

Sangster School Newsletter



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Hello Sangster Families!

Before we head out on this long weekend, here are some updates for your information:

- Thank-you so much to the PAC and to Heather Bailey (and her mom and ‘Cook’s Day Off’) for the delicious lunch provided to staff recently. We all appreciated the thoughtfulness of our parent organization as well as the time, energy and yummy treats.
- Thanks to Daryl Crocker from Western Speedway for offering tickets to Sangster families recently. We had many families take advantage of this generous offer.
- Please remember that we have children/staff who have an anaphylactic reaction (**life-threatening reaction**) to nuts/peanuts. **If your child is in a class where this is an issue (your child’s teacher would have sent a note home), please DO NOT send these items to school with your child.** This is a safety issue, which is of the utmost importance. If it were your child, you would want us to take the same precautions. Be considerate and be safe. Thank-you.
- Friday, May 20 is a beach day clean-up at Esquimalt Lagoon. Classes will be walking down the hill after recess, eating lunch there and returning to school after lunch (unless the teacher has made other arrangements). You are welcome to meet us there! If it is a miserable day, the plan might change. **Students do need to dress for the weather (layers, warmth...unpredictable weather) and wear comfortable shoes for the walk.** There will be no wading this time.
- Thursday, May 26 is Crazy Hat Day! It will be fun and funny!
- **June 9 (before school) is our Parent Appreciation Morning** with coffee, goodies and smiles of gratitude for all our wonderful parents and helpers! Meet us either under the covered area or in our drive-through (parking lot) for a cup of coffee and some goodies (...the goodies are for the adults only...☺). Whether you are a grandparent who helps with field trips, a great-aunt who helps with hot lunches or a parent who reads with kids, we appreciate any part you play in helping our students with their learning or with any aspect of their school life. Thank-you.
- We have changed our **June 28 beach day destination back to Witty’s Lagoon** as there is more space for the numbers of schools/students expected at the various locations. Parents are welcome to meet us there. Does anyone know a qualified lifeguard or two? I haven’t had a lot of luck in contacting one who is available for that day. Please let me know if you do. Thanks.
- The district is in the process of working through staffing. Stay tuned for more information soon.

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- Thanks to Mr. Baxter for a recent school presentation on WITS problem-solving strategies: Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek help. Your children should be able to tell you about it! (The RCMP usually do this presentation, but have eliminated their community policing for the time being due to a staffing shortage).
- We do know about 2 staff retirements: Mrs. Goes and Mrs. MacDonald will both be retiring at the end of June. Congratulations to both!
- More thanks to Sangster families for items donated to our new classroom: the Molia family and various others for books and puzzles. It all helps for sure!

Safe travels if you are going somewhere this weekend. Have a great one!

Maureen Lauren
Principal



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