

Craigflower Community,

Happy Spring! It has been so nice to see the kids outside, enjoying the weather, getting exercise, and breathing the fresh air. It is clear that kids need time outside and it is good for them and us. And (they say you shouldn't start a sentence with "and" but I did), what a beautiful place we live, with the Gorge Waterway so close.

I trust that everyone had a great spring break and a fantastic Easter weekend.

There is lots going on at CF with clubs (fibers, choir, rainbow, etc.), events (breakfasts, feasts, field trips, etc.), intramurals (soccer and floor hockey), and we are moving into Track with a zone meet and city finals meet.

Thank you to all of the staff, students, caregivers, and community partners who have contributed to our great school with their time, energy, and financial support. Thank you PAC, for supporting our many field trips (Butterfly World, Goldstream salmon release, and our school-wide trips to Miquen/Beacon Hill and Beckwith Park).

Wishing you all the best as we sprint to the finish of a great school year.

Miquen/Beacon Hill Field Trip – Friday, April 24

Families, we have an exciting trip planned for next Friday. Please ensure you connect with your teachers about how to prepare, what to bring, and complete any necessary field trip forms before the trip. This will likely be our first hot day so be ready with water bottles, hats and sunscreen.

Thank you to our PAC for funding and providing a Pizza Lunch for the kids. Please see the classroom notice for information on what types of pizza, food sensitivities, etc.

It will be a great day outside and learning! Thank you, staff and families for supporting this venture.

Indigenous Students Crabbing Field Trip – April 28

Students will be going on a bus to Sooke to Harvest Crabs off the Public Pier. Students will be gone all day and need to be dressed for the weather rain or shine. Students will bring their own lunch and water bottle. If they are on lunch program a bag lunch will be provided.

Student Led Conferences – April 29 and 30

Come and visit our school, see the staff, and get to know some of the experiences and learning that students have at Craigflower. Reminder that April 29 has an early dismissal day of **11:50 am**. Please ensure you have a plan for how your children will be picked up early that day.

Please look for messaging from your teachers that will go home, or has gone home, about the two times and the activities that will be occurring.

Track – A brief note that Track will be starting very soon for Grades 3, 4 and 5 students wishing to participate. Please see the calendar for Zone and City Finals (dates/times).

Calendar Items

(Please check the CF Website Calendar for the most up-to-date information.)

<https://craigflower.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/calendar-2/>

- April 20-24 Earth Week
- April 22 Earth Day
- April 23 Community Breakfast and Feather Ceremony
- April 24 Earth Week School Wide Field Trip to Miquen/Beacon Hill
- April 27 Div 1 & 2 Trip to Camosun
- April 28 Grade 4/5 Indigenous Students (Crabbing)
- April 29 Early Dismissal 11:50
- April 29 Student Led Conferences 1-4 pm
- April 30 Class Photos
- April 30 Student Led Conferences 3-6 pm
- May 5 Red Dress Day
- May 7 Family Literacy Event 3:30-5 pm
- May 13 PAC mtg 6-8 pm
- May 15 Professional Development Day (no school)
- May 18 Victoria Day (no school)
- May 19 Grade 4/5 Indigenous Students (Clamming)
- May 21 Indigenous Family Lunch
- May 24 CF PAC Bottle Drive (Sunday)
- May 25 Track Day at UVic
- May 28 Community Breakfast and Feather Ceremony
- May 28 District Track Finals 6-8 pm @ UVic
- June 2 Science Ventures (sponsored by PAC)
- May 4 Teddy Bear Picnic
- May 10 PAC mtg
- May 11 Craigflower Summer Feast (4:30-6:30 pm)
- May 12 School-Wide Field Trip to Beckwith
- June 18 Community Breakfast and Feather Ceremony

- June 19 Craigflower National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 23 Fun Day
- June 24 Grade 5 Celebration Ceremony
- June 25 Last Day of School and End of Year Assembly

Summer Break

September 8 – First Day of School

Wishing you the best!

Dwayne and Maria