BEARS FAMILY BULLETIN

November 9th - 20th, 2026

With gratitude and respect, we acknowledge that we live, learn, and work on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish: T'Sou-ke Nation, SĆIĄNEW (Beecher Bay) Nation, and the Nuu-chah-nulth: Paaʔčiidʔatḥ (Pacheedaht) Nation. We also recognize that some of our schools are located on the traditional territories of the MÁLEXEŁ (Malahat) Nation, and the Lək̓ʷəŋən peoples of Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

Monday 9	• Sushi Lunch (if you ordered)	**Monday 16**	• Sushi lunch (if you ordered)
Tuesday 10	• Sarpinos (if you ordered) • Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30	**Tuesday 17**	• Sarpinos (if you ordered)
Wednesday 11	• Remembrance Day – No School	**Wednesday 18**	• PAC Cookie Day (if you ordered)
Thursday 12	• PAC Popcorn Day • Subway Lunch (if you ordered) • Family Photo sessions in evening	**Thursday 19**	• Subway lunch (if you ordered)
Friday 13	• Fire Drill	**Friday 20**	

Upcoming Dates:

November:
14 – Winter Market 10am-3pm
26 – Early Dismissal 11:30 for Student-Led/Family Conferences
26 – PAC meeting 7pm in the library
27 – Pro D Day – school not in session for students

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https://translate.google.com

ATHLETICS: See link to our school website for dates/times of practices and games here: Sports

DISTRICT OR COMMUNITY NEWS:
Family Smart Resources – see link to register for events:
Monthly Events - FamilySmart

Westshore Parks and Recreation:
https://www.wspr.ca/discover-our-communities/news-notices/rec-report-newsletter-octobernovember-2026
Newsletter Spotlight:

- A Party to Remember - Thank You, Westshore!
- Fall Event: Find Your Perfect Pumpkin at the Mini Pumpkin Patch
- Youth Nights:Connection, Fun and a Place to Belong
- Licensed Preschool: Nurturing a Love of Learning Through Play

Dear Centre Mountain Lellum Families,

It's been a wonderful couple of weeks! I was remiss in mentioning our Band Retreat in the last newsletter. Year 2 of the Band students going to Camp Pringle to learn from master clinicians and then focusing on their instrument was a huge success. I was delighted to visit for a morning to see the learning in action. I was so impressed with the students' dedication and coming together as a group, not to mention the fun they had. A huge thanks to Mr. Siu and the parent volunteers for making this opportunity happen.

We had a fun spirit week, culminating in a Haunted House organized by our Leadership students supported by Ms. Bilous, Ms. Loose and Ms. Bird. It was fun to see so many students dress in costume. Thank you families, for adhering to the costume guidelines so everyone was safe. It sounded like students had a fun Halloween weekend.

Some of our Grade 6 classes are fully engaged in learning about the Salish Sea. It's so amazing to hear what they know about so many aspects of our ocean. Make sure you drop by the Salish Sea exhibit on the Conference day, Nov. 26, in the Art Room to check it out! Some of our Grade 8 classes were learning how to construct forms for pouring concrete from Camosun College Trades outreach program. And, we have started our Cheer Club with lots of interest. Thanks to Island Elite Cheerleading Club for sponsoring this club for the month of November. We're looking forward to having Indigenous role models in to teach our students drumming.

- Pro-D Days and More: Keep the Kids Active During School Breaks
- Active Living: Finding Your Fall Recreation Routine
- Fall Fitness
- Upcoming Holiday Hours

We hope our families had a Feliz dia de los Muertos, wish families a Happy Diwali, and a safe adjustment to our darker mornings as we remain on Daylight Savings time.

