

OTTER NEWS

January 17, 2023

Upcoming Events	
Date	Event
Monday, January 16	Kindergarten Registration Opens
Tuesday, January 17	Earthquake Drill
Tuesday, January 24	Grade 6/7 Boys Basketball Games
Wednesday, January 25	Grade 6/7 Girls Basketball Game
Friday, January 27	Kindergarten Dental Screening

Grade 6/7 Basketball

Student-Athlete Expectations

The basketball season is underway, and student-athletes has already begun practices. One of our big focuses this year is making sure we put “student” before “athlete”. We have asked our athletes to have teachers sign off to ensure they are staying on top of their schoolwork. Students who fail to submit their form will miss the basketball that game until they are caught up. We appreciate parents supporting our efforts to ensure our students are held to high learning standard.

Practice Times

Grade 7 Boys Practices: 2:30 – 3:30PM Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (until season starts)

Grade 6 Boys Practices: 2:30-3:30PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday @lunch (until season starts)

Grade 6/7 Girls Practices: 2:30 – 3:30PM Monday, Thursday, Friday @lunch (until season starts)

Games: Boys on Tuesdays, Girls on Wednesdays starting January 24th, ending February 22nd.

League Schedule

https://langleschoolsca-my.sharepoint.com/:x/g/personal/dwoelders_sd35_bc_ca/EQzprlhESJ5ijL1VtgsUNMQBN4vP2_Yb_RczbAzq0ZwzWA?e=G3nu81

Note: Fort Langley has an additional team, and they are looking for some exhibition games. These games will be added to the schedule once we confirm dates.

North Otter Spirit Wear

We now have spirit wear available for parents to purchase. Options are limited right now but we will be adding to our gear in the new year. Turn-around time for orders is typically 2-3 weeks.

To order your North Otter Spirit Wear, go to <https://yaphee.ca/store/noe35/>

Kindergarten Registration 2023 – Please share with catchment parents

Kindergarten registration across the Langley School District runs January 16, 2023 thru March 31, 2023. If your child will be five years old by December 31, 2023, you will be able to register through your catchment school. Registration will take place online via email to the school. Our school will have site-specific instructions posted on our website once registration opens. **Please understand there is no advantage in rushing to register your child in the first few weeks of the registration period. Families have until the end of March to secure a space for their child.** For information on what documents you

need and instructions on how to register, please visit the District webpage [here](#). To learn more about Kindergarten in the Langley School District, read our brochure [here](#). See graphic [here](#).

NOE Foyer and Mural Proposal

One of our ongoing beautification projects at North Otter is a makeover for the front foyer. This includes new furniture, paint, and signage to welcome our students and guests. Part of the proposal is to replace the mural on the overhead wall as you enter the building. The history of our building is important, and we want to honour the artwork and artist by photographing, printing, and displaying it in another part of the building. We have been in contact with the artist in order to preserve the story and meaning of the work. If you would like to provide feedback on the proposal, you are welcome to send your thoughts and questions to NOEAdmins@sd35.bc.ca.

Grade 7 Bottle Drive – Collection throughout January

Grade 7 students have been collecting refundable cans and bottles to fundraise for their year-end activities. Their efforts and your contributions on Saturday resulted in over \$400 raised in returns. If you would like to contribute, you can drop your refundables at any Return-It Depot and use the school phone number (604-856-3355) for a tag. All funds collected throughout January will go towards the grade 7 fundraiser.

2022/2023 Student Learning Survey (SLS)

A survey for students in Grades 4, 7, 10, and 12, as well as parents, staff, and principals/vice-principals opens on January 3, 2023. The survey will remain open until April 28, 2023. Parents of intermediate students will be emailed with a link to participate if they choose. If any parents have concerns about your child completing the survey, please email their classroom teacher.

Canada Housing Benefit

The application portal for the one-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit is now open!

The Government of Canada has introduced a new affordability measure to help lower-income renters who are most affected by the rise of inflation and struggling with the cost of rent. The one-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit provides eligible applicants with a one-time payment of \$500. It is estimated that roughly 1.8 million lower-income renters will be able to benefit from this targeted investment.

How to Apply

*Applicants will be able to apply for the one-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit on December 12, 2022, up until March 31, 2023, and are encouraged to apply online through **CRA My Account**, which is the quickest, easiest and most secure way to apply for the benefit. If you don't have a CRA My Account, register now. You do not need to wait for your security code in the mail. You can still access limited services in My Account to apply for this benefit immediately. Applicants can also sign in to their **My Service Canada Account** to securely access CRA's My Account without having to sign in again or revalidate their identity.*

*A **web form** will also be available to submit applications without having to sign in to My Account or My Service Canada Account. Address and direct deposit changes will not be permitted using the web form – if applicants haven't updated their personal and banking information, they should apply through the CRA My Account.*

Applicants unable to apply for the benefit online, can call us at 1-800-282-8079 to complete their application with an agent. If you apply through My Account or by phone, and are signed up for **direct deposit**, you can get your payment within five business days.

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.

Other 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	dgarland@sd35.bc.ca
Breakfast Club	Weekday morning 7:45-8:30	cherimcbride@gmail.com
Athletics	Practice schedule set by coach	dwoelders@sd35.bc.ca

FROM THE DISTRICT

FROM THE PAC



Hot lunch and Movie Night Pre-orders are now OPEN!



Here are some updates as we head into December:

- **Hot lunch**
 - To order: For **NEW** parents/caregivers to North Otter, please register for your Munchalunch account here:

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

For **RETURNING** parents/caregivers, use the normal login:

<https://munchalunch.com/login>

Looking to keep up to date on PAC events and activities around the school? Join the North Otter PAC group on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/871816359874721>

FROM THE COMMUNITY