



Mill Bay Nature School Weekly Newsletter

February 2-6

Mill Bay Nature School 2025/2026

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Jump into Literacy Read-a-Thon

We are celebrating the joy of literacy for the month of February with our "Jump Into Literacy Read-A-Thon". We have set a school goal of practicing literacy for 10,000 accumulated hours from February 2 - March 2. Teachers will be sending home a tracking sheet and donation/pledge sheet for students to fill out how many hours they have engaged in literacy at home. This can look like:

- Reading to themselves
- Reading with a parent or sibling
- Listening to an audio book
- Playing a family game that include reading in such as Trivial Pursuit or Monopoly (also a great numeracy game)

Each classroom will also have a recording sheet to write down minutes in the classroom in which they focus on literacy blocks.

Our goal is to raise 700,00 towards our school library.

Ways to donate towards towards our read-a-thon:

- Cash donations can be sent to the school and will be collected at the office
- Cash Online donation
- send e-transfer to eagleclan.mbnns@gmail.com please put "read-a-thon donation" in the notes section of the transfer

Message from PAC about our Read-a-Thon

Dates: February 1 – March 1

Dear Families and Community Members,

We are excited to announce our **School Read-A-Thon**, running from **February 1 to March 1!** This month-long literacy celebration encourages students to build a love of reading while working together toward a shared goal of **10,000 total reading minutes** as a school community.

Throughout the month, students will track their reading both at school and at home. Classroom literacy time, literacy support time, and nightly home reading will all contribute to our school-wide total.

We are inviting families, friends, and community members to pledge a donation in support of our readers. Our fundraising goal is \$700, with all funds raised going toward purchasing new books for our school library. Any funds raised beyond our goal will be saved to support future school community events.

At the end of the Read-A-Thon, we will:

- Tally our total reading minutes
- Celebrate achieving (or exceeding!) our 10,000-minute goal
- Present Ms. Emily with a cheque for new library books
- Enjoy a **school-wide celebration day** (details to be announced).

School Read-A-Thon Reading Log

Student Name _____

Teacher Name _____

Date	Minutes Read at School	Minutes Read at Home	Total

Donation / Pledge Information

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Total: _____

Donor Name	Donation Type	Pledge Amount

Hanging Basket Fundraiser



Mother's Day Hanging Baskets



Pickup from the Farm Mother's Day Weekend - May 9 & 10, 2026 10:00am - 5:00pm 2790 Cameron Taggart Road, Mill Bay Email rsfarm2790@gmail.com to arrange an alternate day if unable to pick up



This year, we will be offering 3 different basket options:

Basket 1

Basket 2

Basket 3

Full Sun

Sun/Shade

Full Sun

Red/White

Pink/White/Purple

Orange/Yellow/Red

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

April 17, 2026 _____

To Place Order for George Bonner Elementary:

Include cash or cheque made payable to George Bonner Elementary PAC and drop in the PAC box by the office by April 17, 2026. Or send e-transfer to treasurergbe@gmail.com

To Place Order for Mill Bay Elementary:

Include cash or cheque made payable to Mill Bay PAC and drop it off to Anne-Marie in the office by

April 17, 2026. Or send e-transfer to eagleclan.mbn@gmail.com

ITEM	NUMBER	COST	TOTAL
12" Basket 1		\$25.00	
12" Basket 2		\$25.00	
12" Basket 3		\$25.00	
Total			

Attendance is Important!



Important Dates



February 2: Read-a-thon kick off

February 13: Pro D Day

February 16: Family Day

February 24: Grade 1 skating

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 17: Hanging Basket Order's are due

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/>