



3642, Learning Way
Cobble Hill, BC, V0R 1L2

Tel: 250-733-2307

Principal: Ian Zibin

Vice-Principal: Grant Mellemstrand

Bulletin Hebdomadaire/Weekly Bulletin November 6 – November 17, 2023

Mission Statement

Our school will provide a positive learning environment where every child is cared for and supported, as they become life-long learners and responsible citizens while learning in French and in English.

UPCOMING 2 WEEKS AT A GLANCE

lundi 06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Fruit And Veggie Delivery – Spartan Apples • Student Council Meeting at recess (Grade 5—7) • PVP Learning Session at 1:30 pm
mardi 07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equity Committee Meeting (SBO) at 8:30 • Popcorn Day • Recess – Roots and Shoots for grades 4-7 • Hul'q'umi'num for kids at 1:00 pm
mercredi 08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess – Animal Club for grades 1-3 – Pod B
jeudi 09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. – Remembrance Day Assembly
vendredi 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. School Wide Run/Walk (around the track so check in at classroom doors first for Attendance, or sign-in as usual and join class in the field if arriving late) • Recess – Rainbow Club - location TBD • Foundation Skills and Assessment closed

lundi 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remembrance Day In Lieu – school not in session
mardi 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popcorn Day • Recess – Roots and Shoots for grades 4-7 • Hul'q'umi'num for kids at 1:00 pm
mercredi 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot Lunch – Panago Pizza and Booster Juice • Recess – Animal Club for grades 1-3 – Pod B • 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Staff Meeting
jeudi 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
vendredi 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. School Wide Run/Walk (around the track so check in at classroom doors first for Attendance, or sign in as usual and join class in the field if arriving late) • Field Trip: Division 7, 8, & 9 at noon • Recess – Rainbow Club - location TBD

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY (le jour de souvenir)



We will be having our Remembrance Day Ceremony in the gym on **Thursday, November 9th at 10:30 a.m.** As always, you are more than welcome to join us for the assembly in the gym. Children may bring a donation for a poppy to the classroom teacher.

HEALTHY LUNCHES AND SNACKS

In our continued effort to promote healthy choices and lifestyles, we want to remind you to please send healthy snacks and lunches for your children. Likewise, please send enough food for your child(ren). Daily, children come to the office asking for more food which we can provide, but the children often exclaim that they are still hungry after an active recess break outside.

COLD and FLU SEASON

Like most other school in the district, École Cobble Hill is experiencing its share of seasonal illness. Our advice is to follow the recommendations of the Vancouver Island Health Authority. Those recommendations are:

- Students who are sick with the flu/cold should stay home until they are symptom-free.
- Wash hands often with soap and water.
- Sneeze or cough into your sleeve or elbow – Not your hands!

SNOW REMOVAL AND SNOWFALL

Since joining École Cobble Hill, parents and staff have informed me that the road leading up to the school is treacherous when it snows. We investigated the priority for plowing, here is some information regarding snow removal. Both Dougan Drive and Learning Way are classified as "Class C" highways in our contract. Essentially, this means that these are our third priority when it comes to snow removal. I have posted a link below for more information about road classifications:

[The ABCs of Winter Highway Classification and Maintenance in BC | TranBC](#)

BC highways are classified to prioritize how and when they are maintained. Learn more about our winter maintenance classification and what it means for you.
www.tranbc.ca

The crews and supervisors are very well versed in the routes/priorities in the Cobble Hill and Shawnigan Lake areas and do their best to maintain the school bus routes prior to buses running and school pick-up/drop-off times. In saying that, main highways (Class A) and secondary's (Class B) take priority in our contract with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, so depending on when a snowstorm starts or stops, this can impact the timing of our maintenance on the Class C routes.

The safety of our community is of the highest priority, please exercise good judgment when driving during days we have snowfall. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Zibin.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

During the year, the school may be closed due to inclement weather.

