

# South Wellington Elementary School



1536 Morden Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9X 1S2  
Telephone: 250-754-2873 Fax: 250-741-0346

Administrators: Mr. Dean & Mr. Walsh Secretary: Mrs. Francescutto

School Year: 2009/2010  
April 15, 2010

---

## April Theme – Courtesy

### Upcoming Dates To Remember

<b>April 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Ready-Set-Learn – 1:00 until 2:00 pm
<b>April 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Webacom Media visiting South Wellington
<b>April 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Grade 3/4 at pottery lessons 12:30 – 2:00 pm
	Grade 5/6/7 Girls' basketball tourney at NCI 10:30 – 3:00 pm
<b>April 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Welcome to Kindergarten 12:15 – 1:15 pm
	Grade 5/6/7 Boys' basketball tourney at NCI 10:30 – 3:00 pm
<b>April 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Science World on the Road – 1:30 – 2:30 pm (All Grades)
	Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs
<b>April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pro-D Day (No School)</b>
<b>April 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup></b>	History Week
<b>April 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Hot Lunch – Homemade chicken noodle soup (in conjunction with history week)
<b>May 4<sup>th</sup></b>	PAC Meeting – 9:00 am in Library
<b>May 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Track Meet with Chase River & Bayview
<b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Victoria Day (School Closed)

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

Yesterday at our school, we celebrated anti-bullying day. Students decorated pink ribbons with anti-bullying messages, participated in a poster & essay contest and attended a special assembly to learn about ways to identify and stop bullying. A summary sheet was sent home with students. Putting a stop to bullying requires all of us to work together.

### ***Science World on the Road***

Sporty Science –Free Science World show for the whole school **Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30 – 2:30 pm at the school gym**

*Sporty Science* takes a look at the physics and biology that athletes use to excel in their sports. Dynamic experiments explore friction, forces, momentum, and the human body.

Demonstrations to watch out for include: the rubber chicken slingshot, the spinning platform, and the amplified stethoscope which allows a whole gymnasium of students to hear a volunteer's heartbeat.

### ***Webacom Media Learning Opportunity***

Webacom Media, one of North America's leading web design company's (based right here in Nanaimo) will be providing the intermediate grade students at South Wellington a fabulous learning opportunity. One of their highly trained adobe specialists will be teaching the children about web design and programming. Webacom will then work with the students to design a brand new website for South Wellington School! This project commences April 19<sup>th</sup>. We extend a special thank you to Jay Somerville, owner of Webacom Media, for the donation of his company's valuable time and expertise for the benefit of the students at South Wellington. Watch for our school's new website release in early May.

### ***South Wellington Star Students***

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

**Primary** – Talon W., Jamie G., Connor H., Nigel S., Nina S., and two for Krystal N., **Intermediate** – Olivia W., Victoria S., Adrian A., and Searra W.

**Litter Buster** – Adam G.

### ***April Library News - by Mrs. McCaw***

**Preschool Storytelling at South Wellington:** Our fourth monthly preschool storytelling session will take place on **Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>** from 1pm to 2pm.

This is a free event but do register by phoning Mrs. Francescutto at 250 754 2873. Storytelling will be followed by a healthy snack, play centres and a parent information table. Children ages 2 to 6 accompanied by an adult are welcome to join us for this fun afternoon.

**What are the most popular books this month?** Thank you PAC for \$300.00 used to purchase new books for the library!! Students are racing through our new books. A popular series with the grade seven boys are Ranger's Apprentice and Percy Jackson and the Olympians. We have also purchased the third set in the Warrior series which has been very popular with intermediate students. Our primary students have discovered the Spiderwick series!! Fortunately, we have just purchased the second set in this popular series. All students are enjoying all of the wonderful non-fiction books added to the collection such as DK Reptiles, Bats and Snakes both by Gail Gibbons.

**Vancouver Island Children's Book Festival:** We have already sent home brochures with the dates, times and names of Canadian Illustrators and authors coming to Nanaimo later this month. I have been reading books from the list and students have demonstrated great enthusiasm. The free passes have been distributed to families however, I have requested unused passes from other schools, so if you have not registered yet please let me know and I will look for a free pass on your behalf. This is the second year that we have planned two free preschool sessions; a puppet show and mother goose storytelling.

**Thrifty Smile Card Fundraiser:** I have just received additional cards so if you or family members are looking for a card just let me know and I will send one home with your child's planner.

**Student Library Volunteers:** Our student volunteers are having great fun on rainy lunch breaks creating information posters. Our display crew will begin this week and are planning on a spring display for the library.

**Community Book Sale:** We have received \$800.00 from the book sale and all of the funds have been spent purchasing a couple of new series, some picture books and additions to the non-fiction collection. Thank you for your support and especially to Deb Place and her mother for coming to sort books. Almost all of our staff volunteered during the book sale to accumulate thirty hours of volunteer time, including Mr Dean's wife.

### ***Music Monday***

Please join us for Music Monday. I will be sending home more details closer to the time. Your child is currently learning the song that we will be singing, and you can learn it too, by checking out the video of Serena Ryder on [www.musicmonday.ca](http://www.musicmonday.ca). Coast-to-coast Music Monday concerts stress the need to protect music classes across our country.

