



Words from the Wolfpack

Tsuma-as Elementary Newsletter
Ms. Girard, Principal

January 18, 2024
Ms. Spring, Vice-Principal

Welcome Back & Happy New Year...

Happy New Year! We hope you had a nice winter vacation. We are now back into our regular school routine, and it feels like the winter break is long behind us. With this week's snow day and cold temperatures, nature is boldly reminding us it is still winter, and we need to be prepared for this. Please remember to support your children in dressing for the weather by "bundling up" in layers. Our district and school websites, our PAC Facebook page and the local radio station remain the best way to get current school and weather-related information. As always if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Ms. Girard through school phone or email mgirard@sd70.bc.ca

Kindergarten & New Student Registration

Student registration for the 2024-2025 school year opens February 1st. If you have a child starting kindergarten in September (Born in 2019) or if you know of any new students registering with our school, you can access registration packages online on the School District Website or you can visit our school office to pick up a paper package. Please note February 1st registration opens for catchment students only.



Cross Boundary Requests

If you are an "Out of Catchment" family attending our school, you will need to complete the Out of Catchment request form annually. This form will be mailed out to all Out of Catchment families at the beginning of February. If you plan to remain at Tsuma-as Elementary, please complete the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. All Out of Catchment requests will be reviewed and follow up contact will be made in the Spring.

Grade 5/6 Class Fundraising Events

Ms. Williams' grade 5/6 class are fundraising for their spring learning adventures. They will be hosting two main fundraising events in January/February: Valentine's Day chocolate sale & a family movie night. Please see details below. If you have any questions regarding these events, please email Ms. Williams directly.

swilliams@sd70.bc.ca

Coombs Country Valentines Day Chocolate Sale Order now until Feb 10th, 2024

VALENTINE'S FUNDRAISER

20% of all sales using coupon code **Tsuma-as goes to Tsuma-as Elementary School**

HOW TO ORDER

1. VISIT SHOPCANDY.CA
2. SHOP THE VALENTINE'S FUNDRAISER ALBUM
3. ADD PRODUCTS FROM THE ALBUM
4. USE COUPON CODE **TSUMA-AS**
5. CHECKOUT YOUR CART BY **FEBRUARY 10TH**

THANK YOU for supporting Tsuma-as Elementary School

250-724-0039
info@coombscandy.ca
Port Alberni, BC

SHOP THE ENTIRE VALENTINE'S FUNDRAISER ALBUM AT SHOPCANDY.CA

Use Coupon Code **Tsuma-as**

- Chocolate Licorice: peck of 3 milk chocolate \$4.00
- Chocolate Boxes: 9 sizes available \$25-\$55 Sugar Free options
- Peanut Brittle: Regular \$7.50 Sugar Free \$9.50
- Fudge: 4 Assorted Flavours \$11.75
- Valentine's Lollipops: 9 styles available \$2.75 - \$4.75
- Valentine's Chocolate Bag: Assorted gourmet chocolates \$17.00
- Cupid Corn: Strawberry & cherry Caramel corn \$6.50
- Gift Baskets: 4 sizes available \$35 - \$105



Family Movie Night ~ Feb. 2nd

Date: Friday, February 2nd, 2024

Time: 6:30 – 8:15 p.m.

Where: Tsuma-as School Gym – bring a blankie to sit on the floor or a lawn chair to be extra comfy

Cost: \$2 suggested donation per person. There'll also be a **50/50** & **Concession** items for purchase. Cash ONLY.

All regular school expectations and rules apply.

READY SET LEARN

Who took the berries?

We would like to extend an invitation to all 4 year olds entering Kindergarten and families to join us at your catchment school in a Kindergarten class!

Fun Activities

SNACKS!

FREE!

Date	Elementary School	Time
Jan 30	Wickaninnish CS	3-5pm
Jan 31	Ucluelet	3-5pm
Feb 7	EJ Dunn	3-5pm
Feb 15	Tsuma-as	3-5pm
Feb 21	École Alberni	3-5pm
Feb 28	John Howitt	3-5pm
Mar 6	Maquinna	3-5pm
Mar 13	Bamfield CS	4-6pm
Mar 14	Wood	3-5pm

Ready, Set, Learn

Do you have a 4-year-old at home or in your neighborhood? Is your child starting Kindergarten with us next year? We have an exciting event for all 4-year-old children attending our school next year. Pop by our Kindergarten classroom on **Feb. 15th from 3 – 5 pm** to meet our some of our staff, explore a Kindergarten learning space and enjoy various play stations. We hope to see you there!

