



Words from the Wolfpack

Tsuma-as Elementary Newsletter
Ms. Girard, Principal

May 20th, 2025
Ms. Spring, Vice-Principal

Ms. Girard's Message ...

Spring is here and we have seen some beautiful sunny days. It's a great reminder that as the weather changes, students need to be prepared. Our classes are participating in many lessons outside and in our community, so please ensure your child has water, proper footwear for physical activity and extra clothing at school. On hot days, sending your child with a hat and sunscreen is also a great idea.



May and June are shaping up to be very busy months at school. We will see many spring fieldtrips and year end activities. Please make sure you record all the important dates from our newsletters and classroom notices. We do not want anyone to miss out, or families to be unprepared. If you have any questions regarding upcoming events, please contact your child's teacher.



Staffing Changes

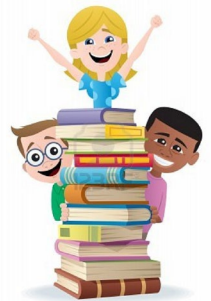
With the seasonal shift of spring comes the announcement of staffing changes for next year. Although this process has just started, we have had a significant change in our school for next year. Ms. Spring, our Vice-Principal, will be moving on to a role as District Vice-Principal of Learning (literacy focus). Ms. Spring has been at Tsuma-as for 3 years and while we are sad to see her go, we are excited for her as she moves into her new leadership role. We wish her all the best in her new

adventure.

We are happy to share that Mrs. Kynoch will be officially joining the Tsuma-as Wolf Pack as our new Vice-Principal. She is currently a teacher here and we look forward to her upcoming leadership transition.

Library News

Thank you for supporting our school library. Our Spring Bookfair was a huge success! For each dollar spent, our school receives a percentage back that goes directly to our library. A special thank you goes out to the PAC and volunteers who helped run this event. We couldn't have done it without you!



SLOW DOWN! Drive with Caution.

We have had too many "close calls" recently in our back parking lot. Many parents and staff have shared concerns over speeding, illegal parking, blocking traffic, and unsafe crossing. Please remember to follow all traffic and school signage. There is a "drop off only" lane in which people should not be parking in (and leaving their vehicles). We have additional parking stalls for this.

Vehicles should not be stopping in the parking lot drive through lanes at any time. Please do not drop off children in unsafe areas (ie. if they must cross

traffic, a street or even move between parked cars). This is making it very unsafe for students. Please slow down and drive with caution.

Pride Week

Pacific Rim School District **Pride week takes place June 2nd to 6th**. Our school SAFE club has planned a series of fun lunch time activities that promote inclusion, acceptance, and diversity. These activities include a dance party in the gym, kindness scavenger hunt, chalk & bubble stations, face painting, and a rainbow walk (wear your favourite colour). The focus during this week is on being proud of who you are, celebrating ways of including everyone and spreading kindness.



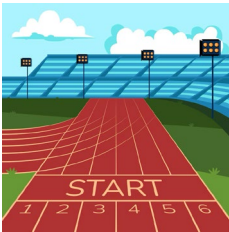
Elementary Sports

Over the last two weeks, the Badminton & Rugby Teams have wrapped up their seasons. All players did an outstanding job building their athletic and teamwork skills. We had a great time at our wrap up jamborees competing against other schools. The Wolfpack players represented our school well.

We would like to send out a special thank you to our community volunteers from the Black Sheep Rugby Club & our school parents for helping lead our student athletes. These sports would not be possible without their time and energy!

Track & Field Events

Our district Track Meet will take place on [Friday June 6th](#). This district event is for athletes in grades 4 – 7. Students have been invited to try out for track and field events during daily lunch hours over the past three weeks. Each school can only take the top 3 athletes in each event category per grade. If your child is successful in making the track and field team, Ms. Russell (the coach) will send out more information as the event gets closer. Parents and community members are invited to come and watch! This event will be taking place at Bob Daily Stadium from 9 am to approx. 2 pm. Come cheer on our school.



Rathtrevor Beach Days

We are headed to the beach! We are excited to share that all classes will have a chance to attend Tsuma-as Rathtrevor Beach Day on Tuesday June 17th. Our whole school will be travelling by bus to Rathtrevor Beach in Parksville. Families are invited to join us but will need to carpool or take their own vehicle. More detailed information will be sent home soon, including a permission slip and risk waiver form. If you have any further questions, please see your child’s teacher or contact the office.



Upcoming Dates:

- May 21st – 1:00 – 2:00 pm New Kindergarten students welcome (please call the office for info and to sign up)
- May 22nd – 2:00 – 5:30 pm Sutra Sauces Pick Up (Front Entrance)
- May 26th – Pro D Day – No School for Students
- May 28th – Grade 6 Immunizations
- May 28th - 1:00 – 2:00 pm New Kindergarten students welcome (please call the office for info and to sign up)
- June 2nd – 6th – Pride Week
- June 6th – District Track Meet @ Bob Dailey Stadium
- June 12th – 6:30 pm Grade 7 Open House at ADSS (for next year’s grade 8s’)
- June 13th – Tye Dye Clothing Day (wear something tye dye or colourful clothing)
- June 17th – Rathtrevor Beach Day for whole school
- June 20th – Picnic Day (more info. to come)
- June 20th – Orange Shirt Day (in recognition of Indigenous People’s Day on June 21st)
- June 21st – National Indigenous People’s Day
- June 25th – Fun Day
- June 26th – Last Day Assembly 10:45 – 11:30am
- June 26th – LAST DAY for students & Learning Updates Sent Home