



BEARS FAMILY BULLETIN

October 12-23, 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, SCIANEW (Beecher Bay) Nation, and the Nuu-chah-nulth: Paa'čiid'ath (Pacheedaht) Nation. We also recognize that some of our schools are located on the traditional territories of the MÁLEXEL (Malahat) Nation, and the Lək'wəŋən peoples of Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

Monday 12	Happy Thanksgiving	Monday 19	- Sushi lunch (if you ordered) - Photo Retake Day
Tuesday 13	Sarpinos (if you ordered)	Tuesday 20	- Band to Camp Pringle (Gr. 6/7/8) - Sarpinos (if you ordered) - School Photo order deadline
Wednesday 14		Wednesday 21	Band at Camp Pringle (Gr. 7/8)
Thursday 15	- Subway lunch (if you ordered) - Great Shake-out Earthquake Drill	Thursday 22	- Subway lunch (if you ordered) - Band returns from Camp Pringle
Friday 16		Friday 23	Pro D Day (provincial) - school not in session for students

Upcoming Dates:

October:

29 – PAC meeting 7pm in library

November:

4 – Gr. 6 Immunizations

6 – Let's Get Visible Day

11 – Remembrance Day – school not in session

12 – Family Photo Sessions – stay tuned for more details

14 – Winter Market 10am-3pm

26 – Early Dismissal 11:30/Student-Led Conferences

27 – Pro D Day – school not in session for students

Translate this page:

<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](#)

Annual Pumpkin Smash Fundraiser: The Langford Firefighters Charitable Foundation is excited to invite schools to participate in their Annual Pumpkin Smash Fundraiser on Sunday, November 1, 2026, in support of [Flourish! School Food Society.](#), an organization that provides healthy meals and snacks to thousands of local students.

Dear Centre Mountain Lellum Families,

Happy Thanksgiving weekend! I hope you are enjoying a lovely weekend. I am grateful for the gorgeous autumn we have been having these last couple of weeks. It's so nice to see the students enjoying the outdoors. I'm looking forward to hosting my family for turkey dinner tonight.

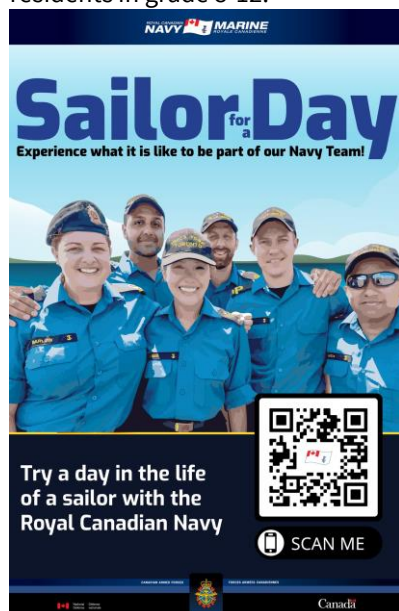
We are full on into learning, and it's been wonderful seeing the students engaged in their subjects, clubs, athletics, and making new friends. Last week we said good-bye to Ms Katie in the office as she took a new career opportunity. We will all miss her smile and warmth in our office. Stay tuned for her replacement to be announced.

SCHOOL NEWS:

School Liaison Officer: You may have seen Kelsi, our school police liaison officer, around the last couple of days. She has been educating our students on the use of e-bikes and e-scooters, ensuring they know the rules. She has reminded them that kids need to be 16 years old to operate an e-scooter, and 14 to use a light e-bike, or 16 to use a standard e-bike. With that, we should not have any of our students riding e-scooters to school. Parents can also be fined. See more here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/cycling/electric-kick-scooter-rules#toolkit>
https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/sta_treg/247_2023

Sailor for a Day: October 23rd (pro d day) Sailor for a Day opportunity. Spots are limited so students are encouraged to register early. This is open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents in grade 8-12.



