



# Mill Bay Nature School Weekly Newsletter

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## Before School expectations

Just a reminder that when arriving at school, students need to go to the playground/blacktop/undercover area to wait for the bell. Supervision starts at 8:15. If you are earlier than this, please stay with your child until you see the person that is on supervision out

by the playground. We also kindly ask that students and parents do not come in to hang up backpacks early before the bell rings at 8:30. Students can place their bags in their line-up locations or keep them with them until it's time to come in. This is an important skill for the students to learn. It strengthens the students understanding of personal responsibility and the gaining of independence.

## Attendance is Important!



### Help Your Child Do Well in School:

Build the Habit of Good Attendance

### Did you know?

- Too many absences in preschool and elementary school can cause children to struggle socially and academically.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Missing 10% of school (2 days each month) can make it harder to learn to read and do basic math.

**Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school — and themselves.**

**Start building this habit in preschool and through elementary school so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day, is important.**

### What you can do

- Set a **regular** bedtime and morning **routine**.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks **the night before**.

- **Keep** your child **healthy** and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Develop **backup plans** for getting to school if something comes up.
- **Monitor** your child's **absences**.
- Try to schedule **nonurgent medical appointments** and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- **If** your child seems **anxious** about going to school, **talk to teachers**, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- **If** you are **concerned** that your child may have a contagious illness, **call** your school nurse or health-care provider **for advice**. Ask the teacher for ideas to support missed learning time.

## Kindergarten Registration information for September



OUR KINDERGARTEN  
COMMUNITY  
*welcomes you*

Families who are registering for  
**Kindergarten 2026** are invited to join us for one or both,  
upcoming, virtual Q&A and Information Session(s)

**Wednesday January 14, 2026 // 7:00pm - 8:00pm**  
for families with children entering Kindergarten

**Wednesday January 21, 2026 // 7:00pm - 8:00pm**  
for families with children entering Kindergarten, that have  
diverse abilities and needs

We kindly ask that you preregister using the link provided or  
you can scan the QR code:



**COWICHAN VALLEY**  
School District

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
Ministry of  
Education and  
Child Care

**BC**



January PAC meeting is this upcoming Tuesday, January 13th at 8:00pm on zoom. Please check the PAC Facebook page here for the link: <https://www.facebook.com/millbaynatureschoolPAC>

## Important Dates



January 27: Kindergarten registration opens

January 28: Grade 1's ice-skating trip to Kerry Park Arena

February 13: Pro D Day

February 16: Family Day

February 25: 2-hour early dismissal

March 13: Last Day of School before Spring Break

March 16-27: Spring Break

March 30: First Day back after Spring Break

April 2: 1-hour early dismissal

April 13: Non-Instructional Day (School's not in session)

April 22: 2-hour early dismissal

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

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

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