



BEARS FAMILY BULLETIN

April 13-24, 2026

With gratitude and respect, we acknowledge that we live, learn, and work on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish: T'Sou-ke Nation, SCÍÅNEW (Beecher Bay) Nation, and the Nuu-chah-nulth: Paa?çiid?ath (Pacheedaht) Nation. We also recognize that some of our schools are located on the traditional territories of the MÁLEXEL (Malahat) Nation, and the Lək'wəŋən peoples of Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

Monday 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donburi bowls (if you ordered) 	Monday 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro D Day - school not in session
Tuesday 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subway lunch (if you ordered) 	Tuesday 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subway Lunch (if you ordered)
Wednesday 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students to Jr. Skills Canada competition in Abbotsford • PAC Popcorn (if you ordered) 	Wednesday 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band students to Oak Bay High
Thursday 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarpinos Lunch (if you ordered) • 	Thursday 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarpinos Lunch (if you ordered) • Students vs RCMP floor hockey
Friday 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Dismissal (11:30) for Informal Learning Updates • Last day for Grade 6 UVic Teacher Candidates 	Friday 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC Booster Juice lunch (if you ordered)

Upcoming Dates:

April:

27 - Lock Down Drill

May:

1 - Band students to Nanaimo

4 - Belmont Football comes for Grade 8 PHE

7 - Band Spring Concert at Belmont

8 - Celebration of the Arts (daytime for students)

11 - Pro D Day - school not in session

18 - Victoria Day Holiday

ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

April 13:

- Gr. 7 Badminton Jamboree at Spencer 3:30-5:00
- Gr. 8 Badminton practice 2:45-4:00
- All Teams Rugby Practice 3-4:10 at Pexsisen

April 14:

- Gr. 6 Badminton Jamboree at Dunsmuir 3:30-5:00
- Gr. 7 Badminton practice 2:45-4:00

Dear Centre Mountain Lellum Families,

I hope this finds you enjoying the spring like weather – finally! My apologies for not getting the Bears Bulletin out last weekend. The Easter Weekend was a busy one with family and friends. I also hope your family enjoyed the holiday, and the warm, sunny weather. With Spring Break behind us, we are into our final term of school. It continues to be important for your child to attend each day, and arrive on time ready to learn. We know life happens, so please reach out if we can help.

While we've had a couple of short weeks, we continue to have fun and full days. Did your child tell you about our April Fools joke for students? Just ask them...

Our Gr. 7 and 8 Band had a very successful trip to Port Alberni where they participated in a Festival scoring very strong in the adjudication process. Congratulations to the students, and the families who support them each day.

Thanks to our PAC, we purchased a soccer ball and volleyball for each of our classrooms to use at recess and lunch – both sports are very popular with lots of kids on our turf. The PAC also

- Gr. 6/7 Boys Rugby at Bayside 3:45-5:30

April 15:

- Field hockey practice at lunch
- Gr. 8 Badminton Jamboree at Journey 3:30-5:00
- Gr. 6 Badminton practice 2:45-4:00
- Girls Rugby Game at Pexsisen 3:45-5:30

April 16:

- Field Hockey game at UVic after school
- Gr. 7/8 Boys Rugby game at Central Middle 3:45-5:30

Translate this page:

<https://translate.google.com>

DISTRICT OR COMMUNITY NEWS:

Safer Schools Together: due to high demand, Safer Schools continues to offer their complimentary FAMILY Sessions on the topics of “**Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities**” as well as “**Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding Against Cyberbullying and Sextortion**”. There is one training per month. See link for more information. [erase Family Sessions](#)
Please don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your family's digital safety practices, and feel empowered, not overwhelmed by the online world children and youth navigate every day.

Family Smart Resources – see link to register for events:

<https://familysmart.ca/monthly-events/>

Upcoming topics: April 14: [Parenting When Our Kids Can't Go To School](#) and April 15: [Parenting When Our Teens Are Struggling With Their Mental Health](#)

Ministry of Education & Child Care: Substance Use Prevention Series (online) for parents, guardians, caregivers.

