

The Times Colwood



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



June is here! Our school community has been busy with many different events and field trips. We were honoured to have Mayor Carol Hamilton visit the school twice recently. Last week, she recognized students and staff who participated in the Canada 150 Art Tree project. Mayor Hamilton reflected back on her own memories of celebrating when our nation turned 100 in 1967. She invited students to think about how they might reflect back on creating an art tree fifty years from now when they celebrate Canada's 200th birthday in 2067. Our sponsor teachers, Sherri Ewer and Sarah Stirling, and students enjoyed a special cake after the mayor spoke to them.

Earlier this week, Mayor Hamilton and Chief Ron Sam visited our Grade 5 students in response to letters they wrote outlining their feelings and concerns about the future of the Royal Roads University forest. Both leaders expressed their desires to protect the land and work collaboratively. They also invited the students to ask questions and make comments. I am proud of our students and staff for participating in meaningful and relevant learning opportunities that connect us with others in our community.

These early experiences will hopefully promote the students' civic engagement in the future, and encourage them to express both their talents and opinions.

Enjoy these final weeks of the school year!

Hello
JUNE

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ★ **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



Thursday, June 15th is the last day to turn in any "Let's Read" sheets to the library.

There are some great summer reading activities at the Greater Victoria Library.

All programs are free. For a full listing of all library programs,

visit www.gvpl.ca and register online



Life Long Learning!
Some of our staff indulged in some creative learning with a Paint Night!



BE SUN SMART

Too much sun exposure and especially sunburns in young children can cause eye damage and can increase the risk of skin cancer in later years. Sun damage is cumulative, which means that the damage builds up with each exposure.

Those at highest risk of skin cancer are those with:

- Fair skin and blond or red hair
- Skin that burns and freckles easily and doesn't tan easily
- Lots of moles or large and unusual moles
- History of severe sunburns

The good news is that skin cancer is almost totally preventable.

From late spring to early fall, avoid unprotected sun exposure between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If your children are outdoors between these times, teach them to:

- SEEK** out the shade
- SLIP** on clothing that covers arms and legs
- SLAP** on a wide brimmed hat and sunglasses
- SLOP** on sunscreen with SPF #30 or higher
- SLURP** lots of water



For more information contact:

HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 (a free call) or www.healthlinkbc.ca
Health Canada www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/sun-sol/index-eng.php
www.dermatology.ca/skin-hair-nails/skin/sun-safety/

Health Units:

Sooke	250-642-5464
West Shore	250-519-3490

PAC ELECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR will take place on Thurs, June 15th at 6:30 pm. Please consider attending this meeting to find out where you can assist.

****Childcare will be available****

A BIG Thank You to Mrs. Clark and the following students for their dedication to the school band. James, Janelle, Gabe, Jamie, Callum, Harris, Augusto and Aidan.



Thank you for bringing music to our ears!



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 15th at 7:45am** at the front of the school.

