



# ÉCOLE PUNTLEDGE PARK ELEMENTARY

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Principal: Mr. Allan Douglas

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Andrea Rowland

*"A Community of Learners exploring our world in a creative, healthy and caring environment."*

February 4, 2005

Dear Parents,

Sorry about having to postpone the variety show, but due to being quite ill I was not available to put all of the finishing touches together in time for Friday, February 4...so...we are holding it on Friday, February 11 from 1:00 to 2:00 in the gym.

Thank you for sending in all of the articles for the Tsunami relief...we sent over a nice collection of things from our school.

Yours truly,

Allan Douglas  
Principal

**MAD SCIENCE** ~ Mad Science will be offering their exciting After School Program once again this year!

**When:** Fridays from January 28<sup>th</sup> to March 18<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 2:40-3:40 p.m.

**Cost:** \$89.00, additional siblings at \$79.00 each

**Topics include:** Acids & Bases, Dry Ice, Laser Light, "Matter of Fact", Rocket Building and Space...the Final Frontier. Registration forms are available in the office.



**JUNIOR CHEF'S CLUB** ~ Our Junior Chef's Club is now full. This program for Gr. 3 students will run on Wednesday's Feb 16 to March 16 from 2:45 – 4:15 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room. If there is sufficient interest we will try to run another program later in the year. Please call the school office and let us know if your Gr. 3 child would be interested.

**HOMEWORK CLUB** ~ There are still spaces available for any boy or girl from grades 3 - 6 to join the Homework Club.

**When:** Thursdays from 2:30-4:00 p.m. (not 4:30 as stated on their program flyer)

**Dates:** Jan. 27 to March 17, 2005

**Where:** Puntledge Park School, Multi-Purpose Room

**Call:** The Boys & Girls Club at 338-7582 for more information.



**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS** ~ We have a dedicated group of parents working on our committee. As you know last year we purchased emergency supplies for the school. This year we are finishing that job and trying to communicate with parents and the

neighbourhood our emergency plan and encourage the families to have their own plan.

Just a few notes for you to consider in the case of an emergency:

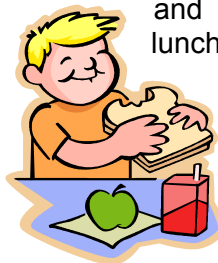
- Students need to be signed out before parents take them home.
- Students will only be released to the people indicated on the emergency information sheet on file in the office.
- In the case of a flood we may be at Lake Trail School as it is higher ground.

Our committee is planning a neighbourhood session in the near future keep your eye on the newsletters.

**READY, SET, LEARN** ~ The preschool books are here and are in the process of being added to our library. Watch for them...there are even some parent books too.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR THE LUNCH PROGRAM

~ At this time of year with people getting sick and work schedules changing, the lunch program needs some substitutes to help out. It takes about one hour any time in the morning that you can make it. On average it includes making 16 bag lunches. If you are able to help, please call Eva Saxton at 334-8445.



**ART PROJECT** ~ A committee of parents and artists have been planning another art project for our school. We are starting off with a Galley Walk in the library the week of the 15<sup>th</sup>. You are welcome to come and take in the display. Classes will be working with various volunteer, staff, and community artists to create a beautiful show for us all to enjoy.



**ATTENDANCE AND TARDINESS** ~ School attendance and punctuality are very important aspects of a child's education. Prolonged absence can have a direct impact on student progress. We will be sending home letters to children who have been absent more than ten times in the school year up to the end of December or students who are chronically late. These letters are meant to inform you and are not intended to offend you.

**SPRING SOCCER** ~ Registration for the Comox Valley United Soccer Club:

**When:** Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> – 9a.m. – 3 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Where:** Soccer Clubhouse, 1701 Lerwick Road, beside the Mark Isfeld School parking lot

For more information, call the soccer office at 334-0422 or check out the website at: [www.cvusc.org](http://www.cvusc.org)

**SATISFACTION SURVEYS** ~ Each year the Ministry of Education asks to have a satisfaction survey completed. In our school, this survey will go to all staff, Grade 4 students, and parents of Grade 4 children. The satisfaction surveys are administered annually as part of the accountability cycle, and used to gather opinions from students, parents and school staff on achievement, human and social development, and safety. If you are a parent of a grade 4 student, please take the time to fill out this survey and return it to the school office by **Friday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>**. The data collected on these surveys is used to develop our School Growth Plans. Your input is important to us.

