

Miracle Beach Elementary School Newsletter

Hello Miracle Beach Families,

Here are this week's information items. New items are in **Yellow**.

Week at a Glance

September 9	September 10	September 11	September 12	September 13
Yard Clean Up – Ms. Gravel's Class	Recycling – Leadership 9:30 – Fire Drill (with Bells)			
September 16	September 17	September 18	September 19	September 20
11:00 - Terry Fox Run	2:45 – Staff Meeting	6:30 – PAC Meeting	1:00 – Earthquake Drill	Photo Day

Upcoming dates to note:

- September 25 – Tour de Rock / Fun Assembly
- September 26 – Hold and Secure/ Lock Down Drill
- September 27 – Orange Shirt Day
- September 30 – National Truth and Reconciliation Day
- October 1 – Deadline for School Supplies Fees

Strong Start

We are thrilled to announce the return of the Strong Start program at Miracle Beach Elementary this year! Candice Burt will continue as our dedicated Strong Start teacher and is excited to welcome all families interested in joining. The program will kick off on October 1st and will be held every Tuesday and Friday throughout the year. We can't wait to welcome our pre-kindergarten students into our school community!

Breakfast Program

We are excited to announce the return of our breakfast program, available to all students starting Monday, September 9th! Each morning, a simple and nutritious breakfast will be served in the multipurpose room, free of charge. The program will run every weekday, beginning at 8:00 a.m., providing a great start to the day for all who participate.

Students are encouraged to enjoy their breakfast indoors before heading outside to join their friends for morning play. This initiative is designed to support student well-being, ensuring they are ready to learn and thrive throughout the school day.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with our breakfast program, which runs every weekday from 8:00 a.m. in the multipurpose room. Your support would make a big difference in ensuring our students start their day with a healthy meal. If you're available to lend a hand, even for just one morning a week, we'd love to have you join us! Please contact the office (cori.Lally@sd71.bc.ca) for more details or to sign up. Thank you for your support!

Consent Week (September 16th to 20th)

Consent Week is recognized by all schools across our province and is set this year for September 16-20. Schools approach consent as something that is important to know about and practice every day. It can be defined as an agreement to engage in an activity and occurs when you ask, or give, permission to do something. Consent is used and should be used within daily life interactions and/or activities – in elementary school, this might look like asking someone's permission to borrow their school supplies, asking if someone wants a hug before hugging them, checking on personal space boundaries ("Can I sit beside you?") and keeping hands to self. The scope of what is taught depends on the age of the students. Teachers at Miracle Beach naturally and organically incorporate this learning into regular classroom teaching, as it is important to practice as part of daily life with others.

Miracle Beach Parent Handbook

Our [Parent Handbook](#) is full of useful information and will help answer any questions you may have. I have included it as an attachment on this email, and it is also available on our website.

District Cell Phone Policy

As Comox Valley Schools continues to embrace the use of technology to support learning, we recognize the importance of maintaining a focused and safe learning environment for our students. This consideration has been recently reinforced by provincial guidelines and legislation. With this in mind, we would like to share some updates regarding the use of personal digital devices (PDDs) such as cell phones, tablets, smartwatches, earbuds, and other electronic gadgets within our schools.

At all elementary schools, there is **no student access to or use of personal digital devices at any time on the school campus during the school day**, unless they have been given permission by their school principal. This is essentially a "bell-to-bell" restriction from the beginning of school to the end of the day. Parents are reminded that elementary students are always under direct supervision and that the school will communicate with home for any emergent need that arises.

Terry Fox / Tour de Rock Cancer Fundraising

This Year our [Terry Fox](#) Run will be held on Monday September 16th. As well we will be welcoming the riders of [Tour de Rock](#) on September 25th.

During the weeks leading up to September 25th we will be raising money as a school that will help support cancer research. Our slogan is "Change for Change" (Thank you Ms. Gravel for the catchy slogan). We encourage all families, if able, to send students with a donation of change to be collected in each class.

As an added incentive the class that collects the most money for cancer research will receive a pizza party! As well, if we are able to achieve our school goal of \$2000, we will have a special fun assembly on September 25th after Tour de Rock 😊

Music

Ms. Boersma is working on a full school welcome song for our Tour De Rock riders. Please review the information below with your students and help practice if you are able.

Music Notes

Tour de Rock

Tour de Rock is coming back to Miracle Beach Wednesday, September 25th! We've already starting working on this year's song. Please encourage your child to be practicing at home. We're adding a little "flash mob dance" as part of our song this year. Students who would like to also do the dance part should practice at home using the links on the right.



[We're All in this Together Sing-a-long!](#)

[Dance Tutorial](#)
Sections 1 and 2 only
(stop at 6:40)

Winter Concert Dates

Wed. December 4 - Primary Concert
Thurs. December 5 - Intermediate Concert
Fri. December 6 - Seniors' Christmas Tea

Lunch Activities

Choir will be starting up next week! Any student in Grades 4-7 is welcome to join.

Tone Chimes will be starting the following week. Students in Grades 6 and 7 are welcome to join!

PAC News

As a parent or guardian of a child enrolled at Miracle Beach Elementary, you are automatically a member of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). We welcome and encourage your participation. Involvement in the PAC is an opportunity for us all to connect and make a difference in the school community.

Come to a casual meeting to hear about what is happening in and around our school community. The Principal is always invited to report on school activities, and often our school Trustee will bring us district level and school board information.

The first general PAC meeting will be held on **September 18th at 6:30 in the school library**. We hope to see you there! Note: If you require childcare, please complete this form before the meeting and we will confirm that there is an available spot.

