



Mill Bay Nature School Weekly Newsletter

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Mill Bay Nature School 2025/2026

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Garden Update



A big thank you to everyone who helped clean up the garden last Saturday! Though small in number, this mighty group made a significant impact, helping to get our garden space cleaned, refreshed, and organized.

We are still in need of ongoing support with tasks such as weeding garden beds, removing brambles, and caring for the apple tree area. To support this work, we are excited to introduce *Weeding Wednesdays*! Each Wednesday after school, parents are invited to join staff in the garden for about an hour. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, build community, and spend time outdoors together.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to the Malahat Nation for generously gifting us plant starts and seeds from their garden. In recognition of this, we have created a dedicated garden bed to celebrate this meaningful connection and sharing.

A special thank you as well to Mel, one of our EA's, for her tomato starts, and to Eric from Division 5 for bringing in pumpkin starts grown from seeds saved from last October's pumpkins.

Finally, heartfelt thanks to Becky, another one of our EAs, for her dedication in organizing, planning, and caring for our garden. Her efforts help make this space a rich learning environment for our students and staff.

Gym Mural underway



Our mural featuring our beautiful logo, designed by local artist Stuart Padaguan, is now underway! We recently held an assembly to share what the mural will look like and where it will be located on the wall.

A heartfelt thank you to Melinda Marcella, a parent of one of our Kindergarten students, who is a talented artist and muralist. She has generously donated her time and talent to bring this special piece to life.

We look forward to celebrating this exciting addition to our school with an official unveiling at the end of June. Families will be invited to join us as we celebrate the year and admire this incredible work of art.

Accessibility survey

In September 2023, organizations across the province began the work of developing Accessibility Plans. As part of the Accessible British Columbia Regulation, in the Cowichan Valley School District an Accessibility Committee created an Accessibility Plan for 2023-2026. As part of our ongoing commitment to improving opportunities for people with disabilities (both visible and invisible) and to involve them in identifying, removing, and preventing barriers to full participation, this committee is actively working to develop our district's Accessibility Plan for 2027-2030.

We invite you to share your feedback with the working group to assist in establishing goals for our plan. Thank you for taking the time to complete this brief survey.

Both links work:

[Accessibility Act Feedback Request – Fill out form](#)

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/KQcQSyNnJg>

Grade 1 & 2 School Supplies



Our school supply list for the grade 1 & 2's is now ready to go. Parents can order school supplies until June 30th at the link below or purchase the following items on their own for the upcoming school year.

<https://sd79.schoolcashonline.com/>

Gr 1 _ 2 Supplies 2026-2027

MILL BAY NATURE SCHOOL



2026-27 SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST

PRIMARY GR 1-2

# REQUIRED	ITEM
1	 Vinyl White Eraser
2	 Elmer's All-Purpose Glue Stick (40g stick) - <u>no</u> purple glue
1	 Elmer's White Liquid Glue (120ml)
1	 Crayola Wax Crayons (24/pack)
1	 Crayola Pencil Crayons (24/pack)
1	 Crayola Washable Markers - Fine Tip - Original Colours (12/pack)
1	 Crayola Washable Marker - Broad Tip - Classic Colours (10/pack)
1	 Sharpie Tank Highlighter - Yellow
1	 Sharpie Fine Point Permanent Marker - Black
2	 Expo Whiteboard Markers – Fine Tip - Black
1	 Fiskars Pointed Scissors (5" kid scissors)
2	 Hilroy Exercise Book - Blank (72 pages) – Light Blue
2	 Hilroy Exercise Book – ½ Blank and ½ Interlined (72 pages) - Green
1	 Hilroy Exercise Book – Full Page Interlined (72 pages) – Dark Blue
4	 Hilroy 3-Hole Duotangs – 1 of each colour – Blue, Green, Orange, Yellow
1	 Pencil, Wood, HB Ticonderoga (12 pack)
BELOW ITEMS ARE NOT PART OF THE PRE-ORDER KIT	
1	 Backpack – large enough to carry a large library book and their lunch kit
1	 Lunch Kit – child must be able to open/close lunch kit and containers independently (no help required)
1	 Water Bottle
1	 Indoor Runners
1	 Extra Clothes – one set of clothes (pants, shirt, socks, underwear) to keep in their backpack
1	 Headphones
1	 Kleenex Box

This kit is available to [Pre-order by June 30th](#) & **payment must be received by this date.**

\$50/Kit – see next page for order form if paying cash or cheque or [online here.](#)

A communication folder will be supplied to each child for use.

2026-2027 SCHOOL SUPPLIES KIT

PRIMARY GRADE 1-2 - ORDER FORM

There will be a bulk order placed for school supplies and available as a pre-order - \$50/Kit

If you would like to pre-order the Grade 1-2 supplies, as listed on the previous page, please complete the order form and return to the school, with payment, by June 30th. Cash or cheque (payable to Mill Bay Nature School).

Orders will arrive at the school in September and be delivered to your child's classroom.

Child's Name:

Payment \$50 Cash Cheque (payable to Mill Bay Nature School)

Parent/Guardian Name:

Phone:

PAC



PAC is still look for volunteers for the George Bonner Fun Fair next week! We are still looking for cakes and cupcake making volunteers. If you have signed up already, please drop off your cakes

on the day of the funfair (May 22). There will be a cake cart in the main lobby of George Bonner. Thank you again <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4BA8AA2EA1FB6-63472065-bonner?useFullSite=true#/>

Important Dates



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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