

SEA VIEW NEWS

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ELEMENTARY/JR.
SECONDARY SCHOOL
PORT ALICE, BC

OCTOBER 2017

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IMPORTANT DATES

School Performance	Oct 03 1:30 pm
Thanksgiving	Oct 09
Scholastic Book orders due	Oct 10
Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch	Oct 16
Informal Report Week	Oct 16
Great Shake Out Drill	Oct 19 10:19 am
Deadline for Fresh to you Orders	Oct 19
Provincial Pro-D Day	Oct 20
Poinsettia Fundraiser Begins	Oct 23
X-Country	Oct 25
PAC Meeting	Oct 30
Halloween Carnival	Oct 31

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Principal's Message

We have had a wonderful beginning to our new school year. During the month of September we welcomed three new students to our community and school, and our enrollment is holding steady at 39 students. We were able to take our learning outdoors during the month of late summer weather; students harvested the school gardens, including 145 potatoes, 58 onions, 1 beautiful pumpkin, and many beans. Our tallest sunflower was 3 m high (over 9 feet), and our school bees produced ample honey! Thank you to Mr. Richard Watson, a local beekeeper, who demonstrated how to extract the honey from the hive. We harvested 26 cups of liquid gold, and will be sending a small jar home with each student. During Forestry Week, our Grade 5-7 students witnessed logging industry innovation in the form of a tethered feller buncher at work near our community, and Smokey the Bear paid a visit to our K/1 and Grade 2-4 classrooms. We ended the month with a school-community Terry Fox Walk/Run. Thank you to the parents and volunteers who have made these learning experiences possible.

And there is much to look forward to in October: students and staff will begin the month with *Walk & Wheel to School Week*, train and participate for the Cross Country Run in Sointula (open to students in Grade 2-7), take part in the BC Great ShakeOut, and plan and put into action a few Halloween activities. These experiences often become the basis for classroom discussions, applications of new skills, and representations of learning. We look forward to sharing our learning with our families and community; please keep an eye open for opportunities to attend or be involved in our school activities.

Mrs. Heather Johnson, Principal

Cross Country Meet

Students who are training will be participating in the annual SD 85 Cross Country meet held in Sointula. The meet is scheduled for Wednesday October 25th. Practice times are Tuesday and Thursday during lunch break. The meet is open for students in grades 2-7. Thank you to Ms. Benere for coaching our runners.

School Performance

On Tuesday, October 03, Trent Arterberry will be performing 'Think Big' at Sea View School. Think Big is a program of mime, story-telling and puppetry which introduces children to humanity's oldest form of communication.



Foundation Skills Assessments (FSA's)

Foundation Skills Assessments for Grades 4 and 7 students will take place during the month of October. In previous years, the assessment was administered in February, but along with a re-designed format to better reflect the new curriculum and emphasis on competencies, the dates have also changed. The FSA's provide the school, district, and province with important information about ongoing student achievement.

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Fresh to You Fundraiser

The Fresh to You Fundraiser is a great way to promote healthy food choices while making a 40% profit for your school.

Here is what's in the Bundles



How it works...



Once again Sea View School will be participating in the Fall Fresh to You Fundraiser. Students will be selling bundles during October 01-18 in an effort to make our minimum order of 50 bundles. Thank you for supporting Sea View School. Monies raised from this fundraiser will go towards a school trip to Coastal Black Pumpkin Fest this month.



PAC Fundraiser



PAC will again be taking part in the Growing Smiles Fundraiser, selling Poinsettias, Christmas wreaths, table toppers and outdoor planters. Watch for more information coming from Sea View School PAC in the coming month! There are lots of field trips and extra opportunities we are hoping to provide our students with this year so every plant sold helps us reach our goals.



Festive Field Trip



Sea View School and your local Parent Advisory Committee are excited to offer a brand new field trip this year, to Coastal Black Pumpkin Fest on Monday October 16th. This field trip fits in so nicely to our gardening and bee sustainability theme. PAC will provide funds for entry for each Sea View Student, and bus fees will be paid out of our district allocated Field Trip funds. Parents, volunteers and staff have free entry. Every student will get to choose a small to medium pumpkin to take home with them! Pumpkin ring toss, pumpkin bowling, a hay bale maze, barnyard animals and pumpkin patches are on the agenda for the day. We will leave the school at 7:30 a.m. and return at approximately 4:30. Students not participating in this field trip are invited to spend the day at school with Mrs. Johnson

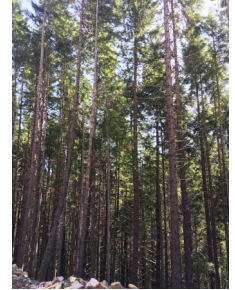


Important NOTE: Date Adjustments to School Calendar sent home in Student Handbook: **December 09— not a Pro-D Day** (this was a typo—Dec. 9th is a Saturday—No Pro-D days in December this year **Christmas Coffee House will be Wednesday December 20th** not the 14th as published in the school handbook calendar.



