

# CRAIGFLOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

"At Craigflower School, we respect and acknowledge the Esquimalt Nation and Songhees Nation on whose lands we play, learn, work and grow."

April 8, 2014

### First, A BIG THANK YOU!

We'd like to give a very big thank you to our wonderful Breakfast Food supporters, who start our day off in such a nutritious, healthy and energy filled way - thank you! (Please read the back page.)



### Yes! Spring is Here!

It is wonderful to see the children outside playing in the sunshine. Please continue to support your child/children with their reading. This is a good time of the year to get them to the library once a week or once every two weeks, to borrow books!



### Cross Country - for grades 3, 4, & 5

Began yesterday at 3:30 pm at Clover Point. Mr. Clazie is our coach, so please see him if your child needs a ride. Come out and cheer on the children. The next

dates and locations are:

**Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** - Lambrick Park

**Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Clover Point

**Monday April 28<sup>th</sup>** - Lambrick Park

### Grade Fives - New Schools for Next September -

Please note that May 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm all grade 5's around the school district go and visit the Middle School that they will attend for next year. Please call Mrs. Chessa at the school, 250-384-8157, if you have any questions.

**Parking** - Yes! Parking is still a big issue at Craigflower School. Please do not park your car or vehicle by our front door and then get out - it causes quite a problem for the food truck and those needing to leave.



### Bridge Update

As of today, children and families will be walking on the new open side of the bridge. The wooden, temporary part of the bridge will be closed as of tomorrow, April 9<sup>th</sup>. We have been told that the rest of the bridge will be open by the end of May, for cars.



### Easter Holiday

Please note the Easter Holiday is from **Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> to Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**. Students return to school on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Parent Program P.A.L.S.

Our parents have begun a new culturally relevant program for preschoolers and parents at Craigflower. Well done parents!



The program is called P.A.L.S. meaning **Parents As Literacy Supporters**. For now they will meet for breakfast on Thursday mornings 9:00 - 11:00 am - every two weeks. The next one is on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Please see Alice Charlie or Brenda Kohlruss for more details.

### Retirement!

Yes, as you may have heard I am retiring as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. It is with both sadness and joy that I share this news. I will be sad to leave our Craigflower children, families and community and joyful with our great, improved reading rates and many new programs - from canoeing to PISE. I am joyful to now have more time to be with my 9 grandchildren and sad to say 'good bye'.



### Next ProD Day

Please note that the last ProD Day for the school year will be on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

# THANK YOU!

To our Breakfast Supporters who help us start our day with such nutritious food that gives us such great energy to learn and play.

Thank you!

**Breakfast Clubs of Canada :**

For your generous support to Craigflower; financially, programs, equipment, and nutritional support.

**Breakfast For Learning:**

For your generous financial help.

**Ellice Recycle:**

For your generous financial gift.

**Esquimalt Nation:**

For your generous financial support.

**Saanich Rotary:**

For your generous ever-faithful service - 5 mornings per week - always being here.

**Songhees Nation:**

For your generous financial gift.

**Thrifty Foods - Admirals Walk:**

For providing us with free delivery and a discount on our purchases.

**WalMart:**

For coming to see and serve at our breakfast program and for your generous support of Breakfast Clubs of Canada.