



Mill Bay Nature School Weekly Newsletter

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Remembrance Day



We will be holding our school Remembrance Day Assembly on Monday, November 10th at 9:00 am. The assembly will run about 25 min in length. The program is as follows:

Land Acknowledgement

Singing of Oh Canada

Introduction and Welcome: Alison Leslie (Principal)

K/1's perform song and poem

1/2's perform song

Last post

Moment of Silence

Thank you and Conclusion

Families are welcome to attend this event. We ask that if you plan on attending, please drop your child off at the morning bell and then wait in the lower area outside the gym. We will open the doors at 8:45 for you to find a seat and settle before calling the students down for 9:00.

Late Arrivals



A reminder to parents that if you arrive after the 8:30 bell to please come in the front door and check in with Ann-Marie at the office. Once signed in, Ann-Marie or Alison will walk your child to their class. We are asking parents to please sign their child in and say your goodbyes at the office before we walk them to class as it can be quite disruptive to students and teachers when parents are in the classroom during morning transition. We appreciate your understanding in establishing these morning routines.

Garden Access



Did you know that we consider our garden space a learning classroom environment. I have noticed families and children in the garden afterschool and I'm kindly asking that families **do not** use the garden afterschool unless a staff member is with them. I understand this is a beautiful and magical space but we are working hard at cleaning it up and building a ecosystem where the students can carefully observe and study the season changes that happen in this area. The garden beds are also an area that we are in the middle of cleaning out and preparing for the winter months. If you would like to be part of the garden committee we will meet once a month from November-March. The next meeting date is on **Thursday, November 20 at 2:30 pm.**

A little bit about our garden:

On the right hand side is the area where we let the flora and fauna grow and we can watch and identify all the amazing species that live in this area. Last year our remaining nature students and their teacher cemented in our pond, allowing water to stay and form a pond. We are hopeful that the western pacific tree frogs that inhabit our garden will lay their eggs in their in the coming years and we will be able to study the lifecycle of this amazing creature season to season.

On the left hand side of our garden, all of garden beds are located. This year we harvested tomatoes, potatoes, squash, pumpkins, swiss chard and kale. This upcoming spring we will need a lot of community support to weed, remove some of the soil, and add some new fresh soil for our planting season. We also have an active composting area in the back corner of the garden. Thank you to our wonderful green thumb EA, becky for starting and maintaining the compost with our kids.

At the November garden meeting we will tour interested parents around, take pictures and start planning and dreaming of how to build on this beautiful space.

Street Parking



Just a reminder that there is no parking on the shoulder of the street directly across from the school. Ann-Marie has put up signs on the posts and we have put cones there. Unfortunately, some of our cones have been stolen and damaged so we are waiting for new ones to arrive. We keep this area clear as our bussed need to often make a wide turn and require that space to maneuver around the corner.

Extra clothing



Did you know that we have extra clothing bins here at school for unexpected needs. We are running low on smaller sizes of pants, primarily leggings and sweatpant style of clothing in 4Y-6Y. If you have any extra clothes that your child no longer fits into and would like to donate we would happily accept them. Also with the wet cold weather rolling in, any extra gloves, mittens, toques are also a welcome donation.



PAC needs YOU! We are looking for 6 volunteers to start up and run the Hot Lunch Program. If you are interested in knowing more please reach out to PAC at: eagleclan.mbns@gmail.com

Next PAC meeting is November 18th at 8:00 via Zoom

Important Dates



November 10: Remembrance Day Assembly @ 9:00 am

November 11: Remembrance Day, School is not in session

November 27: 2-hour Early Dismissal

November 28: Non-Instructional Day, Schools not in session

December 18: Winter Solstice Celebration 4:30-6:00

December 11: Order deadline for Pizza Round 2

December 20-January 4: Winter Break

January 5: First day back after winter break

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

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