SCHOOL NEWS:

Family Photo Fundraiser: Back again this year, and still a few sitting times left on Thursday, Nov. 12 in the Multipurpose room. This is a fundraiser with 100% of the sitting fee ($30) coming directly back to the school. Each family receives a 8x10 print. Families can also order additional packages and itmes (mugs, puzzles, ornaments, holiday cards, etc.). To book your sitting time please visit this link: Centre Mountain Lellum Family Sitting

Nov. 26: Student-Led/Family Conferences:
School will dismiss at 11:30 on this day (buses will be running) for Student-Led/Family Conferences. Your child's teacher will be reaching out very soon to let you know the format of their Informal Learning Updates for their students. We look forward to having our families in the school that afternoon and evening. While you're here, please check out the Scholastic Book Fair in the Library, and the overflowing Lost & Found. Our PAC will also be on site so come by to say hi and check it out.

Scholastic Book Fair: We're having a Scholastic Book Fair on November 20th - November 30th. We will be open during the school day as well as during Student-led Conferences! The new Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Dogman books will be there, so come by before they sell out! Check out the virtual bookfair showcase at this link:
https://www2.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/bookfair/preview-fair/

Hope to see you there!

Winter Market: Nov 14, 10am-3pm: Plan to visit the Centre Mountain Lellum Winter Craft Market. This has been a fabulous market to buy beautiful crafts, treats, and so much more. Come out to do some holiday shopping, enjoy hearing our Band play, and visit our PAC, who will be there selling Purdy's, Night of Lights tickets, and Centre Mountain Lellum Spirit Wear. We sincerely appreciate your support!



School Goals Update: This year, our 3 goals are:

1. *Foster a safe, welcoming, and engaging learning environment where all students feel valued, connected, and experience a strong sense of belonging.*
2. *Strengthen students' number sense (starting with a focus on mastering multiplication/division facts).*
3. *Strengthen students' reading fluency and comprehension*

We have done a survey with students to get information on their sense of belonging in school. We're encouraged to hear that an overwhelming percentage of students feel connected and a sense of belonging. We will continue to work on regular touch points throughout the year as well as opportunities for student-to-student connections.

We have assessed every student in reading fluency, comprehension, and multiplication basic facts. Teachers are focusing on explicit instruction in these areas, and our Learning Assistance team is beginning intervention groups for those students who could benefit from extra instruction and support.

PAC Updates:

Winter Market, November 14 - The PAC is looking for volunteers to help with selling Spirit Wear, stickers, Purdy's and Night of Lights tickets. Can you spare a couple of hours? Sign up here: volunteersignup.org/QKXQE

Spirit Wear - The PAC will be selling black hoodies at the Winter Market. If you're unable to attend the event, don't worry! Spirit Wear will be available to order again in February.

Night of Lights tickets are here! Tickets are just $5 and available through the PAC Hot Lunch site. 100% of proceeds go directly to our school! What is Night of Lights? Hosted by Hillside Mall, this one-night, ticket-holder-only event features exclusive store discounts, live entertainment, tasty treats, and

	AMAZING prizes—including one of three $1,000 shopping sprees! Grab your besties & enjoy a fun night out shopping! Can't attend? You can still enter the draws—just select the correct option on the Hot Lunch site, and we'll enter your tickets for you. **Tickets will be ready by November 18!** **PAC Treat Days** - is currently being offered on Wednesdays, alternating between Kernels Popcorn and Crazy Cookie House. Order items on the PAC Hot Lunch site. **Purdy's -** There's still time to get your orders in for Purdy's. Great for gift giving or stocking stuffers. Consider sharing the campaign with friends, neighbours, and staff rooms. **Thank You's:** Mitchell's Soup **-** Thank you to those that ordered. Packages will go home with students the week of November 9. Gr. 6 Immunizations **-** Thanks to parent volunteers who helped with immunizations. The PAC supplied 200 juice boxes to the Grade 6 students. Leftovers will be donated to the Breakfast Club. Treat Day Volunteers - We ALWAYS appreciate any time you can help picking up, labelling, and delivering treats! **Next PAC meeting date -** Thursday, November 26th at 7:00 PM in the school library. Make sure to like and follow PAC on **Facebook**!