

# OTTER NEWS

October 24, 2022

Upcoming Events	
Date	Event
Monday, Oct 24	Diwali begins
Tuesday, Oct 25	Photo Retakes Boys volleyball (2:40-4:00) @ NOE
Wednesday, Oct 26	K/1 @ Pumpkin Patch 9:00-1:00 Girls Volleyball (2:40-4:00) @ NOE
Monday, Oct 31	Halloween (costume day) Costume Parade and Pumpkin Contest (9:00-9:30)
Tuesday, Nov 1	NO boys volleyball (bye week)
Wednesday, Nov 2	Girls Volleyball @Wix-Brown
Friday, Nov 4	Spirit Day (TBD) Earthquake Drill (9:50) Poppy Choir Mini Concert (12:35-1:05)

## Diwali, October 24

Diwali begins today! South Asian families in our community and our school will clean and decorate their homes and workspaces, exchange gifts, share stories and meals, and light diyas (clay lamps) that symbolize the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. Happy Diwali, everyone!

## Grade 6/7 Volleyball

League games continue on **Tuesday, October 25 (boys) and Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> (girls) here at North Otter**. Parents are welcome to join us after school, we just ask that you enter through the exterior doors beside the gym. The live schedule can be [found here](#).

## Thank you!

Thank you to the PAC and all the volunteers who came out to help make the Book Fair such a success. It was so nice to see all the kids get excited about choosing a favourite book to read.

## 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.

## Costume Parade and Pumpkin Carving Contest

Students will have an opportunity to model their costumes on the morning of October 31<sup>st</sup> in a costume parade.

We also invite parents and students to design and carve a special pumpkin that will be showcased in the school on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Students can carve a pumpkin and bring it to school in the morning to be displayed in the hallways. Before lunch, we will announce our winners.

**Note for parents: Please include one or two battery-powered candles to go in the pumpkin and remind your child to take home the pumpkin at the end of the day.**

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

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.

### Volunteer Opportunities

We are always looking for ways to get our parent-community involved in the school. Here are some opportunities where you could get involved.

Events	Time	Contact
Dungeons & Dragons Club	Fridays 2:20-3:20	<a href="mailto:dgarland@sd35.bc.ca">dgarland@sd35.bc.ca</a>
Breakfast Club	Weekday morning 7:45-8:30	<a href="mailto:cherimcbride@gmail.com">cherimcbride@gmail.com</a>
Athletics	Practice schedule set by coach	<a href="#">volunteer form here</a>

### 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)

### 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.

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

*On Monday, October 17, 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. By choosing this new method, all you would need is your BC Services 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 EDDB 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 EDDB*

*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.*

#### FROM THE PAC

##### **Munchalunch Info**

Link for new families to register

[\*\*https://munchalunch.com/schools/NorthOtter\*\*](https://munchalunch.com/schools/NorthOtter)

Link for existing families to login

[\*\*https://munchalunch.com/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**

# Daycare Before & After School



## 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

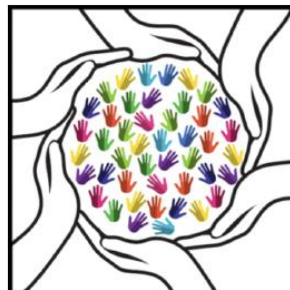
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### **Additional Childcare**

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)

