

OTTER NEWS

October 3, 2022

Upcoming Events	
Date	Event
October 4	Fire Drill Grade 4 & FSA's (see letter from SD35)
October 5	World Teacher's Day
October 7	Spirit Day – Western Day
October 10	Thanksgiving – No school in session
October 12	Grade 6 Immunizations
October 13	Rock and Roll Performance
October 14	Interims go home
October 19	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 1:30 – 4:00 (1 hour early dismissal. Students released at 1:08PM)
October 20	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 1:30 – 7:00 (1 hour early dismissal. Students released at 1:08PM)
October 21	Provincial Pro-D – No school for students

New Location for Division 14

Big thank you to all the parents that helped with moving both the grade 1 class and the preschool last week. We are happy to announce that we now have a permanent home for division 14, which will be in room 12 on the northeast corner of the building (beside drop and go). Little Otters Preschool will now be operating out the multipurpose room at the front of the school. Students from division 14 will be dropped off and picked up from room 12.

World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day is coming up on Wednesday. If you have an encouraging word that you would like to share with one of our staff members, please take a moment to [fill in this form](#) and we will be sure to share it with the staff member.

Grade 6 Immunizations

Grade 6 immunizations are coming up on October 12. Students should have received a permission form from Fraser Health with information regarding the immunization. If you do not have a copy, please stop by the office and pick up another form. If your child needs any special accommodations, please contact their homeroom teacher and we will do our best to meet whatever the need.

Grade 6/7 Volleyball

Volleyball players should have received their jerseys, bags, and water bottle once permission forms and athletic fees have been submitted. Players are asked to wear black shorts or leggings and athletic shoes while participating in games. League games begin on October 11 (boys) and 12th (girls). The live schedule can be [found here](#).

Practice times: Tuesday – 2:10-2:45, Wednesday – at lunch

Communicating with the school

When a concern arises with your child, we ask that you reach out to connect with those who are closest to the problem and who know your child best. We discourage parents from attempting to resolve conflict with other students' parents unless you already have a positive relationship with the family. We also discourage parents from posting incidents on social media as it spreads misinformation and does not resolve the problem.

Often, addressing the problem means contacting staff in this order...

1. Start with the staff member who is closest to your child. In most cases, this is the classroom teacher. In the event your child works with a resource teacher, we ask that you include the resource teacher if the concern is related to their individualized education plan.
2. Contact the principal, counsellor, aboriginal support worker, or youth care worker if your concern involves any incidents that may be occurring outside of the classroom or with a student in another class.
3. Speak with a district principal or assistant superintendent if you feel your concern is not being addressed and/or you disagree with the approach the school has used.
4. When applicable, make an appeal to the Board of Education.

D&D Club Volunteers Needed

Do you love playing Dungeons & Dragons (5th Edition)? Do you like helping young minds grow by going on epic adventures? Are you free Fridays 2:20-3:20? If you answered yes to all three of these questions, then North Otter D&D Club could use your help. If you have working knowledge of D&D 5E and would be interested in being a Dungeon Master for the club, then please email Mr. Garland as soon as possible (dgarland@sd35.bc.ca). A working knowledge of the game is REQUIRED. Thank you for your support so that we can have more Otters going on adventurers!

Breakfast Club Volunteers

The Breakfast Club is looking for volunteers to help with serving meals during the morning. If you are able to help out, please reach out to Cheri (cherimcbride@gmail.com) and let her know your availability. If you are interested in volunteering for other future events at North Otter, please complete a [volunteer form here](#)

Noon Hour Supervisor Wanted

If you or someone you know loves working with kids and is interested in joining our supervision team during the lunch hour, we are looking for a noon hour supervisor. A successful candidate must meet the following criteria:

- Completion of Grade 10.
- First Aid Certificate (Level I)
- Ability to interact with students in an effective manner.
- Ability to communicate effectively using tact and discretion in the explanation and clarification of information.
- Ability to use judgement in applying established methods and procedures.
- Physical ability to perform the required duties.

Hours: Monday-Friday, 11:40am – 12:40pm.

If you are interested or need more information, please contact Mr. Woelders dwoelders@sd35.bc.ca

Staying Connected

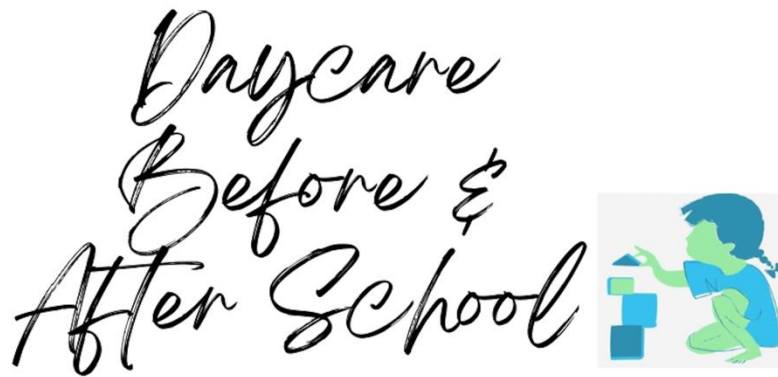
Much of the communication this year will come from school-wide emails and information posted on the school website. Please ensure that we have your most up-to-date email address on MyEd. The calendar on our [school website](#) shows all the events as they are added or amended by our school staff and front office.

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Community Childcare*

*Note: North Otter does not vett childcare providers that are listed in the community section of the newsletter. Please take due diligence when looking into childcare providers.

The Patch Kids Place



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THE PATCH KIDS PLACE LOCATED IN NORTH OTTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAS DAYCARE DURING SCHOOL HOURS/ FULL TIME SPACE AVAILABLE MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY FROM 8:40AM-1:55PM. REGISTER YOUR 2.5-5 YEAR OLD FOR THE 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR.

CALL: 604-626-4547

EMAIL: LIZALDERSON@SHAW.CA

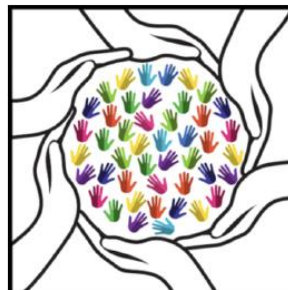
OTHER SPACE MAY BE AVAILABLE PLEASE CONTACT FOR DETAILS
5370 248TH STREET ALDERGROVE BC

Additional Childcare

If there are any families in need of childcare before/after school or on Pro-D days please contact Holly Daignault, 778-899-3970

You are invited to join Early Childhood Educator, Sam Collie, for a **FREE**, Ready, Set, Learn Session

Gifts and Gatherings



It is important to celebrate **every child** for their uniqueness and strengths. Gifts and Gatherings is a program that embraces this celebration!

North Otter Elementary School offers four sessions:

Thursday, October 6th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, November 29th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thursday, February 9th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, April 18th, 1:00-2:00pm

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in playful activities designed for all ages. During each session, participants will receive a gift that will allow families to continue to explore their learning at home.



Many people have an important role in raising a child. Adults will gain skills and knowledge to support children beyond the session. Any family member or caregiver is welcome to participate along with children ages 0-5 years.

For more information contact Sam Collie at scollie@sd35.bc.ca

