

## Monthly Newsletter

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"Kids are not attention-seeking, they are connection-seeking"

– Dr. Jody Carrington

## Flower Basket Fundraiser

If you ordered baskets, they will be available for pick up at the school this **Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.**

When on the school grounds, as per protocols parents are asked to wear a mask and physically distance from others. You will be asked to sanitize your hands before coming in.

The busiest pick up times will be at dismissal time. If at all possible please come during the afternoon when it's quieter.

**Please enter BEHIND the school, at the gym door.** Please remain 2m away from others while you wait to enter.

## Demand for French Immersion Programs in B.C.

British Columbia's Ministry of Education is seeking to better understand the factors leading to increased demand for French Immersion programs across the province. The Ministry invites you to complete the following survey, which asks questions about how French Immersion programs are perceived by parents and guardians of enrolled and waitlisted students. Responses gathered from this survey will provide the Ministry with a better understanding of French Education in BC.

[Click here to access the survey](#)

## Upcoming Dates

### May 7

Pick-up Flower Baskets

### May 13

CPF Meeting – 6:00 pm

### May 18

PAC Meeting – 6:30 pm

### May 20

PAC Hot Lunch – Subway

### May 21

School not in session

### May 24

Stat Holiday

School not in session

### June 1

New Kindergarten Orientation Day (2021-2022)

### June 4

Pro-D day

## CBAL - Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy

Parents and caregivers of **Grade 1 students** will learn how to incorporate math and money into their children's daily lives. Please see the attached posters for more information

## CPF – Canadian Parents for French: Our Chapter is at Risk of Closing

Our next Canadian Parents for French Meeting will be **Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm** on the Zoom platform.

[Memberships are FREE this year.](#) Click on the link to sign up for a membership.

Same zoom link for all meetings: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/84094065963>

The Cranbrook / Fernie Chapter of Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is a locally run volunteer group, led by parents of students in French immersion in School District #5. It is connected to the Canada wide CPF organization.

The focus of the Chapter is to enhance the French language learning experience in the schools that have Core & French immersion (K-12) by organizing fun activities for the kids and by bringing in professional artists. Membership is \$25/year (or \$60 for 3 years). The more members we have, the more Federal grant funding is available. To become a member or get more information, go to <https://bc-yk.cpf.ca/>.

Our chapter has been running with a President, Secretary and Treasurer for the past 3 years and we need new volunteers now to continue next fall!

Sociocultural grants for our schools cover 50% of any performer that we bring to Cranbrook and Fernie. In the last few years, we have also included our Core French students in grade 5 with this grant. We have organized every grade 5 student in Cranbrook to meet in one location and enjoy a bilingual performance.

We need at least 2-3 new volunteers for the local Executive or risk dissolution, please join us to hear more about our local chapter at the last Zoom meeting on May 13 at 6:00pm.

To join the Zoom meeting, contact volunteer President, Shanda at [shandaf@shaw.ca](mailto:shandaf@shaw.ca)

## Ktunaxa Month Names

Would you like to know how to pronounce the current newsletter month in Ktunaxa? Click on the [link](#) to learn how.

## P.A.C. NEWS

### **Next TM PAC Meeting:**

The next TM PAC meeting will take place via Zoom on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Any parents/caregivers for current students are welcome to attend. It is a great way to find out about what is happening at our school and offer your input on how to enhance our school community.

### **Current Fundraising:**

Do you or someone you know LOVE to Golf? The Passport to the Kootenay's coupon books are available on the schools [Munch-a-lunch](#) site for \$45.00 and offers many 2 for 1 Golf Coupons around the Kootenays. This is a great way to support both the school and local businesses in our community.

### **Hot Lunch:**

Our upcoming Hot Lunch Dates are:

May 20, 2021 Subway

June 17, 2021 Dairy Queen

Order at <https://munchalunch.com/login.aspx>

[MunchaLunch](#) is the website we use to order Hot Lunches as well as many of our fundraisers.

If you haven't yet set up an account, you can find a "new user" link near the bottom to get started! From there, you will enter your information as well as that of your child(ren) and which class they are in etc.

\*\*\*Please note\*\*\*

You do NOT need to pay via credit card to order online. You may also pay via cheque, which can be dropped off by your child/their teacher into the PAC mailbox located by the school office.

## **Save-On Foods Fundraiser**

Every time you shop at Save-On Foods, you can ask the cashier to put 5% of your purchases towards our school – and it doesn't cost you a thing! We use these funds to pay for enhanced curricular activities such as gymnastics, skating and field studies.

Thanks to Save-On-Foods for supporting Cranbrook schools!





Mme. Anick and her grade 1 students practicing a moment of mindfulness after lunch time.

Thank you to the Swains and the Wilson's for coming to help clean up the courtyard garden in the Spring Work Bee



Our covid-friendly, Ready-Set-Learn event! Thank you to Mme. Pamela, Mme. Heyde and Mrs. Smith for organizing the bags for our 3-5 year olds



"Dress up as a Literacy Character" day!



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Mme. Catherine's grade 5/6 class learning how to do Poi.



Mr. Corrigan showing some students how to "jump in" during long-rope skipping.

