



★ IMPORTANT NOTICE

REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN AND PROGRAMS OF CHOICE IN SCHOOL DISTRICT #71 FOR THE 2012/2013 SCHOOL YEAR

School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) will be enrolling kindergarten students (English, French Immersion, Montessori and Aboriginal) in district schools for attendance September 2012. To be eligible for enrolment in September 2012, a student must turn five (5) years of age by December 31, 2012. Your child's birth certificate must be presented at the time of registration. (CareCards will not be accepted as proof of birth but need to be presented at time of registration.) Passport or Landed Immigrant Authorization is suitable documentation in lieu of birth certificates.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

All of our elementary schools offer full day kindergarten.

Parents are asked to register their children at their current neighbourhood school **February 22, 23 & 24, 2012** between the hours of **8:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon**. While most, if not all, students living in a school's local catchment will be accommodated at that school, they cannot be guaranteed placement in the catchment area school and may be required to go to the nearest school having availability. Please contact your neighbourhood school for information on kindergarten orientation.

To determine your English program catchment school, please visit our district website at www.sd71.bc.ca, click on "Schools" and go to "School Locator."

If you live in an area where busing is provided, you will need to go on SD 71's website and complete a **Bus Transportation Registration Form** for your child.

REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

• **FRENCH IMMERSION** - located at **École Puntledge Park** and **École Robb Road**

District Parent Information Meeting: Join us for presentations about the French Immersion program. Bring your questions, hear about the program from the perspective of principals, parents and students in the program. The district orientation will be held on the following date:

January 25, 2012	École Robb Road Elementary 1909 Robb Avenue, Comox BC	7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 250-339-6864
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Registration for **siblings only** (of students currently enrolled in French Immersion) is at École Puntledge Park Elementary and École Robb Road Elementary on February 15, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Open registration for French Immersion is at École Puntledge Park Elementary and École Robb Road Elementary on February 16 & 17, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Inquiries about this program may be made to the Principal at École Puntledge Park Elementary (250-334-4495) or the Principal at École Robb Road Elementary (250-339-6864).

Late French Immersion – The district is offering late French Immersion for Grade 6. There is an orientation session on the following date:

January 26, 2012	École Puntledge Park Elementary 401 Willemar Avenue, Courtenay	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Child Care Provided
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Registration for **siblings only** (of students currently enrolled in either Late French Immersion or Early French Immersion) is on February 15, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Open registration for Late French Immersion (Grade 6) at École Puntledge Park is on February 16 & 17, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

• **FRENCH IMMERSION** - located at **Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School**

Students from School District 93 (Conseil scolaire francophone) who want to enroll in School District #71 must apply for a cross boundary transfer by February 29, 2012.

• **navigate (NIDES) eCLASS KINDERGARTEN:** located at **Tsolum School Campus**

Interested in home schooling your child? Come and join our presentation for families who would prefer one of two delivery models of blended learning, designed and supported by BC certified teachers: a) a full time home school program or, b) one day of face-to-face instruction and social interaction at Tsolum Campus, combined with online and paper based learning at home. Parents and administration will be on hand to answer your questions and help with the registration process.

February 1, 2012	Tsolum School Campus – navigate (NIDES) 2505 Smith Rd. Courtenay	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Child Care Provided
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Open registration for the eClass Kindergarten at **navigate** (NIDES) will take place at Tsolum School from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 pm on February 16th & 17th, 2012

For information call the school administration (250) 337-5300 or email Alissa.Pratt@sd71.bc.ca

• **navigate (NIDES) FINE ARTS eCADEMY - KINDERGARTEN:** located at **Tsolum School Campus**

The Fine Arts eCademy is a K-9 district program of choice emphasizing curriculum integration through visual, digital media, music and performing arts based on personalization and 21st Century instructional practices. This unique blended learning environment combines three days of face-to-face instruction at the Tsolum School campus with two days of online and paper based learning at home, designed and supported by navigate teachers. Parents and administration will be on hand to answer your questions and help with the registration process.

February 1, 2012	Tsolum School Campus – navigate (NIDES) 2505 Smith Rd. Courtenay	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Child Care Provided
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Open registration for the Fine Arts eCademy Kindergarten at **navigate** (NIDES) will take place at Tsolum School from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 pm on February 16th & 17th, 2012

For information call the school administration (250) 337-5300 or email Alissa.Pratt@sd71.bc.ca

• **ABORIGINAL KINDERGARTEN/GRADE 1** - located at **École Puntledge Park**

Aboriginal Parents and Guardians Information Meeting: Please come to learn about the Aboriginal Kindergarten/Grade 1 program. Administrators will be there to answer your questions and help with registration forms.

February 7, 2012	École Puntledge Park Elementary 401 Willemar Avenue, Courtenay	6:00 p.m. Child Care Provided
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If your kindergarten child is **First Nation, Metis or Inuit** we are offering an all-day program based on cultural teachings and ministry learning outcomes. Although preference will be given to Aboriginal children, non-Aboriginal parents may apply.

Registration for **siblings only** (of students currently enrolled in the Aboriginal Kindergarten/Grade one program) will take place at École Puntledge Park Elementary School on February 15, 2012 from 7:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Open registration for Aboriginal Kindergarten will take place at École Puntledge Park on February 16 & 17, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

For information please call Bruce Carlos, District Principal of Aboriginal Education, at 250-331-4040

• **MONTESSORI KINDERGARTEN** - located at **Queneesh Elementary**

District Parent Information Meeting: Join us for presentations about the Montessori Program. Bring your questions, hear about the program from the perspective of the administrators and have a tour of the classroom.

February 2, 2012	Queneesh Elementary School 2345 Mission Road, Courtenay	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Child Care Provided
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Registration for **siblings only** (of students currently enrolled in Montessori) is at Queneesh Elementary School on February 15, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Open registration for Montessori is at Queneesh Elementary School on February 16 & 17, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information please call Mr. Dan Costain, Principal, Queneesh Elementary at 250-334-4089.

CROSS BOUNDARY TRANSFER REQUESTS

Requests for cross boundary transfers for the 2012/2013 school year must be completed **online** and submitted online no later than February 29, 2012 for consideration. See the link on our homepage at www.sd71.bc.ca, Cross Boundary Requests. If you do not have access to a computer, there is one available in the foyer of the School Board Office at 607 Cumberland Road, Courtenay.



For further information on any of these programs, please contact Allan Douglas, Director of Elementary Instruction at 250-334-5500

