

# OTTER NEWS

October 17, 2022

Upcoming Events	
Date	Event
October 19	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 2:00 – 4:00 (1 hour early dismissal. <b>Students released at 1:08PM</b> )
October 20	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 2:00 – 7:00 (1 hour early dismissal. <b>Students released at 1:08PM</b> )
October 21	Provincial Pro-D – No school for students
October 24	Diwali begins
October 25	Photo Retake Day
October 31	Costume Day

## Grade 6/7 Volleyball

League games continue on **Tuesday, October 18 (boys) and Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> (girls) at Wix-Brown Elementary**. Please note that we have early dismissal on Wednesday and games will start 1 hour earlier. Players, please remember your jersey, shorts, and shoes. Students that do not have appropriate athletic wear will not be able to participate.

The live schedule can be [found here](#).

## Interim Reports

Unless otherwise indicated by your child's classroom teacher, students will be bringing their interim reports home today. Please take the time to read over these reports and discuss with your child. Any questions or concerns that arise can be brought to the classroom teacher's attention during parent-teacher conferences

## Caffeinated Beverages and High-Sugar Foods

Just a reminder to students and parents that the North Otter breakfast and lunch programs follow Healthy Schools BC guidelines when it comes to breakfast, lunch, and snack food items. We do not allow students to consume caffeinated and high sugar beverages while at school, and high-sugar food items should be consumed in limited moderation. This means both caffeinated and high-sugar soda/iced tea will be confiscated and held for the student until after the bell if they are brought to school. Please refrain from sending along these types of food items with your child. Any treats distributed by the school (birthdays, treat days, etc.) will be held until the end of the day.

More information about Healthy Schools BC can be [found here](#).

## Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair is returning to North Otter this year for parents to purchase books in-person. We will be setting up this year in the library. Parents will have access to the fair during parent-teacher conferences and after school. Students will have an opportunity to make their wish lists during library time throughout the week.

## Words of Encouragement

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.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

All interviews will be held in person, in the teacher's classroom. With our custodial staff cleaning the building, we ask that you don't use the hallways unless you are visiting our Book Fair, and that you enter the classroom using the classroom exterior door.

### **[PARENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS](#)**

#### **Costume Day (Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>)**

With Halloween on a Monday this year, we invite students to come in costume to school on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Although this has never been an issue in past years, please consider the following when choosing a costume for your child to wear to school.

- Regular school rules regarding the dress code must be followed.
- No canes, sticks, or weapon-like items of any kind are allowed. Masks should only cover the nose/mouth.
- No fake blood or other substances that will spill or cause a mess will be allowed.
- Nothing that promotes the use of illegal substances or activities, derogatory or disrespectful or portrays violence.
- Students must show respect to other students by not touching, defacing or insulting other students' costumes
- Students must show respect for others by not choosing costumes that are insensitive and/or offensive to the diverse backgrounds represented by others at our school or community.

#### **D&D Club Volunteers Needed**

Do you love playing Dungeons & Dragons (5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 DISTRICT**

### **New Option to Access MyEDBC using your BC Services Card**

The Ministry of Education and Child Care together with Service BC is providing another option for students and parents/guardians to access MyEDBC. This new option enables students and families to link their BC Services Card Mobile Phone App to their MyEDBC account. The roll out of this new option begins on **Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**. As this is short notice, we will be taking our time in understanding and assisting families in transitioning to this new method if they choose to do so. Our MyEDBC District staff are working hard to create content and communications material to update the website and share with applicable school staff. We will briefly discuss this further during tomorrow's conference call.

In the meantime, the first step is to please review the message below including the links to Ministry documents. Then share the message and preliminary information with your staff and students/parents/guardians in your next newsletter and/or communication to families.

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Card Mobile Phone App to log into MyEDBC at any time. If a student or parent/guardian chooses this method, they will be able to go back to the old login method but will require assistance from District MyEDBC support staff.

**Moving forward with choosing this new option means that you will never need a username and password.**

The old method of using a username and password to login to My EDBC will remain the same. There may be some students and families who do not want to use the new login method for reasons which may include:

- You are satisfied with the current process of using a username and password
- You don't have a BC Services Card
- You don't have access or don't want to use a mobile phone or the BC Services Card App to log into My EDBC

Below are resources and instructions from the Ministry to help you get started.

- [BC Services Card Authentication FAQs](#)
- [Student User Guide for BC Services Card Authentication](#)
- [Parent User Guide for BC Services Card Authentication](#)

As this is a new change, please understand District and school staff are still learning about this additional option and instructions to help support families.

### **Early Year Programs**

We have many opportunities for families to take part in Early Years Programming in our district. All of our programs are FREE, DROP-IN, and open to all caregivers. Families are welcome to attend any of the sessions available, regardless of their catchment school.

 [SD35 Early Years Programs.pdf](#)

FROM THE PAC

**Upcoming Book Fair!**

North Otter PAC welcomes back the book fair, running October 17-20<sup>th</sup>. Students will have a chance to do a walk through during the school day and make purchases during lunch and after school. Parents are welcomed to make purchases after school or during parent-teacher conferences.

### **Munchalunch Info**

Link for new families to register

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/NorthOtter>

Link for existing families to login

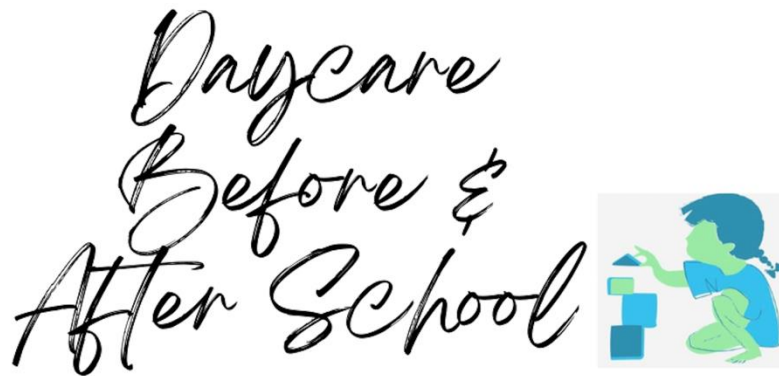
<https://munchalunch.com/login>

### **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**



## THE PATCH KIDS PLACE

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

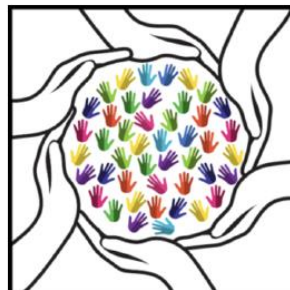
OTHER SPACE MAY BE AVAILABLE PLEASE CONTACT FOR DETAILS  
5370 248TH STREET ALDERGROVE BC

#### **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!

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**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](mailto:scollie@sd35.bc.ca)