**READING FOR INFORMATION DATA – TERM 1  
JANUARY 2005**



PRIMARY	NOT YET MEETING	MEETING	FULLY MEETING	EXCEEDING
English	44%	28%	21%	6%
French	5%	64%	26%	3%
Aboriginal	26%	31%	38%	0
All	26%	44%	24%	4%

INTERMEDIATE	NOT YET MEETING	MEETING	FULLY MEETING	EXCEEDING
English	22%	58%	20%	0
French (English)	7%	48%	43%	3%
French (French)	4%	54%	39%	2%
Aboriginal	31%	54%	15%	0
All	18%	55%	27%	1%

SCHOOL-WIDE	NOT YET MEETING	MEETING	FULLY MEETING	EXCEEDING
English	34%	42%	21%	3%
French	6%	59%	32%	2%
Aboriginal	31%	40%	29%	0
All	22%	49%	25%	3%

It is important to understand that this data is collected prior to the end of the first term. The first term is quite short so many of the interventions we have implemented were just in the start-up phase. Also, when we broke down the data into primary and intermediate, we see that our primary students are needing support in the English program.



The interventions we have implemented are:  
**English Kindergarten-** Letterland (teaches the students letter sounds)  
**English Grade 1-3** – Readwell, SRA kits, and Guided Reading Groups  
**All Grade 4's** – Successmaker in Reading and Math (a computer based skills development program)

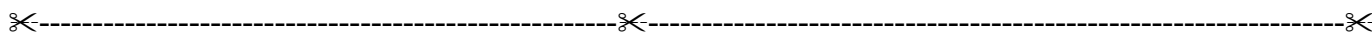


# FEBRUARY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 ~ Groundhog Day	3	4	5
6 	7	8	9 ~ <b>Chinese New Year</b>	10	11 - <b>Variety Show</b> ~ 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ~ <b>Hot lunch</b> - White Spot Chicken Fingers or Mac & cheese	12
13 	14 ~ <b>Valentine's Day</b> ~ PRO-D DAY NO SCHOOL	15	16 ~ Jr. Chef's Club ~ 2:45 - 4:15 p.m.	17	18	19
20	21 ~ PAC Meeting 7-9	22	23 ~ Jr. Chef's Club ~ 2:45 - 4:15 p.m.	24	25 ~ <b>Hot lunch</b> - Little Caesar's Pizza	26
27	28 ~ Inter- mediate Assembly 1:15-2:15 p.m.	1 MARCH	2 ~ Jr. Chef's Club ~ 2:45 - 4:15 p.m.	3 ~ 9 a.m. Duffelbag Theatre	4	5

**HOT LUNCH**  
**February 11<sup>th</sup> - White Spot**  
 Chicken fingers - 4/\$3 or  
 Macaroni & Cheese -\$3.50  
 Cumberland donut - .50¢, apple - .50¢,  
 juice - .50¢  
**February 25<sup>th</sup> - Little Caesars**  
**Pizza - \$2.75**  
 Pepperoni, ham & pineapple, plain  
 cheese or veggie



**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DRAW** ~ Congratulations to Shawna Storrie of division 12 for being our monthly newsletter draw winner for January. Shawna wins a \$5.00 gift certificate, compliments of White Spot.

The monthly newsletter is our way of communicating with the parents and guardians of our students. It will normally go home with the youngest member in the family or you can get it on-line by going to our website:  
<http://sd71.bc.ca/sd71/school/puntledge/school/news/news.htm>

To enter the draw for February, please complete the tear off and return it to the school.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_



**SUMMARY OF PAC MEETING – January 10, 2004**  
**Next PAC February 21, 2005 @ 7:00 p.m. in the school library.**

**Treasurer's Report – Jan Katerberg**

The final amount of money raised through the magazine sale was \$4,800.00 net. The budget looks very healthy going into a new year.