Metis Family Luncheon

The local Metis Society is hosting a family fun event for all Metis families in our community on Saturday January 27th from 1-4 pm at 8th Avenue Learning Center. Please see the attached flyer at the end of this newsletter.



Is your child Absent?

A friendly reminder for all families that it is important to make the school aware when your child is going to be absent from school. Please avoid calling the main school line. We have a speciality Absence Phone Line for this purpose. **If your child is sick or is going to be away, please call: 250 723 6080.**



Mobius Books Partnership

Tsuma-as Elementary School now has an account at Mobius Books. If you or someone you know would like to purchase a book for our school library, please visit/share the link below. When these books are purchased for the school, you get 15% off! You can also find this link on the Mobius website under *school wish lists*, just click on *Tsuma-as Elementary*.

<https://mobiusbookstore.ca/gift-registry/cWIUNtJgnwc>

Bus Safety

We are working closely with Dave Provost from the bus garage to ensure our students are safe on school busses. We will be having a series of bus safety discussions with bus students, and eventually all classes. Attached at the end of this newsletter are the bus rules set out by the managers and drivers at the bus garage. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the bus garage directly.



Upcoming 2023 Dates:

- Now – Feb. 10th – Grade 5/6 Coombs Country Candy Fundraiser
- Jan. 22nd - No School for students (Curriculum Implementation Day)
- Jan. 23 – 26th - Literacy Week @ Tsuma-as (various classroom activities happening)
- Jan. 26th - Dress Like Your Favourite Book Character Day
- Jan. 27th - Metis Family Luncheon 1-4pm @ 8th Ave Learning Center
- Jan. 29th - PAC Meeting @ 6 pm in the library (all parents are welcome!!)
- Feb. 1st - Kindergarten & New Student Registration Opens
- Feb. 15th - Ready, Set, Learn (Event for 4-year-olds)
- Feb. 16th - No School for students – Pro D Day
- Feb. 19th - No School – Family Day
- Feb. 23rd - Cozy Day – Wear Your Pajamas



Rules For Bus Students

- The bus driver is always in charge.
- Eating or drinking are not permitted on the bus.
- Students should take their seat promptly and sit properly, always facing forward.
- Students must remain seated while the bus is in motion and are not permitted to face backwards or sit partially in the aisle of the bus. Students are not permitted to change seats or stand while the bus is in motion.
- Students must conduct themselves in an acceptable manner, always. Profanity, obscene gestures, horseplay, throwing objects, fighting, and boisterous or other improper conduct will not be tolerated.
- The aisle and all emergency accesses of the bus must always be kept clear.
- Leaving waste or other rubbish on the floor or throwing it from the windows of the bus is not permitted.
- Extending arms or head out of the bus windows is extremely dangerous and is not permitted.
- Only eligible riders will be allowed access to their assigned school bus and will disembark at their designated school or regular bus stop only. Elementary students wishing to disembark at an undesignated bus stop (i.e. play date) must have a note signed by a parent/guardian.
- Students should be at the bus stop five (5) minutes before the scheduled pick-up time; the bus will not wait for those who are late.
- Students must stay in bus loading zones while waiting and will load and unload the bus in an orderly manner.
- After getting off the bus, Students are not to walk or stand near or beside the bus. Crossing the road must be done in front of the bus and when crossing, Students need to watch for vehicles not stopping and be prepared to avoid vehicles. Students should not use cellular phones or headphones/electronic devices during the loading or unloading process. Crossing behind the bus is not permitted.
- If the bus does not arrive within 20 minutes of the scheduled time students should return home.
- Any instances of bullying or inappropriate behaviour should be reported to the bus driver.
- Damage to the bus or equipment should be reported to the driver.
- Students are not allowed to sit in the driver's seat or touch any switches or controls of the bus.
- Students may not have anything in their possession that may cause injury to anyone else on the bus.
- Student cell phone use for pictures/videos, music, lighting, or any other use that may be distracting to the bus driver is not permitted on the bus. Music with inappropriate content is not permitted on the school bus.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dave Provost at the bus garage. 250 720 2772

MÉTIS FAMILY LUNCHEON

JANUARY 27, 2024 | 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.



Join Alberni Clayoquot Métis Society (ACMS) and Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) for a Family Luncheon on **January 27, 2024** from **1 p.m. to 4 p.m.!**

ENTERTAINMENT

- Professional photographer for free family photos
- Sharky Balloons
- Kookum Circle
- Kid's activities
- And more!

Door prizes available for everyone!

LOCATION

Eighth Avenue Learning Centre,
2941 8th Ave, Port Alberni, BC, V9Y 2K5

Please reach out to ACMS at 778-419-2006 if you have any questions.

