



Ocean Cliff Elementary School

Week at a Glance (the WAG)

[This Week – May 24 - 28](#)

[Monday, May 24](#)

Last Day for Scholastic Book Fair Online

Victoria Day Holiday

[Friday, May 28](#)

Holiday Day - dress for your favourite holiday

[Coming Up](#)

May 31 - Pro-D Day (students not in attendance)

June 2 – Welcome to K (virtual)

Jun 4 - Super Heroes Day

(come as your favourite or make your own)

[PAC - Secret Garden Event Cancelled](#)

Our Secret Garden Cleaning event scheduled for this long weekend has now been cancelled. Students in division 10, Ms. Sekhon's grade 3/4 class are proud recipients of a classroom champions program grant to use toward the secret garden beautification and have previous plans scheduled for next week. These plans must occur before our parent initiative can take place. When a new date has been set, we will share this information with our families.

[Farewell and Welcome](#)

Farewell to Robyn Chapman, one of our long time Noon Hour supervisors who has left our school moving to Morgan Elementary. We welcome Lynne Dunbar as our newest addition to the supervision team. She is a resident and grandparent in our Ocean Cliff community and comes to us after three years at Bayridge Elementary. We wish both of them happy days in their new schools.

[No Gathering on the School Grounds](#)

The weather is nicer and more of our parents have been gathering on the school grounds before and after school to chat with friends and neighbours. At this time, district protocols have not changed and we ask you to remember that adults should not be gathering or coming onto the school grounds during the day. If you are coming with a preschool aged child, we ask that you wait off the school grounds rather than using our playground where students may be gathered.

[Drop-off Lane \(Kiss and Go\)](#)

Please remember the Drop Off Lane in front of the school, by our kindergarten rooms is exactly that, a drop off zone. We ask that families driving to school use this lane to drop off children and then move forward and out of this zone. Please do not stop to chat with your children or to wait and watch as they head to class. If you need to do so, please park in a space near the road or walk with your children. When parents continue to park or wait in this zone, near the no stopping signs, it impedes traffic and creates a safety concern for students who must walk through this area.

[Welcome to K](#)

In previous years, we have held our Welcome to Kindergarten event in person at school. Unfortunately, we are not able to do so this year. On June 2nd, students coming into kindergarten will receive a special bag made by our kindergarten teachers for parents and child. This bag will be sent home with an older sibling attending the school or

you may contact the office to arrange a pick up time (604-538-1770). The bag contains information about Kindergarten and some activities for your child to do. An email will also be sent to incoming families on June 2nd with more information and a Welcome to Kindergarten PowerPoint.

Congratulations to our new PAC Executive

Thank you to our PAC Executive who stepped up during this pandemic year to support our school in many new and creative ways. This was a difficult year for every PAC as many of the initiatives which a school undertakes depend upon daily face to face interactions and connections, but this year our PAC executive found many new and creative ways to support our students and keep our school engaged in fund raising and community building. Breakfast with Santa and Art Night were amazing ideas for community building. Our PAC also supported our school with purchases of benches for our Secret garden, playground equipment for students, brought in Saleema Noon for all our students and provided for the students through teacher wish lists and classroom funding. Thank you for all you did.

Thank you especially to our outgoing president, Charlotte Douglas, who will be leaving us as her youngest child heads to high school next year. Your leadership and creativity were greatly appreciated throughout the year.

We welcome our new PAC executive which consists of two returning members and two new faces. We look forward to next year and working together to find new ways to support the students of Ocean Cliff.

Jenny McCormick – President (Returning from Vice President role)
Grace McDonald - Vice-President (New)
Melissa Christopherson – Secretary (Returning)
Anna Stradiotti – Treasurer (New)

PAC Fundraiser – White Spot

Order at either White Spot White Rock or Morgan Crossing on May 30 & we'll donate 20% of your bill value towards your school. Be sure to let us know you're from Ocean Park Elementary when you order or pickup. If you order online please type 'Fundraiser' or 'Ocean Park' in the 'Special Instructions' box. We'll see you soon! Please see the attached flyer ...

Communications Survey

We want to hear from you! Our district is conducting an online survey for parents/guardians to review and evaluate our district's pandemic communications to date, with a goal of identifying opportunities for improvement to reach our target audiences more effectively. This survey will take approximately 5-10 minutes of your time and is available in multiple languages. **The survey closes on Monday, May 31 and can be accessed through this link:**
<https://survey.givingopinions.ca/c221rp>

Moving over the summer?

If your family will be moving or not returning to Ocean Cliff Elementary in September, please let the office know as soon as possible as these impact staffing and class organizations.

Fees for Next Year

Each school year, parents support their child(ren)'s formal learning experiences in a wide variety of ways. We appreciate all that you do to ensure a successful year!

We have provided an itemized school supply list based on grade. Parents may opt to purchase supplies directly from the company. However, parents may choose to wait to do the purchasing themselves.

In addition to providing the school supplies itemized on a grade list, parents are periodically asked for monies to cover specific items and/or special events. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in any school activity due to the inability to pay. Please contact the Principal should you require any financial assistance.

As we plan for the upcoming school year, we anticipate the following costs:

Student Planner:

We encourage all students in Grades 1-7 to purchase a School Planner at a cost of \$5.00. Included in the planner is our school code of conduct, school calendar and school district information. We find this to be an excellent tool for facilitating home/school communication, as well as for developing our students' organizational skills. However, using our school planner is optional as a parent may purchase their own version.

Field Studies and Field Trips:

Classes often enjoy educational visits to community facilities which extend and enhance the curriculum. While we use school monies or fundraise to cover the costs of such activities wherever possible, there are times when parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of the trip. If you choose to have your child not participate in a field study, a suitable program will be provided at the school.

Musical Instruments:

Grade 4 students may learn to play the recorder. Students will have the option of purchasing one through our music teacher for \$10 or receiving one on loan from the school. Also, our Grade 7 students who take band may either purchase or rent an instrument. Costs vary depending on the instrument.

School Supplies:

Parents have the option of purchasing their child's school supplies on their own utilizing the grade supply list or for your convenience you may wish to purchase supplies as a package through School Start. Payment is made directly to School Start. Costs for supplies vary based on grade but will not exceed \$60.00.

Kindergarten: This school year, as in past years, the teachers will be collecting \$45 per student to cover the cost of school supplies for the kindergarten classes. This enables them to buy supplies in bulk at a discounted price, as needed and reduces the need for storage space throughout the year.

Grade 7 Camp—Students go to a year end camp for outdoor education and leadership. The cost is approximately \$350.00. Some fundraising will be done to offset these costs.

School Supply Fees for 2021-2022 may change due to circumstances in schools as a result of Covid-19.

[Looking Ahead](#)

June 7 – Early Dismissal – 1:35 pm (Health and Safety)

Jun 11 - Sport's Day – Student Only event (Wear your House Colours)

Jun 18 - Beach Day/Summer Day (Dress for the summer holidays)

June 24 – Last Day for Students/Report Cards Issued Early Dismissal – 1:35 pm