



Mill Bay Nature School Weekly Newsletter

March 16-27

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Spring Break

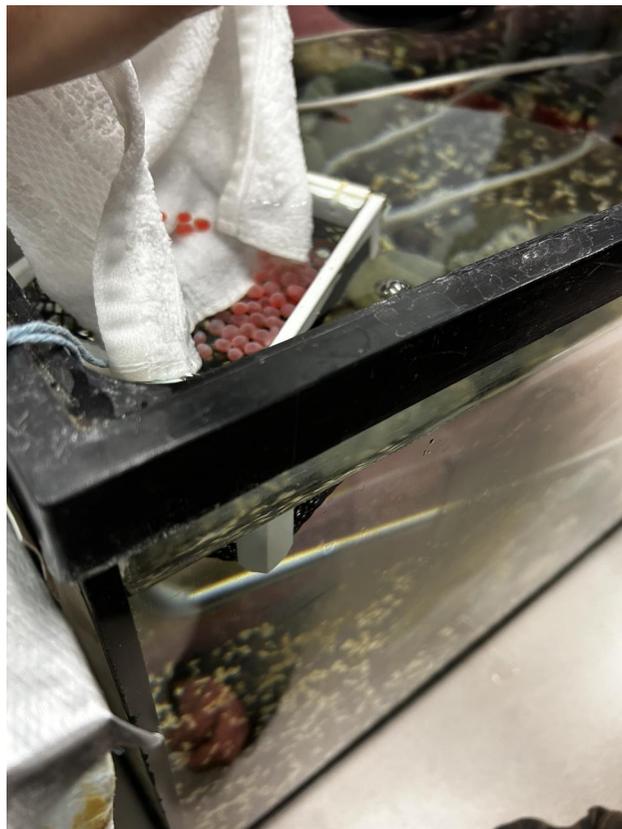


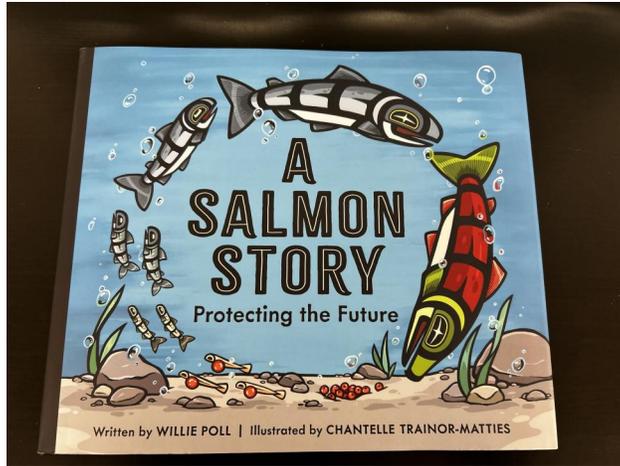
We are wishing everyone a relaxing and safe Spring Break. School will be closed **March 16 - March 27**. School reopens March 30th.

World Water Day: Learning about our Watershed and Salmon



Did you know that over the past 6 weeks our students have been busy learning about our local watershed and the importance of the salmon to our ecosystem. Thanks to the Salmonoids in the Classroom Program, the students have had the opportunity to hatch 100 coho salmon eggs and watch the beginning life cycle of this incredible species. Through this exploration, we have learned about the importance of keeping our local creeks and rivers clean as well as how to preserve water so that our salmon species will continue to thrive. World Water Day is on March 22 and we encourage you all to get outside, walk local rivers or creeks and do some clean up to continue growing our learning about healthy watersheds. Please send any photos of you and your families spending time enjoying our amazing watershed to amleslie@sd79.bc.ca and we will highlight them on our school slide show upon our return from Spring Break.





Kindergarten Registration



Our Welcome to Kindergarten activities will start to take place in May. If you have a child at home that will be attending Kindergarten in September or know of a family who still needs to register, please remind them to do so sooner rather than later. Families can register online at:

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

Out of School Care reminders



Just a few reminders to our families that attend our before and after school care programs...

1. Please communicate directly with the OOSC staff if your child is not going to be attending the program that day. Parents you can text message the Out of School care phone(250-252-6408) with your child's name and the date your child will be absent. The out of school program is separate from the school and all communication should go directly to the out of school care staff and phone.
2. Please sign your child in and out. Staff should not be signing in your child or signing out your child. If you have another person picking your child up who is not on the designated pick up list, can you please message the Out of School Care staff with the full name of the person that will be picking up. Please let the pick up person know that staff will check ID before releasing your child.
3. If your child has forgotten an item (jacket, water bottle, lunch kit, etc) in their classroom. Please send the classroom teacher an email describing the lost item and they will help your child look for it the following day. Parents should not be entering classrooms or checking in cubby area after school hours without a staff member present. The Out of School care staff cannot leave the program to support parents looking for lost items.

Thank you for your support and understanding with these items.

PAC



PAC Reminders

Mothers Day Baskets Fundraiser

Please submit your order with **cash or cheque (payable to Mill Bay Nature School PAC)** and drop it off with **Anne-Marie in the office by April 2, 2026 (deadline changed)**. You can also e-transfer to eagleclan.mbns@gmail.com.

Flower Pickup:

May 9 & 10 (Mother's Day Weekend)

Rodger Spring Farm

2790 Cameron Taggart Road, Mill Bay

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Return-It Recycling Fundraiser

Please start saving your **Return-It recyclables**. MBNS PAC will be hosting a fundraiser on **April 25 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Island Return-It in Cobble Hill**. We would also greatly appreciate volunteers to help on the day of the event. Thank you for your support!

Important Dates



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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