

# South Wellington Elementary School



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## February Theme – Perseverance

### Upcoming Dates To Remember

<b>February 13<sup>th</sup></b>	- Storyteller-Library
<b>February 16<sup>th</sup></b>	- Grade 5/6/7 Girls' Basketball Home game vs. Seaview
<b>February 17<sup>th</sup></b>	- Grade 5/6/7 Boys' Basketball Home game vs. Park Ave.
<b>February 19<sup>th</sup></b>	- Cedar Community High School Fun Fair
<b>February 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup></b>	- Pro-D Days – No School
<b>February 24<sup>th</sup></b>	- Grade 5/6/7 Boys' Basketball Away game vs Departure Bay
<b>February 26<sup>th</sup></b>	- Hot Lunch (Ham Wraps)
<b>March 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	- Performance “Kerplunks” – 9:00 am (all students)
<b>March 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup></b>	- Spring Break

### ***Principal's Message***

The Chinese villagers plant the bamboo seed. They water and fertilize it, but during the first year nothing happens. The second year they water and fertilize it, and still nothing happens. The third and fourth years they water and fertilize it but still no apparent results. At some point during the course of the fifth year, in a period of only six weeks, the Chinese bamboo tree grows roughly 30 meters! The question is, did it grow 30 meters in six weeks or did it grow 30 meters in five years? The obvious answer is that it grew 30 meters in five years because had they not applied the water and fertilizer each year, there would be no Chinese bamboo tree. All of us have had those “Chinese bamboo tree” experiences. We might have had a difficult assignment in math, reading or science. We had to work at it again and again without coming up with the correct answer. Once we did finally get the answer it seemed simple and obvious. We came up with the answer not because we were smart but because of our **perseverance**. This month at our school we will learn more about this important success attitude.

### ***Kindergarten Registration***

If you have or know of a child who was born in 2005 and will be five years of age before January 1<sup>st</sup> 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 before June 15<sup>th</sup> 2010.



**Athletics** Basketball season has started. Our school has two intermediate teams in district league play. Our girls team posted a 32-8 victory over Chase River in their opening game while our boys' team fought to a very close 46-42 loss against a strong Bayview team.

### ***Steve Nash Youth Basketball***

This is a grassroots basketball program developed by Basketball BC. Students will have one practice and one game each week. Each player will receive a reversible basketball jersey and membership to basketball BC. Practices are scheduled for Thursdays and games will be played on Sunday afternoons at Oliver Woods.

**Dates:** April 8 - June 16 / 2010 – Open to Boys and Girls - Ages 8 - 12 years

**Days & Times:** Thursdays (1 hour practices from 4:00 – 8:00 pm) /  
Sundays (1 hour games from 1:00 – 5:00 pm)  
10 weeks / 20 Sessions

**Location:** Rutherford Elem.; Randerson Elem.; Oliver Woods Recreation Center

**Fees:** \$90.00 new players / \$80.00 returning players (L.E.A.P qualifies)

**Please provide your email address at the time of registration.**

**To Register:** Call 250-756-5200 or register online at [www.nanaimo.ca/ireg](http://www.nanaimo.ca/ireg) or in person at Beban Park, Bowen Complex, Oliver Woods Community Centre, Nanaimo Ice Centre or Nanaimo Aquatic Centre

**CALLING COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS:** If you are interested in coaching or volunteering with the Steve Nash Youth Basketball program please call 250-755-7526 or email [damon.johnston@nanaimo.ca](mailto:damon.johnston@nanaimo.ca)

### ***February Library News by Mrs. McCaw***

Preschool Storytelling at South Wellington:

Our second monthly preschool storytelling session will take place **Saturday February 13th from 1pm to 2pm**. We have booked BC storyteller Terri Hughes again. Storytelling will be followed by a healthy snack, play centres and a parent information table. The library will be open for family book exchange. Children ages 2 to 6 accompanied by an adult are welcome to joins us for this fun afternoon.

South Wellington PAC:

We have received a very generous \$300.00 from the PAC to purchase books for the school library which enabled us to respond to student requests for books as well as add to our non-fiction collection. Some titles include What Do You Do With A Tail Like This? and Biggest Strongest Fastest both by Steve Jenkins.

Winter Reading Challenge:

We have a very close race this month as South Wellington readers wind up their cross Canada reading challenge. The final count will be made on Friday Feb 5th as our January Star Reader forms continue to arrive each day. The winning class will be announced at Monday’s assembly.