**District PAC – Ron Amos**

Currently there is a position open for a DPAC representative. If you are interested in this position please let the office know.

**Teacher's Report – Debbie Nelson**

There will be an African Drum Workshop on the next Pro-D day.

**Principal's Report – Allan Douglas**

- The penny drive fundraiser was very successful
- Skating will start up later in January
- Grade 2's will enjoy swimming as well
- We have two international Korean students in our school
- Piece of wood for the log carving has been delivered in the courtyard
- Variety show is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup>
- Mad Science will be starting up

**Vice-Principal's Report – Andrea Rowland**

- School website will be having some improvements to it so changes can be made directly from our school
- Boys & Girls Club has the homework club after school
- Boys & Girls Club has floor hockey in the evening
- The Grade 3 Junior Chef's Club will be starting up soon

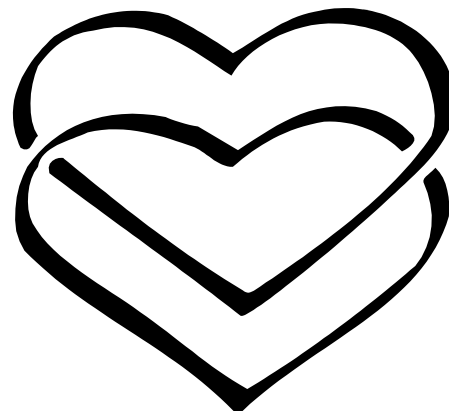
**New Business** – Our Lice Coordinator, Gaylene Rehwald, gave us a report on the success of the new two new lice combs that were used in the recent school wide lice check. The combs were also passed around. It was decided that the combs will not be loaned out and that if a parent wishes to use them they can do so at the school along with a volunteer committee member. Gaylene also passed around booklets about Cancer Smart public awareness & education.

**Old Business** – Jan Katerberg gave us a report on the meeting she had not that long ago with the transportation minister regarding bussing for French Immersion. There won't be a decision until later in February. Thanks to Jan for all her hard work and diligence in this matter.

If you wish to volunteer for or need to contact any of the programs undertaken by the PAC please call one of the people listed here or drop your name off at the office.

PAC Chair	Tome Nakashima	897-3137
Treasurer	Jan Katerberg	338-9190
Secretary	Lisa Taylor	338-4275
Breakfast/Lunches	Anne Koke	336-8773
Nutrition	Eva Saxton 334-8445/ Laura Murray	338-0315
Fun Fair	Julie Kochanuk	338-4532
Whereabouts	Anna Leevers	338-9486
Lice Checks	Gaylene Rehwald	338-2973
PAC Minutes	Linda Graceffo	338-9172
DPAC	Ron Amos	338-7923
Magazine Sales	Colleen Holden	334-3676
School Planning Council	Tome Nakashima 897-3137 /Lisa/Dave Taylor	338-4275
School Planning/Past Chair	Mark Steven	703-2070

**\*\*\* Please note there is a drop off box in the office for PAC\*\*\***



**FUN FAIR ....**

Is coming up on **April 28, 2005** ... Mark this date on your calendar!!!

Start saving your recyclables for the **Make & Take Booth** ...

- Various small boxes (soap/pudding/jewelry/tooth paste)
  - Cardboard rolls
- Plastic milk jug lids / frozen juice lids / soup cans (without sharp edges)
- Styrofoam meat trays / plastic containers (yogurt/apple sauce / Pringle cups)
  - Old greeting cards (cut off side with writing), envelopes, stamps
    - Paper bags / paper doilies
- Tissue / wrapping paper / wallpaper / coffee filters / shiny papered items
  - Feathers / silk flowers / pipe cleaners / felt scraps / pompoms
- Buttons / med-large beads / old jewelry items / sequins / sticks / ribbon / string / yarn / twine / rickrack / lace
- Strawberry baskets / ice cream lids / med-large plastic / metal lids (mayo/peanut butter)
  - Plastic film canisters / plastic bottles / tubs (with lids)
    - Egg cartons (clean)
    - And the list goes on . . .