



ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY

Punhwe'num - May 2026 Newsletter

Cowichan Monthly Teaching

Hiiye'yutul tst 'u to' mukw' stem 'i 'u tun' a tumuhw

Everything in nature is a part of our family, we are all relatives.

'Uy skweyul Alexander Families,

The next few weeks will continue to be filled with field trips for many classes, please check in with your smun'eem to see if they have permission forms that need filling out, so they don't miss out on the special events! If you are missing a copy of a field trip form, feel free to contact the office at 250-748-8148.

On May 20th, smun'eem in Grades 4-7 will be competing in our annual Track and Field competition at the Cowichan Sportsplex. Feel free to come out and cheer your smun'eem on! This will be followed up by the District Track meet on Friday, May 29th.

On June 2nd at 10:00am we are welcoming the 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron to Alexander. A CH-148 Cyclone Helicopter will be landing on the school's back field. After landing, Alexander smun'eem will have the opportunity to meet the pilots and helicopter support crew while visiting the helicopter. The helicopter will then depart the school at 2:00pm

June 12th is going to be an exciting day at Alexander as we are hosting an Open House / Alexander PAC Fun Fair! Beginning at 12:30 pm please join us at the school for this event which will include Drumming and Dancing, bouncy obstacle courses and castle, face painting and plenty of other activities. There will also be barbequed hotdogs for families and guests.

It's a wonderful time of year and we are so fortunate to share it with the amazing learners of Alexander!

Huy tseep q'u,

Darren Hart & Brenda Lee



News!

Hoodies Thank you

Huy ch q'u to our PAC for providing our grade 7 students with year end hoodies. The grade 7's have been wearing them daily showing off their Wolfpack pride!

Open House / Fun Fair

This year we will be having an open house / fun fair on June 12th. Families are invited to come by the school between 12:30 and 2:30. We will be hosting a BBQ for families. Activities will include, Drumming and Dancing, Bouncy Castles (x3), Games & BBQ.



Kindergarten registrations are open for families to register children born on or before December 31, 2021 for Kindergarten in September. Schools will accept registrations from families living within their catchment area, or for children whose older siblings have an approved out-of-catchment request and will be continuing to attend the school.

Any family wishing to register their child in an out-of-catchment school may apply by submitting an out-of-catchment request form available online. Any students without Canadian documents and/or proof of BC residency will be redirected to the Principal of International Education at VIU in North Cowichan.

Early registration supports both district and school planning!

Here is a link to the registration page:

<https://sd79.bc.ca/parents-students/kindergarten-registration/>

Please stop by the school office if you would prefer to fill out a paper copy.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



We are excited to be getting ready to welcome our new and returning students for the 2026-2027 school year! Our school supplies initiative is now underway. For those of you that are new to the school or just need a refresher, here is a little information.

We have partnered up with our local office supply company, organizing a program where students have their school supplies provided to them directly in their classrooms. This promotes equality and ensures each child in school will have the supplies they need for the school year.

A fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) will be collected from families to cover the cost of their student's school supplies. Supplies are stored in the classrooms and provided as needed throughout the school year. Options for payment are Cash, Debit or Credit. Please let us know if you are unable to pay the fee. We will ensure each child gets supplies.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email our secretary at: alexanderheadsecretary@sd79.bc.ca.



Year End Grade 7 Celebration Day

This year's Grade 7 graduation celebration day will be held on Thursday, June 25th. Families of our grade 7 students are invited to join us at the school in the morning as we celebrate and recognize our grade 7 smun'eem as they prepare for the next chapter in their educational journey. More information on time and location to follow on this exciting event!



Helicopter Visit

We have some very exciting news to share! On June 2nd a RCAF CH-148 Cyclone helicopter will be making a stop at Alexander! In keeping with our theme of flight this year, the helicopter will be landing on our back field at 10:00am and remain with us until it takes off at 2pm. Our Smun'eem will have the opportunity to visit the

Helicopter up close and speak to its team of pilots, ground crew and support staff. We are very excited about this opportunity for our school.



The Importance of Attendance

As we head into the last couple of months of the 2025-2026 school year, it is never too late to build the habit of good attendance at school.

Did you know...

- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves!
- Good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and beyond.

Dates to Remember

- June 2 – Helicopter Visit
- June 12 – Afternoon Open House / Fun Fair Activity
- June 25 – Grade 7 Year End Celebration (morning)
- June 25 – Last Day of School & 2 hr. Early Dismissal



School Schedule

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Supervision Begins at 8:20 Daily
8:20 – Kitchen Opens for Breakfast
8:45 – Classes Begin
11:02-11:47 – Lunch Recess/Outside Play
2:28 – Regular Dismissal

COWICHAN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Strong Start

Monday - Thursday
8:30 am - 11:30 am;

Drinkwater Elementary
Alex Aitken Elementary
George Bonner Elementary

Monday - Thursday
10:00 am - 1:00 pm;

Wendy's House

Monday - Friday
Mon/Fri

8:30 am - 12:15 pm;

Tues/Wed/Thu

8:30 am - 11:00 am

Chemainus Elementary

Tuesday and Thursday
8:30 am - 11:30 am

Palsson Elementary

You and your child will

- Explore art through a variety of activities
- Explore with sand and water
- Learn songs and finger plays
- Listen to stories
- Enjoy music
- Build with blocks
- Play with toys, dolls, puppets, and trucks

Qualified Early Childhood Educators

StrongStart is a free, drop-in early learning program for children 5 and under and who are accompanied by a parent, or caregiver.

Free, Drop-In Programming
For 0-5 year olds and their caregiver

Scan QR Code
for more
information &
registration:



FULLER LAKE

Summer Camp Guide



Fuller Lake Fun Times (6 -10 years)

Get ready for the ultimate summer adventure at our action-packed day camp! Join us for a week filled with non-stop fun, friendship, and unforgettable memories. Whether you're a returning camper or brand new, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

MON - FRI | 8:30am - 4:00pm

JUN 29 - JUL 3 | \$176 | [115838](#)

JUL 6 - JUL 10 | \$220 | [115839](#)

JUL 13 - JUL 17 | \$220 | [115840](#)

JUL 20 - JUL 24 | \$220 | [115841](#)

JUL 27 - JUL 31 | \$220 | [117422](#)

No camps July 1

Fuller Lake Arena



Lakeside Explorers (6-10 years)

Calling all young adventurers ages 6 to 10!

Get ready to discover the wonders of nature and the thrill of exploration at Lakeside Explorers Summer Camp nestled beside the serene shores of Fuller Lake. Our camp offers an immersive experience where campers can dive into the beauty of the great outdoors while making lifelong memories with new friends. Campers also have the opportunity to swim in beautiful Fuller Lake daily.

MON - FRI | 8:30am - 4:00pm

JUN 29 - JUL 3 | \$176 | [115807](#)

JUL 6 - JUL 10 | \$220 | [115811](#)

JUL 13 - JUL 17 | \$220 | [115812](#)

JUL 20 - JUL 24 | \$220 | [115813](#)

JUL 27 - JUL 31 | \$220 | [115816](#)

AUG 4 - AUG 7 | \$176 | [115817](#)

AUG 10 - AUG 14 | \$220 | [115818](#)

AUG 17 - AUG 21 | \$220 | [115820](#)

AUG 24 - AUG 28 | \$220 | [115837](#)

No Camps July 1 or August 3

Fuller Lake Park

