

The Times Colwood



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



Did you know that Colwood students regularly connect with staff and students at Westshore Centre for Learning? We have a growing number of partnership activities that take place with the high school students next door. Two of our primary classes do reading buddy activities once a week, where an older student listens to a younger, Colwood child read. This gives our students more opportunities to become fluent and confident readers! Also, Mrs. Ewer and Mrs. Dube's classes are germinating seeds that will be planted in the garden at Westshore. It is beneficial to build these connections between students of different ages, and develop positive relationships.

On a related note, yesterday we started forming relationships with our new Kindergarten families during our Kindergarten Orientation sessions. Many of the families who attended are entering the school system for the first time. So, it is an exciting time of transition for parents and children. Welcome to all of our new and returning Kindergarten families!

Mrs. Krusekopf, Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ★ **Thursday, May 18th**
Popcorn Day
- ★ **Friday, May 19th**
Hot Lunch and Jump Rope Event
- ★ **Monday, May 22nd**
Victoria Day, School not in session
- ★ **Friday, May 26th**
Fun Fair
- ★ **Friday, June 2nd**
Track and Field Meet at Royal Bay Grades 3-5
- ★ **Thursday, June 15th**
Parent Appreciation
7:45am
- ★ **Thursday, June 15th:**
PAC Meeting 6:30pm
- ★ **Thursday, June 22nd**
School Musical Showcase in afternoon
- ★ **Friday, June 23rd**
Beach Day!
- ★ **Monday, June 26th**
Fun Day
- ★ **Tuesday, June 27th**
Grade 5 Luncheon
- ★ **Thursday, June 29th:**
Year End Assembly 10:45am and last day of school

FUN FAIR!

VOLUNTEERS! Sign up to help out here www.volunteersignup.org/ KRJTE or on the board outside the school office.

JARS JARS JARS!!!

Keep filling those jars. The class with the most jars wins a pizza party.

Fill them with anything you think kids will like as the jar is the prize.

BASKET DONATIONS!

Baskets are shaping up great. Last day for donations of cash or items is this Friday, May 19th.

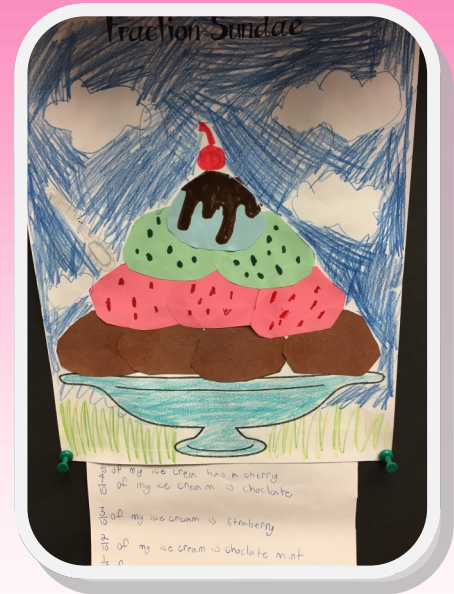
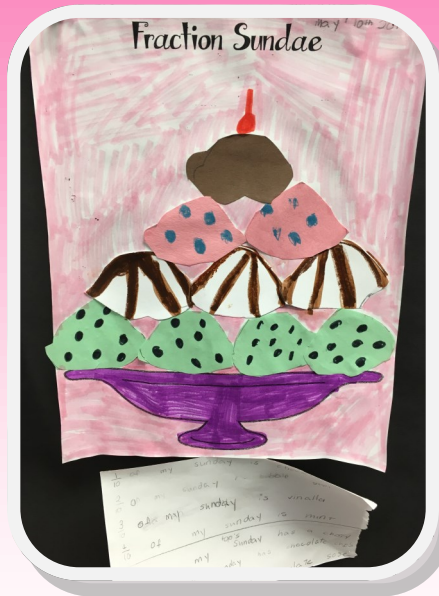
Fidgets, Fidget Spinners and Toys

Colwood staff has noticed that fidget spinners and other types of fidgets are becoming a concern among our students. We would like to remind you that children should not be bringing toys to school. If a child requires a fidget as a tool, we will provide one at school. Thank you for your help with this.

Sneak Peek into Division 3 Mrs. Stirling's class

FRACTION FOODIE

Division 3 created fraction sundaes this week. Each student had to create a 10 scoop sundae with at least 3 flavors. Some students exceeded expectations by adding toppings like syrup, sprinkles, and fruit and creating fractions for those as well.



Jump Rope For Heart

Hey Jumpcredible students! Did you know that we hope to raise \$1,500 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation this year? Our **Jump Rope for Heart** event takes place on **Friday, May 19th**. Please be ready to actively participate and bring in those pledge forms!



Student placement for next year is a very important process that staff will be working on together soon. There are many meetings that take place as staff gives great importance and thought to student placement. Many factors are considered when decisions are made. **Parent input is one factor that is considered but does not guarantee a specific placement.**



If you would like to offer some input, please do so by telling us about your child's needs and learning style. Please do not request a particular teacher as teaching assignments can change depending on class configurations. **All requests must be submitted in writing or via email to Mrs. Krusekopf, fkruisekopf@sd62.bc.ca, by Friday, May 19th.**

WALK-A-THON 2017

Thank you to all who participated in our walk-a-thon! It was a success and we raised over \$3000 in pledges.

A special thank you to Kristine Chamberlain for organizing the event!



Parent Appreciation Breakfast



We are so thankful for all the wonderful parents at our school.

As a thank you for all you do for our students and Colwood Elementary, come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a goodie on **Thursday, June 15 at 7:45am** at the front of the school.