Westshore Parks and Recreation:

<https://www.wspr.ca/discover-our-communities/news-notices/rec-report-newsletter-october-november-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
- Pro-D Days and More: Keep the Kids Active During School Breaks
- Active Living: Finding Your Fall Recreation Routine
- Fall Fitness
- Upcoming Holiday Hours

Pacific Coast Swimming: Now running programs out of Westhills YMCA on Tuesdays.

Seeking Donations: we are looking for:

- some items for our garden: hand trowels, hand rakes, gardening gloves
- thesaurus in good shape

Any donations can be brought to the office. Thank you!

Halloween Costumes: Halloween can be a fun and exciting time for many of our students. To ensure that celebrations at school are safe and enjoyable for everyone, we kindly ask for your support in helping children follow the School District's guidelines for costumes on Friday, October 30.

While the District does not have an official Halloween policy, we ask all families to follow these guidelines to create a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment:

- Students must be identifiable and visible at all times.
- Masks are not permitted. Face makeup is allowed as long as the student remains easily recognizable.
- Scary clown costumes are not permitted.
- Costumes that depict violence, alcohol, or drugs are not appropriate.
- Fake weapons of any kind are not allowed.
- Costumes should be appropriate for the school environment and must not include provocative elements or questionable props.
- Costumes must allow students to move safely through the school and outdoor spaces.

Please keep in mind that even well-intended costumes can sometimes cause others to feel scared, upset, or excluded. Two guiding questions may help when choosing a costume:

- Does the costume depict or perpetuate a stereotype or stigma associated with a particular race, culture, religion, or gender?
- Could the costume be considered offensive to a particular race, ethnicity, religion, or gender?

We encourage students to choose costumes that are creative, fun, and celebrate imagination while ensuring that everyone feels safe and respected. Thank you for helping us make this Halloween a positive and inclusive experience for all students.

Let's Get Visible Day – Friday, November 6

We will be joining schools across Greater Victoria on Friday, November 6, to celebrate Let's Get Visible Day! Students are encouraged to wear their brightest, most colourful, sparkly, reflective, or light-up outdoor clothing! As the mornings get darker, this fun day reminds us of the importance of being visible and staying safe while walking, biking, or travelling to school. Please note: Any light-up clothing must be turned off while students are inside the school. If your child plans to wear light-up clothing, please remind them of this ahead of time. We look forward to seeing everyone shine bright!

Pumpkinfest Fundraiser: One of our classes has been going to Lohbrunner Community Farm with their little buddy class. They

are participating in a fundraiser – drop by to vote by donation on your favourite pumpkin, every Saturday and Sunday in October from 10-3.



Winter Market: Nov 14 Once again, Centre Mountain Lellum will be hosting a Winter Craft Market. This has been a fabulous market to buy beautiful crafts, treats, and so much more. This year our Band will also be playing. If you're interested in being a vendor at the Winter Market, please fill out this google form: <https://forms.gle/nNsQ9HuQxycwS8ca6> All proceeds from table purchases will go toward supporting the Salish Sea Program for our Grade 6 students. We sincerely appreciate your support!



PAC Updates:

Mitchell's Soup Fundraiser is now ready to order online. Treat yourself to delicious hearty soup, almost ready to go. Link for ordering:

<https://raise.mitchellssoupco.com/centremountainlellumpac/centremountainlellumpac26?a=17&as=k&at=1791319632479>

Centre Mountain Lellum Spirit Wear -- if you missed purchasing spirit wear, it's not too late. Visit the [PAC Hot Lunch site](#) to order yours. Orders will be accepted until Saturday **October 17th, 2026.**

PAC Treat Days -- will be offered on Wednesdays, alternating

between Kernels Popcorn and Crazy Cookie House. Order these on the [PAC Hot Lunch site](#)

Night of Lights tickets are here and just about ready to order. More to come on the [Centre Mountain Lellum Facebook page](#) Tickets are \$5 and will be available to order on the [PAC Hot Lunch site](#)

Next PAC meeting date: Thursday, October 29th at 7:00 PM in the school library.

The best place to stay up to date with PAC events is on their Facebook page: Centre Mountain Lellum PAC.