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### **Olympic News**



Thanks to Mrs. Organ for organizing such a wonderful school wide celebration of the Olympics. The students learned a great deal by moving from station to station, working with different staff members on a variety of learning activities and projects. Thanks to our senior students who did a wonderful job leading the multi-age groups around safely.

### **Safe Arrival**

If your child is going to be away from school for any reason, please notify the school by phoning the Safe Arrival Number 250-723-1342. At times parents have called the office number instead and if people have stepped away from the phone for a few minutes, we don't always get the message.

### **Pick-up/Drop-off Zone**



Our experiment with the safer pick up and drop off program is working so well we are going to continue it. Please remember to pick up and drop off your child on China Creek Road near the covered area or on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. at the front of the school. This allows the busses and other service vehicles, as well as staff to safely use the back of the school area. Thanks so much for your cooperation with the parking problems.

### **Grade 5 Transitions**

Ms. J. Anderson from E. J. Dunn Middle School will be visiting our grade 5 students on March 18<sup>th</sup>. This is the first of a few visits the students will have here and at E. J. Dunn to help them transition to their new school. At this time, if you know that your child will be going to A. W. Neill Middle School instead, please let the office know.

### **School Goals**

As mentioned in previous newsletters, our school goals of Reading and Math continue this year. Our results have been published in the local paper and we are very proud of the improvements we have made over the last few years. It helps us a lot if parents continue to help their children by reading with them nightly and by playing Math games daily. Thank you for your help with this.

### **Kindergarten Registrations**



At this time our kindergarten class for next year is filling up. To secure a spot for your child please ensure that you register early. Staffing is based on numbers and, although we normally have enough space for our catchment area, in the past two years we have had to do some last minute juggling to find spots in our VERY full school and have also had to keep a waiting list for late registrants.

### **Spring Break**



Tomorrow is the last day before Spring Break. Have a safe holiday and we will see all of you back on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday morning, March 14<sup>th</sup>!

### **Abishiri Student Exchange**

Port Alberni Twinning Society is looking for students (who will be going into grades 7-10 in July 2011) who are interested in joining the student delegation to Port Alberni's sister city, Abashiri, Japan. Students will live with a Japanese family and experience going to school in Abashiri. The group will also tour sites in other Japanese cities. The length of the trip is about two weeks long. Students are responsible for their trip financing but fund-raising opportunities are available. If you are interested in more information, please contact Laurie Morphet [lmorphet@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:lmorphet@sd70.bc.ca). The next student delegation meeting will be on March 21 at 11:00 at ADSS Library. Please email to confirm your attendance by March 18.

### **Dates to Note**

March 11<sup>th</sup> – Please support the city and support “No Bottled Water Day”

March 14<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Savings starts – set your clocks ahead 1 hour!

March 15<sup>th</sup> – First Day back to school after Spring Break

March 16<sup>th</sup> – PAC Meeting 9:00 am in the Library

March 27<sup>th</sup> – The giant garage sale flea market in our gym. Please contact Illiana Simpson [disimpson@shaw.ca](mailto:disimpson@shaw.ca) if you would like to book a table. You keep all the proceeds from your table and you may sell anything. Tables and chairs will be provided and there will be a concession.

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## SKI AND RIDE FOR FREE THIS MARCH BREAK!

**DON'T FORGET TO TELL A FRIEND TO SIGN UP TODAY! SO THEY CAN SKI AND RIDE FOR FREE**

**GRADE 4 & 5 SNOWPASS** holders get up to three free lift tickets at EACH participating ski area in your province or region, plus great deals on lessons, rentals, and other cool stuff, and tickets that can be used NEXT YEAR. For more information check out [WWW.SNOWPASS.CA](http://WWW.SNOWPASS.CA)

### Need a SNOWPASS in time FOR MARCH BREAK?

The Canadian Ski Council has an online application that not only makes the process of applying for a Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass easier but it also makes it faster! Upload a photo/ proof of age or grade and apply payment all from our online application at [www.snowpass.ca](http://www.snowpass.ca)

Once you apply online it takes 1 business day to be processed and your SnowPass booklet to be placed into the mail so if you combine the online application with our XpressPost RUSH delivery you could have your SnowPass in 1-5 business days!



**CLICK HERE TO SAVE TIME  
APPLY ONLINE!**

### SKIING/BOARDING + FAMILY + FRIENDS - EVEN MORE FUN!

This March Break make memories with family and friends by spending time together! Here are some great ideas on how to be fit, spend some great family time together and most of all have fun!

#### CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Take to the trails this March Break for a great day that will get you outside and is great for people of all ages and you can take as many people as you like! Not only is Nordic Skiing a great way to discover the outdoors but just take a toboggan with a picnic packed and you have an instant day trip away! The toboggan can be used to pull any little ones who are not quite able to ski the whole day. This great trip is a relaxing way to take your family & friends out to enjoy the snow.

Check out your **Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass** booklet or [www.snowpass.ca](http://www.snowpass.ca) for a list of participating cross country ski areas in your area today!

#### DOWNHILL SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING

**New to skiing and snowboarding or have not been in years?** Take a lesson as a family or with friends this March Break and learn in a safe, fun environment how to ski or snowboard. Learning a new sport is a great challenge and gives your children lots to talk about when they get back to school! Don't forget to check out the coupon section of your child's **Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass** for coupons to save on their lessons from participating ski areas or ask the ski area about our **Discover Skiing/Snowboarding/Cross Country Skiing** package for great discounts on lessons/ rentals and lift tickets!



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