families from *Thetis Island* register at Chemainus Elementary Community School.
- *French Immersion* is offered at Ecole Mt Prevost Elementary School and Ecole Cobble Hill Elementary School. If required, a district-supervised lottery will select applicants for the available program space.

## Important Dates



Monday, January 13: PAC meeting @ 6:30 pm in Library

Tuesday, January 14, 21, 28: Hot Lunch

Wednesday, January 15, 22, 29: Pizza Day

Wednesday, January 22: Dive 1&2 skating field trip

Monday, January 27: Kindergarten Registration opens

Tuesday, February 4, 11, 18, 25: Hot Lunch

Wednesday, February 5, 12, 19, 26: Pizza Day

Friday, February 14: Pro D Day, schools not in session

Monday, February 16: Family Day, schools not in session

Wednesday, February 26: Pink Shirt Day, 2-hour early dismissal (students dismissed @ 12:13 pm)

Friday, March 14: Last day of classes before Spring Break

**March 17-30: Spring Break**

Monday, March 31: Schools back in session after Spring Break

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

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