



# Mill Bay Nature School Weekly Newsletter

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Mill Bay Nature School 2025/2026

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## Staffing update



Dear Mill Bay Parents,

Yesterday afternoon, the school district sent out a memo around administration transfers for the 2026/2027 school year. I want to let you know that I will be moving to Discovery Elementary in September to take over the Principal role there. I have absolutely loved my time here at Mill Bay Nature School. I have been so fortunate to build and co-create the beginnings of this Kindergarten to grade 2 program and I'm excited to hear how it continues to grow and flourish as new families and new staff join each year to create a rich learning space for you children to come to each day. Brenda Lee will be the new Principal in September. She is coming to you with a wealth of knowledge around early learning instruction and pedagogy. Please reach out at anytime to me if you need to connect and talk more about this transition.

Alison

## Non-Instructional Day Reminder



Just a reminder that this Monday, April 13th is a non-instructional day. School will not be in session for students as staff will be working together on professional development.

### 2026/2027 Bus Registration

Bus registration for the 2026/2027 school year opens on Wednesday, April 15th. All families whose children ride the bus must register again for the next school year. If you are wanting your child to ride the bus next year you will also need to fill out the registration. All information can be found here:

<https://sd79.bc.ca/services/transportation/>

### Salmon release

Since February we have been raising coho eggs in a tank in the library. Students have engaged in deep learning around the salmon life-cycle and the important role this species plays in our west coast ecosystem, why it important to protect them, and some different threats salmon have that are causing there numbers to diminish. They have watched the eggs hatch and the alevin

cycle grow into fry. It is now time to release them back into the creek to continue their life cycle journey. On Tuesday, April 14th at 3:30 pm I will be parking at Mill Bay Community Hall located at 1035 Shawnigan/Mill Bay Rd, located beside the Kerry Park rec centre. We will use a wagon to transport our fish to the release site. If you are able to join us we would love for you to come and have your children release the salmon into the creek with us.

PAC



#### RETURN-IT RECYCLING FUNDRAISER!

Start saving those recyclables! MBNS PAC is hosting a RETURN-IT Recycling Fundraiser and we would love your support! Every recyclable you bring helps raise funds for our school and supports our kids in meaningful ways.

Date: April 25

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Island Return-it, Cobble hill on Fisher Rd

Volunteers Needed...We really need your help this time as most of our usual volunteers are away that day and require volunteers to make the day run smoothly. The time slots we need are:

10:00-11:00

11:00-12:00

12:00-1:00

1:00-2:00

Or if you can do more than an hour you are more than welcome to do so. Please email the PAC at [eagleclan.mbns@gmail.com](mailto:eagleclan.mbns@gmail.com) to sign up.

**We are also looking for cake baking volunteers for the Bonner fun fair on May 22.**

Be an International Student Host



**BE MY  
HOME  
AWAY FROM  
HOME**

**HOMESTAYS NEEDED FOR HIGH SCHOOL  
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

If you are an active family interested in hosting an international student from Europe and around the world contact us!  
Brenda 250-510-1436 / [blanglois@sd79.bc.ca](mailto:blanglois@sd79.bc.ca)

**Hosting an International Student Are you excited about the idea of welcoming a high school student from another part of the world into your home? Becoming a host family is a unique opportunity to share Canadian culture, form lifelong connections, and play a crucial role in a young person's educational journey in our community. Our high school aged international students are eager to experience life in Canada. As a host, you'll provide a safe, supportive, and caring environment to help them thrive. Families of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply—and hosts receive support and a monthly honorarium to ensure a successful experience for everyone involved! We are actively recruiting new host families for September 2026!**



Now is the perfect time to apply and prepare to welcome a student into your home. Join us in creating unforgettable memories, making a difference in a student's life!

Apply today to make that difference! For more information, contact [blanglois@sd79.bc.ca](mailto:blanglois@sd79.bc.ca) or apply here: <https://www.studyincowichan.com/homestay-program/>

## Important Dates



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

April 22: 2-hour early dismissal

April 24: Malahat Construction visit

May 13: 2-hour early dismissal

May 12: Division 4&5 field trip to Brentwood

May 18: Victoria Day: Schools not in session

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

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

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