What are the most popular books this month?

It’s hard to pick out the top books this month! Inkdeath continues to be a popular choice and has led to a re-reading of this triple series by some of our older students. Walter Wicks I Spy series have also been off the shelves and we have ended up with a wait list for this very popular series. Our younger readers are enjoying The Wild Thing by Maurice Sendak as well as the hilarious Fly Guy series. The literacy backpacks have begun to circulate again throughout the primary grades.

Thrifty Smile Card Fundraiser

Just a reminder that if you like to shop at Thrifty’s, the library receives five cents for every dollar spent (a cheque every month). You are required to load up a fundraiser smile card before you pay for your groceries. We received our first cheque in January for \$85.00!! Just contact Mrs. McCaw if you would like a card.

Books For Kids Community Used Book Sale:

Our school has joined School District 68 in supporting the annual community book drive **Books for Kids**. In return for our participation, the profits from the book drive will be shared equally among all participating schools. Last year our school library received \$1300.00!! We need your support for this book drive; **not your money**, but your time and through the donation of any used books that you would like to dispose of. Our school is required to provide thirty hours total for sorting, selling and setting up/take down. This valuable annual event will be hosted at Woodgrove Centre. Set up will be **Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>** (evening) and the sale will run during mall hours **Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>**. We will do pre-sorting at the school. We will need thirty volunteer hours again this year. Jobs consist of sorting, sales and set-up/clean-up. A collection site for used books and volunteer sign-up sheet will be in the hall outside the library beginning **February 8<sup>th</sup>**. Each family member counts as a volunteer. Funds received from this book sale will be used to purchase books requested by students, followed by teacher requests and finally completing this year’s library themes such as Space, Climate, True Stories and Sports.

I can volunteer for sorting books at the school	_____ YES	_____ NO
I can volunteer for selling books at the book sale	_____ DAY	_____ TIME
I can volunteer to remove unsold books	_____ YES	_____ NO
Family Name _____		Total _____



**Please remember to pick up your Spring Plants  
On Friday February 12<sup>th</sup> (after school).**



## *S.W.A.C.A. Community Events Listing, February 2010*

### **Recreation:**

**BOOT CAMP!** Don't let the term "boot camp" scare you off! Boot camp style fitness classes incorporate cardio and strength training exercises in an hour long class that is lots of fun! Ages for registration starts at 16, but if you have a younger teen that is already sports oriented please call to inquire. Winter Wonder Woman classes are ongoing through the end of February on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Spring Super Woman classes start in March, with the addition of a beginner and a co-ed class in April. Classes will also move outside in April. There are a number of different registration options and the price is very reasonable. Please call Kelly Fryer for more info at 722-0123 or email at [kfryer@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:kfryer@rdn.bc.ca). Now is the time to do something for you!

**TOT SOCCER!** Soccer for 2-5 yr olds starts Feb. 18 on Thursdays from 3-3:45pm at the South Wellington gym, or from 4:10-4:55 at the Woodbank School Gym. Cost is \$32.50 for 8 sessions. Parents can stay or leave their child for the session. Please call Kelly Fryer for more info at 722-0123 or email at [kfryer@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:kfryer@rdn.bc.ca).

**PROGRAMS THROUGH CEDAR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS:** Cedar Community Schools offers a large variety of parks and rec type programming for all ages. You can pick up the program listing in front of the office at South Wellington Elementary School, or call the community school coordinators at 250-722-2414.

### **Community Interest:**

**Feb. 15, 7pm, South Wellington Community Hall:** Free Septic Smart Workshop, hosted by the Regional District of Nanaimo. Topics include septic systems and how they work, septic system maintenance, and provincial regulations. For more info visit [www.septicmart.ca](http://www.septicmart.ca) or contact RDN Wastewater Services at 250-390-6560.

**Feb. 16, 6:30pm- 9pm, South Wellington Community Hall:** Open house hosted by Friends of Morden Mine and S.W.A.C.A. FOMM has hired design consultant Gemella Design to prepare a site plan for the Morden Colliery Historic Provincial Park, and the western portion of the Morden Colliery Trail. The purpose of the open house is to obtain ideas and feedback from the community for design and development options for the park. This is an exciting step for the development of this wonderfully unique park right in our back yard – so please make it a priority to stop by the open house to give your feedback!

Remember to check the website at [www.southwellington.com](http://www.southwellington.com) for further community information.