These announcements will be posted on the following media outlets:

@CowichanSchools Facebook and Twitter accounts, Juice FM (89.7 FM), CBC Radio (90.5 FM), CFX (1070 AM), The Zone (91.3 FM), The Q! (100.3 FM), CHEK News and Global BC will all be informed. Also, the Parents of École Cobble Hill Facebook Page.

The School District 79 Website will also be updated with a banner informing of closures.

POWER OUTAGES

In the event of a power outage schools are not closed. Usually, the power outage is solved in 2 hours or less. If more than 2 hours, the Principal or Vice-Principal will contact the Associate Superintendent for further direction. If the outage lasts for over two hours, the Superintendent will decide if students are sent home early or if parents/guardians are to be advised to come and pick up their children. Students are not sent home from school unless authorized.

In schools with elementary students, office staff contact all parents/guardians directly, before sending students home. It can take several hours to call ALL parents/guardians. All decisions related to calling parents/guardians to pick up students at school, or making announcements on the local radio station, or having busses go early, are made by the Superintendent, or designate. Any parents/guardians who want to take their children home can certainly do so. However, they should not be taking other children with them unless the school has received word from the custodial parent/guardian.

SOCCER

Congratulations to our soccer teams! We were so proud of how well our students played and the great sportsmanship they displayed; what a successful tournament! Huge thanks to our parent drivers and Mr. Zibin who also drove; without parent drivers, we can't attend the tournaments. I'd also like to send an extra special thank you to Carsen Oglend who coached one of our soccer teams so that we could send more students to the tournament!
Merci ~ Susan

MUSIC and CONCERT INFORMATION

We have a very exciting show coming up! Please mark your calendars for our upcoming ECH concert, "Songs of our Ancestors: Canada and the World". All even divisions will be performing on **Wednesday, December 6, 2023**, at 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. All odd divisions will be performing on **Thursday, December 7, 2023**, at 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please watch for a detailed letter about the show coming soon!

PARENT ADVISORY NEWS

RAFFLE BASKETS & SILENT AUCTION: DONATIONS NEEDED!

Remember the good old days when you could get some holiday shopping done at the school's winter concerts? Raffle baskets and the Silent Auction are making a comeback! Check your kids' backpacks for the notice that went home with details.

ART CARDS: ORDER BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Art Cards went home earlier this week, and if you haven't seen them yet check your backpacks. You have just ONE WEEK to get your orders submitted.

There is no chance for extensions or exceptions — this is a firm deadline.

- **Deadline:** Order by midnight on Friday, November 10

DRUMROASTER: ORDER BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 Get your orders in now, and coffee will be delivered to your kid's classroom on Thursday, November 16.

- **Order Online:** drumroaster.com/echcoffee/ecole-cobble-hill-fundraiser

PURDY'S CHOCOLATE ORDERING IS OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 25

Order chocolate for the holidays! Prices are the same as retail, but ordering through this link means Purdy's gives back 25% of the purchase price to our school!

- **Order Online:** fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1359851-109842
- Share the link with family and friends - the more the merrier (pun intended)!
- Customer Number: 35981 – in case you're asked.

Remembrance Day	Monday, November 13, 2023
2-hour Early Dismissal (PLC)	Wednesday, November 22, 2023
Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)	Friday, November 24, 2023
Last day of school before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 22, 2023
Winter Vacation	December 25, 2023 to January 5, 2023
School re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 8, 2023
2-hour Early Dismissal (PLC)	Wednesday, January 24, 2023
Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)	Friday, February 16, 2023
Family Day	Monday, February 19, 2023
Last day of school before Spring Vacation	Friday March 8, 2023
Spring Break	March 11, 2023 to March 15, 2023
District Closure	March 18, 2023 to March 22, 2023
School re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 25, 2023
Good Friday	Friday, March 29, 2023
Easter Monday	Monday, April 1, 2023
Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)	Monday, April 15, 2023
2-hour Early Dismissal	Wednesday, April 24, 2023
Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)	Friday, May 3, 2023
2-hour Early Dismissal (PLC)	Wednesday, May 15, 2023
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2023
Last day of school for students	Thursday, June 27, 2023
Year-end Administrative Day	Friday, June 28, 2023