

Newsletter



Coldstream School Focus on Diversity

For the month of May, our school's focus is on celebrating diversity. We believe that embracing our differences, whether in culture, language, traditions, or perspectives, enriches our learning environment and helps every student feel valued. Throughout May, students will participate in activities and discussions that highlight the unique backgrounds within our community. Our goal is to foster respect, understanding, and appreciation for one another. We encourage families to share their own traditions and stories, helping us create a more inclusive atmosphere. Together, we can empower our children to become compassionate, open-minded individuals in an increasingly diverse world.

Resources for Families:

[BC Schools - Inclusion video](#)

[A Kids Book about Racism video](#)

Student Placement Information

Class configuration and student placement is a complex and challenging task for schools. Parents, students and staff offer different perspectives on the needs of each child. It is the school's responsibility to place students into classes and ensure compliance with the varying constraints within the system. Please see the attached information letter and [link](#) to provide your input.



Great BC School Food Cook-off

Congratulations to the grade 7 classes for being selected to feature their recipe in a new digital cookbook using food harvested from our school tower garden!

CALENDAR

May 1 Grade 5/6s biking
May 1 Div. 13 & 14 bowling
May 1 Gr 6 Indigenous Students UBCO
May 1 District Chess Tournament
May 5 Red Dress Day ([see info.](#))
May 6 Div. 7 Mackie House
May 7 Div. 6 Mackie House
May 8 Div. 3 Mackie House
May 12 Pro-D Day (no school)
May 13 PAC Meeting (Tues 6:00pm)
May 19 Victoria Day (no school)
May 20 Gr. 3s Swimming
May 22 School Track Meet (Gr. 4-7)
May 25 - 31 National Accessibility Week
May 26 Zone Track Meet (Gr. 4-7)
May 27 Gr. 3s Swimming

SAVE THE DATES

District Track Meet: June 3
 PAC Carnival: June 6
 Gr. 7 Year-end assembly: June 23 3:00pm
 Gr. 7 Year-end trip: June 24

CONCESSIONS FOR TRACK & FIELD

(May 22, May 26, June 3)
 We have Coordinators for the 3 concession dates! We still need some additional helpers though.
 Please sign up for a 2-hour shift [here!](#)

COLDSTREAM C.A.R.E.S.!



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Principal: Ms. C. Johnson
Vice-Principal: Mrs. J. Pereira

May 1, 2025

Dear Coldstream Families,

Class configuration and student placement is a complex and challenging task for schools. Parents, students, and staff offer different perspectives on the needs of each child. It is the school's responsibility to place students into classes and ensure compliance with the varying constraints within the system.

Each year we have a variety of class sizes and compositions. Our objective is to organize classes that are balanced, taking into consideration a variety of factors as noted below. The decisions we make are based on our professional knowledge and consideration of all factors in the best interest of each student. School staff will work together as a team to organize classes for September.

When placing students, we consider the following criteria:

1. Enrolment numbers (contractual requirements)
2. Diversity in Development (academic ability)
3. Learning Needs (support that may be needed)
4. Family Relationships (siblings/cousins)
5. Personality
6. Teaching and Learning Styles
7. Age of the Student
8. Previous Placement History
9. Social/Emotional Dynamics (student interactions with each other)
10. Inclusion Services (diversity, learning needs and supports)
11. Parent Information (input is valued and considered though we may not be able to meet all specific requests)

Our team spends an incredible amount of time to make thoughtful decisions about class placements. Parental input, provided in writing or on this form (link below), regarding the educational best interests of their child is valued and will be taken into consideration whenever possible. In September, we will not make class placement changes unless there are extenuating circumstances in which the school team deems it appropriate to do so.

If you would like to provide us with feedback on your child's strengths and needs, you are welcome to complete and submit this form (link at the bottom of this letter), or email the Principal, Colline Johnson cjohnson@sd22.bc.ca, by June 1, 2025.

Please note that the purpose of this form is to provide us with additional information about your child and their learning strengths and needs that would help set your child up for success. Please support the integrity of the process by limiting your requests to the educational interests of your child rather than about choosing favourite teachers, friends, etc.

Any information you choose to share with us on this form will be shared with the Student Placement Team members as appropriate.

Kind regards,
Colline Johnson
Principal

[Link to the form](#)

Full url also below so that it can be copied and pasted if accessing on mobile devices:

<https://forms.office.com/r/dtX5uqeJWM>