Our South Wellington music students will perform an outdoor music concert (weather permitting!) joining the 6th annual national celebration of music on Music Monday, May 3, 2010 at 10 am. This is a Canada-wide simultaneous concert to celebrate the power of music and the importance of keeping music programs alive in our school.

The Coalition for Music Education in Canada launched Music Monday in 2005 to celebrate the galvanizing power of music and to demonstrate how that power is rooted in school music programs. At the exact same time across the country, at 10 a.m. Pacific Time, 11 a.m. Mountain Time, 12 p.m. Central Time, 1 p.m. Eastern Time, 2 p.m. Atlantic Time and 2:30 p.m. in Newfoundland and Labrador, schools from coast-to-coast will be united by one piece of music. The Coalition for Music Education in Canada is dedicated to ensuring every child in Canada has access to a comprehensive, sequential program in music taught by a qualified music teacher.

For more information, please contact: Mrs. Matwick Phone: E-mail: [bmatwick@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:bmatwick@sd68.bc.ca) or call the school. **Fill Our Skies with Music!**

**PAC News**

**April 19 at 9:00 am - Fun Fair planning committee meeting** (upper portable).

**April 27 – 30 History Week**

Our school will be celebrating and learning about local history from April 27<sup>th</sup>-April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have any photos or interesting information about South Wellington History or your own family history that you would like to share for a school display please call Krista at 245-0440 or email me at [theseggies@shaw.ca](mailto:theseggies@shaw.ca). I would love to take a copy of your item and return the original.

We are looking for volunteers on April 29<sup>th</sup> to help with preparations for homemade chicken soup and serving of the soup the following day. This is part of the historical week lunch. Please call Paris if you can help out in any way.

**May 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 2:00 pm, South Wellington’s Annual Plant Sale**

This has become one of our largest fundraisers of the year, generating around \$1200 to help pay for students’ extras. We will gratefully accept any donations of plants, gardening tools or supplies, draw prizes etc. in the next few weeks. We will also need volunteers on the day of the sale, including set up of tables and chairs starting at 8 am and help carrying and sorting sale items into the hockey court between 8 am and 10 am. From 10 am – 2 pm we will need volunteers to help with the sale, cashiering, helping to carry and organize plants, etc., and after 2 pm we will need help to cleanup and load pickups. Students are welcome to come on out to help, primary and intermediate with a parent or senior students and parent’s permission. Please give me a call at 245-0440 or email me at [theseggies@shaw.ca](mailto:theseggies@shaw.ca) if you have something to donate or can help with the sale.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> May Day Parade**

The school has been entered in the May Day Parade the theme is “Mining”. A notice will be going home shortly.

**Congratulations to the following 2010/2011 PAC:**

President: Krista Seggie  
Vice-President: Deb Place  
Secretary: Lindsay Arsenault  
Treasurer: Vacant – Tiffany Nelson (Acting)  
Members at Large: Susan Toth, Stacey Nielsen and Steven Bowen

Sadly this is Paris’ last year as her son is in grade 7 and she has filled many positions so the following will need to fill if these events are going to happen in the future: Hot lunch coordinator, fun fair coordinator, and looking after the healthy snack program. Please call Paris at 250-714-0959 for more information.

**S.W.A.C.A. Community Events Listing, April 2010**

**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. Classes are held outside at the school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 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!

**PROGRAMS THROUGH CEDAR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS...** Cedar Community Schools offers a large variety of Park and Recreation 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...**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm, South Wellington Community Hall:** Friends of Morden Mine will hold a final Open House on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, between 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, for public review of the proposed final site development plan for Morden Colliery Historic Provincial Park and the western portion of Morden Colliery Regional Trail. The proposed plan will be introduced by Gemella Design and is intended to define necessary priorities and actions to enhance park and trail areas.

**April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, South Wellington Community Hall:** S.W.A.C.A. (South Wellington and Area Community Assoc.) meeting, everyone welcome.

**April 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 2pm, South Wellington Community Hall:** S.W.A.C.A. Spring Community Market. Community members are invited to sell a variety of items including crafts, produce, plants, baking, garage sale items etc. or to showcase their business. There will also be a concession. Call Barb at 754-2820 to rent a table (\$10).

**April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 2pm, Woodbank School:** Woodbank PAC is holding a giant garage sale. Call Kerry at 250-616-6915 for more info.

**April 27<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, South Wellington Community Hall:** Cranberry Fire Protection Annual General Meeting and new trustee election. Come on out to meet our elected trustees and see how our fire protection district works. If you own land in the Cranberry Fire Protection District you are eligible to vote for the trustees.

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1pm, South Wellington Community Hall:** South Wellington Day.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 2pm, SW School Hockey Court:** SW annual plant sale & BBQ.

**Please Remember To Shop Local...**

**South Wellington Plant Shed 2280 Gomerich Rd.:** "Pay what you can pansy sale ongoing, veggie plants available soon!

**Cole's Coop, first left across the railroad track on Scotchtown rd.:** Beautiful, big, farm fresh eggs.

**Dudink's Garden, Gomerich Rd.:** Raspberry canes, blueberry plants, strawberry plants, gooseberry plants, currant plants. Frozen raspberries, U-Pick and Ready Picked berries probably ready in June, depending on the weather. Remember to check the website at [www.southwellington.com](http://www.southwellington.com) for further community information.