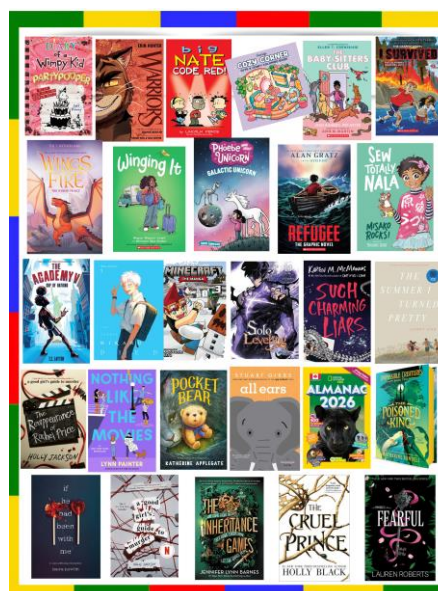
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/erase/documents/mental-health-wellness/substance-use-prevention-series.pdf>

supported our recent Family Photo Shoot. Thank you for participating – all funds raised go directly to the PAC in support of our students.

Spring Athletics is underway with Badminton, Rugby, and the students have begun doing Track and Field events in PHE classes as that season starts soon.

SCHOOL NEWS:

1. **Informal Learning Updates:** The second Informal Learning Updates are this week. These updates include information specific to the students' learning. These Informal Learning Updates may take the form of in-person or virtual conferences, phone calls, portfolios, or written summaries. Teachers will now have notified their families/caregivers of the format and timeline. If you have any questions about this please reach out to your child's teacher directly.
2. **Book Fair** happening Monday to Friday of next week. Stop on by anytime next week! Lots of great titles to choose from!



3. **New Signage at Pick up/ Drop off loop:** You may have noticed the ‘no stopping’, ‘no parking’ and ‘pick up/drop off only’ signs in our lower parking loop. We have had these installed to remind drivers to NOT STOP or PARK on either side of the road, it is meant to be a loop that continually keeps moving. Please do not get out of your

vehicle as this only holds up everyone behind you. Thank you to one of our parents who shared a photo of a car stopping to pick up right at the entrance to the lower staff/visitor lot. This is very dangerous as this roadway is our emergency lane. If we needed to call ambulance or fire department, they need to be able to get down the road and through that lane to get to our school. This is for the safety of our student and staff. Also, please do not pick up students in the lower parking lot – this is parking for staff and visitors entering the school only.

4. **Bus Registration:** is now open for the 2026-27 school year. If you want your child to take the bus next school year, please ensure you register before April 30. The process to request bus fees to be waived has not yet been confirmed, and you will receive this information from our Transportation Department directly. See here for information on registration and fees: [Transportation | Sooke School District](#)
5. **Student & Parent Learning Survey:** Please! We want to hear the voices of our school community! The [2025-26 Student Learning Survey](#) is now open and will remain available until May 1, 2026. This Provincial Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size, and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, principals, and students to topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and will be useful information for us for our 1st School Goal. In the next few weeks, the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in Grade 7 at our school. We encourage you to participate in this survey as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where our school needs to focus on improvements. The parent survey is available in 18 languages.
6. **Virtual Learning Commons:** now live on the Sooke School District website. You will find links to sites and resources to support your child's learning. [Virtual Library Learning Commons | Sooke School District](#)
7. **Please continue to monitor your child's social media.**

We are having families contact us for inappropriate comments, photos, etc., being sent to other students in the evenings and weekends. Please monitor your child's use of social media.

8. **If your child will be absent**, please use the attendance email to let the office know, and it's always a good idea to cc the classroom teacher. Use: cml@sd62.bc.ca

School Goals: Each year our school sets and reviews our school goals based on what we are seeing and hearing from our students.

This year, our 3 goals are:

- 1) *Foster a safe, welcoming, and engaging learning environment where all students feel valued, connected, and experience a strong sense of belonging.*
- 2) *Strengthen students' number sense (starting with a focus on mastering multiplication/division facts).*
- 3) *Strengthen students' reading comprehension.*