<https://forms.office.com/r/9fAjNKkR9g>

We have a new sign-up form to ensure childcare is available for kids ages 4-10 during our monthly PAC meetings. Meetings are from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

If it is too difficult to get there in person, we will be sending a link to join virtually, closer to the date. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information or contact us directly at miraclebeachpac@gmail.com.

The agenda and previous minutes will be made available next week and posted on our PAC board just outside the office. Also, minutes are posted on the school website here:

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/miracle-beach-elementary/parent-advisory-council/>

Self-Identification of Indigenous Ancestry (First Nations, Métis, or Inuit)

Indigenous Education Services in School District #71 (Comox Valley) offers various supports and opportunities to over 1,750 students of Indigenous Ancestry. Our goal is to enrich the educational opportunities for all our Indigenous students. The focus for our service is to enhance all Indigenous students' understanding of their heritage, their sense of belonging and the personal belief that they can be successful in the British Columbia public school system.

Indigenous Ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through verbal self-identification. This includes First Nations (Status or Non-Status), Métis or Inuit Ancestry. We do not require further documentation. Ancestry may go back several generations and a Status Card is not required.

For more information or if you have any questions, please speak our Indigenous Support Worker Erin Kotyk by calling the school at 250-337-5114 or email Erin.Kotyky@sd71.bc.ca

School Code of Conduct

Our [Miracle Beach Code of Conduct](#) sets clear expectations for behavior, fostering a safe and respectful environment. It promotes consistency, accountability, and helps prevent conflicts, ensuring that all students can focus on learning and personal growth. I have included it as an attachment on this email, and it is also available on our website.

Recess and Lunch

Students will be outside at recess and lunch unless the weather is really bad outside. Please ensure students have weather appropriate clothing with them at school. Also, Miracle Beach is in a beautiful rural area of the Comox Valley. As a result, we have the occasional visitor from nature. All classes will review best practice for bear and cougar safety. As part of our animal awareness students do not take food outside during recess and lunch. By not allowing garbage to be on the playground and field it will help reduce visits from bears and cougars.

Parking/ Drop-off

Please be aware our parking lot is not large. Families who drop off their student(s) should use our drop and go lane in the front of the school. Please note there is no parking for drop off as we are limited for space. Also, please be mindful to stay out of the bus lane. Our busses drop off/ pick up the large majority of our students and it is important for them to not be obstructed by other vehicles.

School Supplies

For the 2024-25 school year Miracle Beach will be providing basic school supplies to students in kindergarten to grade 7. Instead of parents purchasing individual sets of supplies, families provide money to the school and the school will purchase supplies for each student. This approach will ensure equity and equality among all students and will save parents time (no shopping!) and money (ordering in bulk, our discount on school supplies is significant). The only items parents will have to provide are a backpack, a lunch bag, and appropriate shoes for gym.

Kindergarten to grade 7 the fee will be \$40

The office will accept cash, cheque, or e-transfer

Fees are due no later than October 1st - Thank you to those families who have already paid.

Those who are choosing the e-transfer option, you can send the transfer to miraclebeach@sd71.bc.ca.

Please make sure you include the following message: **School Supplies-Student(s) Name**

School Bus

In continued partnership with our transportation provider, First Student, Comox Valley Schools, SD71, is offering First View/Parent View, a bus tracking and parent communications app for your smartphone or desktop.


- For more information and to download the app, please go to www.firstviewapp.com.
- For FirstView app troubleshooting questions, please reach out directly to via email: support@firstviewapp.com or toll-free phone number 888-889-8920.
- To create an account, you will need your student's pupil ID, along with a special code:
- The code will be provided from the district once your student is a confirmed registered regular rider with the bus company.
- The district will be sending out codes once received from the bus company.

Rules for Riding the Bus

- Be at the bus stop 5 minutes ahead of the posted schedule. The bus will not wait for those who are late
- Stay on the shoulder or sidewalk, well away from the pavement, while waiting for the bus
- Do not run beside the bus while it is moving
- Boarding the bus will be in single file
- No saving spots in line or seats on the bus
- Take your seat right away
- The bus driver is always in charge
- Remain seated while the bus is in motion
- No eating on the school bus
- No fighting, bullying or horseplay on the bus
- Do not throw litter out the window of the bus
- Always keep head and arms in the bus
- Students are not able to ride a bus other than their assigned bus (e.g., for playdates etc.)

Community Information


MONDAYS, Sept. 09 - Oct. 28
4:00PM - 5:30PM
AGES 4 - 6 YRS



T-BALL

\$60
6 SESSIONS

With Coach
Steve McNamee



Black Creek Community Centre Field



CLAYDATE

Fun & creative Clay Sculpting | *Ages 6-12 years*
8 sessions


\$200

Instructor: **Judit Szilvasi**

Tuesdays Sept 24-Nov 12
4:00PM-5:00PM

BLACK CREEK
 community centre


Ball Hockey
 with **Kolby Koschack**



Tuesdays, Sept. 10 - Oct. 29

AGES 5-7 YEARS 3:30pm - 4:15pm \$60/ 8 sessions	AGES 8-13 YEARS 4:30pm - 5:30pm \$65/ 8 sessions
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at the **Black Creek Community Centre Tennis Courts**



KIDS AFRO-BEATS DANCE

Thursdays

Sept. 12 - Oct. 3 \$40/ 4 sessions

Nov. 7 - Nov. 28 \$40/ 4 sessions

6:30pm - 7:30pm



With **Ayodeji Ipaye**

CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER
 (250) 337-5190
www.blackcreek-cc.com

Feel free to email me at zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca if you have any questions or comments.

I look forward to seeing everyone on September 4th. Have a great rest of your summer!

Respectfully,

Zale Darnel
 Principal, Miracle Beach Elementary