



BEARS FAMILY BULLETIN

Feb. 23 - March 6, 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, SCÍÁNEW (Beecher Bay) Nation, and the Nuu-chah-nulth: Paaʔčiidʔaṭh (Pacheedaht) Nation. We also recognize that some of our schools are located on the traditional territories of the MÁLEXEŁ (Malahat) Nation, and the Ləkʷəŋən peoples of Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

Monday 23		Monday March 2	
Tuesday 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subway lunch (if you ordered) 	Tuesday 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6's to Commonwealth pool
Wednesday 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pink Shirt Day and Kindness Assembly – wear pink! Popcorn Day (if you ordered) Jr. Skills Canada competition 	Wednesday 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooke Day (if you ordered)
Thursday 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarpino Lunch (if you ordered) Div. 6-3 and 6-5 Winter Carnival 	Thursday 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 8 Ski Trip Sarpino Lunch (if you ordered)
Friday 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gr. 7's to Commonwealth pool Gr. 8 Winter Formal block 6 	Friday 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAC Pizza lunch (if you ordered)

Upcoming Dates:

March:

- 11 – Multicultural Day (hosted by Leadership students)**
- 12 – PAC Meeting 7pm in library**
- 13 – last day of school before Spring Break**
- 16-27- Spring Break – school not in session**
- 30 – School reopens**

April:

- 8 – Family Photo shoot** – stay tuned for details of this PAC fundraiser
- 17 – Early dismissal at 11:30** – teachers will be informing families about their plans for Informal Learning Updates.

ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

Translate this page:

<https://translate.google.com>

Dear Centre Mountain Lellum Families,

We continue in our month of kindness and look forward to our Pink Shirt Assembly on Wednesday, Feb. 25. We are encouraging students to wear pink on this day. Our Centre Mountain Lellum families have been engaging in kindness activities in our community. Ask your child what their family did to spread kindness in our community. Hint... be on the lookout for some rocks with messages as you walk about the community. One of our families was highlighted in the Goldstream Gazette. See here for the article: [Kindness article](#)

DISTRICT OR COMMUNITY NEWS:

Building a Safe & Respectful Community Together: As more of us connect through social media and online platforms, we're reminded that what adults say, post, share or react can have a real impact on young people. When discussions, assumptions or unverified information circulates, whether online or in the community, they can affect a young person's sense of safety and belonging. Even when harm isn't intended, misinformation, gossip, or negative commentary can influence how youth see and treat one another.

Research shows that young people learn from the behaviours adult's model. When we lead with care, responsibility, and thoughtful online dialogue, we help create safer, more supportive environments both at school and in the digital spaces young people engage with.

Our collective actions matter. Thank you for being partners in building a positive and respectful community for all students.

Western Educational Adventures Spring Break Camp:

Western Educational Adventures affordable, year-round outdoor camps are all about getting outside to play and explore. Kids build real-life skills, confidence, and a love for nature without even realizing they're learning! They are offering a Spring Break Camp. [See attached for details](#). To learn more about Western Educational Adventures, visit <https://www.westernadventures.ca>

Sooke Soccer Club: is hosting a Spring Break Soccer Camp at home in Sooke, delivered in partnership with **FC Faly**.

This professional-standard camp is open to all levels for ages 7-17 — whether players are brand new to the game or already training at a high level.

Camp sessions will focus on ball mastery, first touch, dribbling, passing, and decision-making through lots of small-sided games and daily match play. Players will be grouped by age with ability considered so everyone is challenged appropriately, and girls and boys will be split into separate groups.

Camp is led by Faly Basse (FC Faly / Altitude FC), a highly licensed coach and former professional player with experience in Europe. Faly also leads a League1 BC environment, and FC Faly has a strong track record of players progressing into U SPORTS, NCAA, CPL, and opportunities



SCHOOL NEWS:

- 1. Do you have a truck and could help our wood shop teacher?:** Ms. Schewczyk is hoping to do a wood project with students using recycled wood from pallets. She has sourced some free pallets off Marketplace but needs help picking them up and delivering them to our school. If you have a truck or utility trailer and time to help, please let her know at: nschewczyk@sd62.bc.ca Thank you!
- 2. Registration for School District Academies:** will open at **8:00 AM on Wednesday, February 25, 2026.**
- 3. Freedom to Read Week at Munro's Bookstore:** Feb. 22-28, any purchases made during this week, Munro's will donate 10% of profits to public schools – including ours! [See attached for more information](#)
- 4. Student & Parent Learning Survey:** 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.
- 5. PAC Update:** we know that some families can't make it to the PAC meetings, but they want you to be in the know... [see attached for a PAC update](#). It includes links to spirit

abroad. This is a chance for local players to experience pro standards during Spring Break without needing to travel far!

Details:

Dates: March 16–27, 2026 (register for one week or both) Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Location: Sooke Soccer Fields Cost: \$290/week + tax Spots are limited (first-come, first-served)

Register here:

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/510259>

Questions: sookesoccerclubtd@gmail.com

Safer Schools Together: Does your child use text messaging, TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram, Discord, WhatsApp, gaming chats, or any device that connects online—or will they be soon? If so, this session is designed for YOU.

Think about it this way: You would never hand your child the keys to a car without studying the rules of the road. Using a digital device is no different. The risks are real, and misuse can create long-lasting emotional, social, and even criminal consequences.

Join "Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding Against Cyberbullying & Sextortion." These sessions are led by North American experts who have seen every type of cyberbullying and sextortion case. Sessions are free, occur online, and are open to all.

Upcoming dates:

- Apr 8, 2026
- June 10, 2026

Register: [Safer Schools](#)

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.

Westshore English Corner: Join to practice English speaking in a safe and friendly environment. Over 70 topics such as communication, laughter, community, and service. Three locations and times in the Westshore, including our school on Monday evenings.

wear ordering, hot lunch schedules and ordering, volunteer opportunities, how to contact the PAC, what our money (in/out) has looked like so far this year, and some highlights from the most recent meeting along with a link to the full (draft) minutes.

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
9. **Pick up/ Drop off:** Please only use the lower loop to drop off and pick up students. Please do not park in the upper parking lot – it is for staff and buses only. Also, please do not park in the lower lot – this is for staff and visitors entering the school only. Please do not pick up students in the middle of the loop, we don't want students crossing in front of other cars to get to their ride. The traffic should flow continuously.

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.*



- **Family Smart Resources** – see link to register for events: <https://familysmart.ca/monthly-events/>
- **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>