National Forest Week

National Forest Week takes place in September each year and this year we celebrated the forests in our own backyards. Students in grades 5-7 took a short trip to view a tethered feller buncher. The use of a tethered feller buncher is new to the North Island, and to Western Forest Products' operation. This is an opportunity for students to witness logging industry innovation in their own community, and to consider the impact of this innovation on local resources and employment, both now and in the future.



Students in the K/1 and 2-4 class were visited by Smokey the Bear and the Ministry of Forests. Smokey shared a story, interacted with the students and even had some free handouts.



Student Council

Student Council is gearing up. Ms. Heim will be having a first student council meeting on Wednesday, September 27 and then every second Wednesday in October. Meetings will be in the Library at 12:20 and will be open to all interested Grade 3-7 students.

Halloween Carnival

The Halloween Carnival has become a new tradition over the past few years at Sea View School. Once again the division 3 class will be planning and running this event. All of our students will be invited to participate in the carnival. Bobbing for apples, pumpkin ring toss, and many other creative games are planned. Parents and family members are welcome to attend. The carnival will take place on Tuesday October 31st from 10:45-12:00



Great Shake Out

October 19th will be a district wide Earthquake Drill as we participate in the Great Shake Out.

Please remember In the event of an emergency we cannot release a student to anyone who is not that students parent/legal guardian or listed as an emergency contact. You can list as many emergency contacts as you want.

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Thank you to those parents who attended our afternoon *Open House at School* on Sept. 21st. Ten of the 25 school families were represented by those in attendance. During this time with parents, I shared information about an important two-year project at Sea View School. For those who were not able to attend, I have summarized the information here.

Each school in our district engages in an inquiry project to explore ways to increase learning. This year, and for the next two years, our whole school inquiry project will examine if learning about growth mindsets (including the Seven Habits of Happy Kids) will impact student achievement at Sea View School. Current research highlights the importance of a child's social-emotional well-being at school because of its direct correlation with an individual's academic success. Clearly, it is a priority that students feel safe, engaged and happy in order to do their best learning, but how do we make that happen?

As teachers, we chose this inquiry focus because of our concern about the detrimental effects that negative student attitudes, words, and behaviours have on the learning environment, learners, and learning, itself. As staff members explore growth mindsets with students, we will be challenging some of the thinking that limits possibilities for learning and for effecting change, and we will be encouraging students to develop life-long habits that will enable them to do and be their best, even when conditions are not perfect.

Our focus for the beginning of this school year is cultivating an understanding of what it means (what it looks like and sounds like) to take responsibility for one's actions, words and attitudes. Students will be given strategies to do so, and some will learn how changing their thinking can change their experiences and, ultimately, the way they perceive themselves and others. This is called "Being Proactive", and it is the first habit of the Seven Habits of Happy Kids (and of happy and effective teens and adults, as well).

Students in each class are working, with age-appropriate methods, to practice the many ways in which children can be proactive at school, on the playground, and at home. You can support your child in the development of his or her own growth mindset by reinforcing the same message and expectations at home. Punishments are not part of the equation, but choices and natural consequences are. Developing a new habit takes time and effort and doing it once does not mean it has been mastered. By acknowledging and celebrating with your child when he or she shows growth in this first habit, you will be nurturing ways of thinking and behaving that have been linked to lifelong happiness and effectiveness.

Please see the list, posted in this newsletter, of ways your child can be proactive. If you'd like to learn more about the Seven Habits of Happy Kids, please ask; I would be happy to share more information with you. You can also go to <https://www.stephencovey.com/7habits/7habits.php>

Mrs. Heather Johnson, Principal

The Seven Habits of Happy Kids



Habit One:

BE PROACTIVE!

*What does it mean to be proactive?
It means...*

- I have a "Can Do!" attitude.
- I take responsibility for my actions, my attitudes, and my moods.
- I don't blame others for my choices.
- I do the right thing, even when nobody is looking.
- I show initiative by not expecting others to do things for me that I can do myself.
- I show initiative by being helpful without being asked.
- I say "Good Morning!" and "Thank You" because acknowledging others creates happiness.
- I pause & remain calm when I am upset. I have learned to not be reactive – or explosive. I choose to respond in a way that makes the problem smaller, not bigger.

