



ÉCOLE PUNTLEDGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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WEEKLY E-BULLETIN –April 8th – 12th

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Here are this week's highlights at École Puntledge Park:

1. PAC News and Events:

- **Lantern Workshops:** April 9,16, 23 to be followed with Lantern Parade on April 25th
- **Giant Free Store:** Thursday, April 18 (while spring cleaning please keep in mind that we will be accepting donations next week)
- **Earth Week:** April 23-26-classroom and morning parking lot activities all week
- **Earth Week Recycled/Reused Contest-**prizes awarded Friday April 26.
- **Lantern Parade:** April 25 dusk-grande finale for Earth Week
- **PAC Meeting** – Wednesday, April 17th @ 6:30 in the Library

2. Wacky, Walky, Wheely Wednesdays - Will continue every Wednesday morning. Students are encouraged to ride their bikes / scooters / skateboards to school and wheel around the parking lot during morning and lunch recesses. Helmets are mandatory. A reminder that the parking lot will be closed to vehicles until 12:15 pm.

3. Bike Swap - The 6th Annual Community Bike Swap goes Sunday, April 14th at École Puntledge Park. See attached poster for more details.

4. Welcome to Kindergarten - We hope to welcome our 70+ incoming Kindergarten students and their families on Wednesday, May 15th from 3 to 4 pm at our Welcome to Kindergarten event.

5. Cross-Country Running - The second half of the cross-country running season will continue this week as the team practices during lunch recess Tuesdays and Fridays. Races are Wednesday, April 10th at Valleyview, April 17th at Cumberland and April 24th at Puntledge. All students from grades 2-7 can still join by getting a permission form at the office.

6. Recycle my Cell – From April 1st-30th, we will be collecting damaged and out-of-use cell phones in a box outside of the office to be recycled. By doing so, our school could win some \$\$\$\$. Please be sure to clear any information from old devices prior to dropping them off.

Please encourage family and friends to do the same! Attached is a brochure with an explanation of the program.

7. 2019-2020 School Calendar – Please click here for [the link to next year's school calendar](#)

8. Earth Week Design Challenge and Lanterns - Several members of the parent community have been working feverishly to create a comprehensive program of events and activities to mark this year's Earth Week (April 23-26). Details will be communicated soon. The culminating event, a Design Challenge, will require some donated materials. If you have willow branches, cedar boughs, leaves, or any similar non-invasive materials to dispose of, please send a small bundle with your child. Materials will be collected in classrooms. Appropriate size of materials is between 30 cm and 60 cm. Additionally, if you have large (**946ml**) tetra paks to dispose of, please consider bringing them in as they will be used to create lanterns (think Almond / Soy Milk containers, Broth, juice, etc.. and please rinse thoroughly).

9. Destination Imagination - Congratulations to both teams of École Puntledge students for their performance at this past weekend's DI provincials. Team Prickly Pineapple : Tian, Hannah, Kailan, Vance, Avery C. and Danielle finished in 3rd place in their category. Sincere thanks to Alix and Solene for guiding the team. Also, team Flash of Brilliance : Sophia, Mahatta and Sieva from our grade 6/7 LFI class were joined by 2 Isfeld students to finish in 2nd place in their category

10. French Summer Camps: Please click on the following links for French Summer Camp opportunities through Canadian Parents for French: <https://bc-yk.cpf.ca/activities/youth-activities/camps/>

11. Community Presentation on ADHD: April 16th @ Lake Trail: Please see attached poster for information.

12. Spring Mental Wellness Challenge: Families are encouraged to participate in the Spring Mental Wellness Challenge, a collaboration between Comox Valley Schools, local municipalities and merchants. The Challenge sheet is attached and is open to everyone.

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, April 9th – Hot Lunch (Pasta)

Tuesday, April 9th – Lantern Workshop (after school)

Wednesday, April 10th - Cross-Country Run @ Valleyview

Sunday, April 14th - Bike Swap @ Puntledge

Wednesday, April 17th - Cross-Country Run @ Cumberland

Thursday, April 18th - Giant Free Store

Friday, April 19th – No School (Easter Friday)

Monday, April 22nd – No School (Easter Monday)

Tuesday, April 23rd - Earth Week (details to follow)

Tuesday, April 23rd – Hot Lunch (Shepherd's pie)

Wednesday, April 24th - Cross-Country Run @ Puntledge

Thursday, May 2nd - Spring Photos

Wednesday, May 8th - Track and Field Jamboree (all grades 4-7)

Wednesday, May 15th - Welcome to Kindergarten (3:00 -4:00 pm)

Wednesday, May 22nd - District Track and Field Meet

Monday, June 3rd - Thursday, June 6th - Grade 7 Strathcona Trip

Have a great week!

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