

South Wellington Elementary School



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January Theme – Goal Setting

Upcoming Dates To Remember

January 29th	- Spring Plant Order Forms Due
January 30th	- PAC Bottle Drive 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
February 5th	- Hot Lunch (Hot Dogs)
February 10th	- PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm
February 13th	- Storyteller-Library
February 22nd/23rd	- Pro-D Days – No School
February 26th	- Hot Lunch (Ham Wraps)
March 2nd	- Performance “Kerplunks” – 9:00 am (all students)
March 8th – 12th	- Spring Break

Principal’s Message

The Ministry of Education is phasing in full-day Kindergarten over the next two years, with approximately half of the students in B.C. being offered full-day Kindergarten in September 2010 and all students offered the program in September 2011.

In our school district, full-day Kindergarten will be offered at 18 elementary schools starting next September. Our school is not one of the schools selected to offer full-day Kindergarten. I know that many parents were hoping that full-day Kindergarten would be offered at our school, and this may be disappointing news.

It was a difficult process for the district to select which schools would offer full-day Kindergarten. One of the factors considered was whether there is the physical space required at the school. The district also wanted to ensure that it first offered the program in neighbourhoods where there are high levels of child vulnerability. This needed to be balanced with enrolment projections, to be sure there would be no overcrowding issues in future years. The district also wanted to maintain consistency across neighbourhoods and programs.

We know that there are many benefits for students and their parents with full-day Kindergarten, and we look forward to September 2011 when we will be able to offer the full-day program at our school.

More detailed information about full-day Kindergarten is available on the school district website www.sd68.bc.ca

Kindergarten Registration

If you have or know of a child who was born in 2005 and will be five years of age before January 1st 2011, then he/she will be eligible for Kindergarten in September. Birth Certificates and proof of address must be presented at time of registration. Please be sure to include your child's Care Card number on the registration form. Registration will begin in January and to ensure your enrolment in your catchment school, you must register no later than June 15th 2010.

Athletics

Congratulations to our Grade 5/6/7 mixed volleyball team for an outstanding season that culminated in a stellar performance at a round robin invitational tournament at North Cedar Intermediate School last week. Our team posted wins against NCI "A", NCI "B" and Pauline Haarer! Season MVP – Darren M, Most Improved – Victoria S, and Most Sportsmanlike – Jackie W. Well done to all our players!



Basketball season begins the week of February 8th. Our school will be entering two intermediate teams in district league play. Permission forms and game schedules will be sent home with participating students the week of February 1st. As always, parent drivers are appreciated for away games and supporters are greatly appreciated for our home games.

South Wellington Star Students

Recognition goes out to the following South Wellington Star students "caught doing good" around our school...

Litter Buster – Leticia

Primary – Jamie

Intermediate – Eden



Bottle Drive

This **Saturday, January 30th** our PAC group will be hosting a bottle drive at South Wellington School from **9:00 am until 1:00 pm**. Bring down your empties and feel free to join us for a fun morning of sorting!

Imagination Station

The Imagination Station will remain at our school until **February 12th**! This is a Community Schools Program housed at South Wellington Elementary School. It is fun, engaging and educational for preschoolers with various hands on stations such as a Veterinarian's office, Store, Café, Camping area, etc. Parents/Caregivers must supervise their children using the station. It is open to all families in the area on Tuesdays from **1:00 pm – 2:15pm** and on Thursdays from **8:45 am – 10:00 am**. Upon arrival, please sign in at the school office. For more information please call **250-754-2873**.

Rainbows Program

Ladysmith Boys' and Girls' Club will be hosting the Rainbows Program again this year. "Rainbows" is an international 12 week peer support program for children and families who have experienced grief and/or loss or influential change in their family dynamic. The program will run on **Thursdays starting February 4, 2010 from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm** at the Boys' and Girls' Club at 730 Third Avenue (bottom corner of the Ladysmith Intermediate school field). There will be an information/registration/orientation session the week before on **Thursday January 28th**. An adult group will also be offered. There is no charge for these groups. Please phone Niki at 245.8921 for more information.

Family Time Connections

Family Time Connections is proud to present a **FREE** community event called *The Roots - A Family Reconnect Experience*, on **February 13th 2010 from 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm**. The event will provide information about services, miniature workshops, entertainment, door prizes, and refreshments. This is a fun for the whole family!

Location: John Barsby Community School.

Contact: 250.716.8888 or email familytimeconnections@telus.net

South Wellington Elementary School Fundraiser...

Locally Grown Spring Pots!

The SW PAC is pleased to offer spring pots supplied by local grower 'Dancing Frog Farm' located on Gomerich Rd. Known for their super healthy plants and environmentally conscious practices, Dancing Frog Farm has also been a great sponsor of our annual plant sale and many other community functions. The pots are 6" plastic in a terra cotta color, with a nice mossy top planted with spring plants such as primroses, crocus etc.

Please turn **orders in** to your child's teacher by **Friday January 29th**. Plants will be at the school for **pickup after school Tuesday February 2nd**. Please make cheques payable to 'South Wellington Elementary School PAC'.



Need more info? Please call Krista at 250-245-0440

More order forms are available in front of office

Number of pots _____ @ \$8.00 per pot = \$_____ total



Student Name _____

Phone Number _____

Teacher _____

Cash or Cheque Total _____