



# Mill Bay Nature School Weekly Newsletter

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## Class placement information



Thank you for all your patience over the past two weeks as we organized our classes. We know that it is hard not feeling settled but it was wonderful having these two weeks to really spend time with all the students and go over routines and explore everything our little school has to offer. Our classes are now settled. The teacher your child was dismissed from today will be the classroom teacher for this school year. You will receive communication from your child's classroom teacher next week, welcoming you to their classes. If you have any questions around this please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

## Animals in Schools Policy

Starting this September 2025, dogs and other animals are not permitted in schools or on school grounds. We kindly ask that you leave your pets at home during pick up and drop offs. If you have any questions regarding this new policy, please reach out at any time.

"Apart from Assistance Dogs, animals, including all pets, should not be kept or brought onto school properties, into schools or District facilities. The presence of animals presents many problems which include safety and liability issues." (Administrative policy 255)



## Terry Fox Run



Cancer is a disease that has touched many of us in some form or another. The Terry Fox run is in its 45th year and has been an event that here at Mill Bay Nature School love and participate each year. This year we are running for one of our grade 1 students. In March 2024, one of our Kindergarten students, Zander Skidmore, was diagnosed with brain cancer. He has had a long courageous battle so far and is currently still fighting with his family by his side over in Vancouver at Children's Hospital. He is our little warrior. We want to dedicate this year's Terry Fox run to Zander and his family and to let them know we continue to support them through this journey.

We are hoping this year to raise 800.00 for the Terry Fox foundation. The link to donate to our school can be found here: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/98823>

Let's run and raise money in support of Terry, Zander and all the cancer warriors out there and help fund the very important cancer research that is on-going here in Victoria, at the Deeley Research Centre and many other similar facilities throughout Canada.

## PAC



We have our first PAC meeting on September 29th at 2:45 pm. We will meet (weather pending) outside in the circle (the stage) and if raining, inside in the library. This is a great time to come and meet our amazing parent community and be a part of building this wonderful school community.

## Important Dates



Monday, September 22: NID day, school not in session

Thursday, September 25: Terry Fox Run 9:00-10:00 am

Friday, September 26: School photos

Monday, September 29: Orange Shirt day at school, PAC meeting @ 2:45 pm

Tuesday, September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, schools not in session

Thursday, October 2: 1 hour early dismissal (student dismissed at 1:13 pm)

Monday, October 13: Thanksgiving, school not in session

Thursday, October 23: 2 hour early dismissal (students dismissed at 12:13 pm)

Friday, October 24th: Pro D day, schools not in session

Friday, October 31: Halloween (parade and activities in the morning)

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

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