



BEARS FAMILY BULLETIN

October 26 - Nov. 6, 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 26	- Spirit Week – wear fall colours - Sushi Lunch (if you ordered) - Fall Family Gathering (school families)	Monday Nov. 2	Sushi lunch (if you ordered)
Tuesday 27	- Sarpinos (if you ordered) - Spirit Week - scary hair/accessories	Tuesday 3	- Camosun Trades Day for Gr. 8 - Sarpinos (if you ordered)
Wednesday 28	- PAC Popcorn Day (if you ordered) - Spirit Week – Nightmare Before Christmas (Tim Burton)	Wednesday 4	- Gr. 6 Immunizations - PAC Cookie Day (if you ordered)
Thursday 29	- PAC Meeting 7pm in library - Spirit Week – Deadly Duos	Thursday 5	- Subway lunch (if you ordered) - Fire Drill
Friday 30	- Leadership Haunted House - Students invited to wear costumes (please see below for info on appropriate costumes)	Friday 6	Let's Get Visible Day (info below)

Upcoming Dates:

November:

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.

Westshore Parks and Recreation:

Dear Centre Mountain Lellum Families,

It's hard to believe it's our last week of October! The teaching staff and our Admin team had a Professional Development Day on Friday. This was a province-wide Pro D day. Our teachers engaged in a variety of learning opportunities. I attended a conference hosted by the BC Principals & Vice-Principals Association with a fabulous keynote speaker who engaged us in a talk on resiliency, stress, and hope. It was an energizing day of learning and was lovely to see administrators from across the province come together.

The learning, athletics, and clubs continue to keep us busy and having fun. We welcomed Brianne Brooks as our new front office person replacing Miss Katie. Brianne will be the face behind our school email and the friendly face you see at the front of the office.

Schools across our district, province, and country are seeing an increase in student absences from school. While we know some are excused absences for appointments or illness, there remains a number of students with chronic absences. As you can imagine, this has a significant impact on learning and social/emotional wellness. Please reach out to us for support if this is affecting you so we can work together. Please see the attached document on how to look on MyEd for student attendance.

SCHOOL NEWS:

<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

Volunteers Needed for Nov. 4 in the morning: we are looking for 2 volunteers to help at our Gr. 6 Immunization clinic on Wed. Nov. 4 in the morning. If you can help out, please email VP Toby Owen at towen@sd62.bc.ca to let him know. Thanks to the PAC for providing juice boxes for our students.

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/nNs99HuQxycwS8ca6> 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:

Night of Lights tickets are **ready**. Tickets are \$5 and will be available to order on the [PAC Hot Lunch site](#). 100% of the proceeds go straight to the school. What is NOL? This is a busy and packed event hosted by Hillside Mall. One night where the mall is closed to the public and is open to ticket holders only. The special evening includes stores that offer special discounts, live entertainment, tasty treats, and AMAZING prizes including 1 of 3 \$1000 shopping sprees! Perfect night for your holiday shopping with your besties!

PAC Treat Days -- will be offered on Wednesdays, alternating between Kernels Popcorn and Crazy Cookie House. Order these on the [PAC Hot Lunch site](#)

Spirit Wear -- if you missed purchasing spirit wear, don't fret. We will be offering another round of Spirit Wear in the spring.

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

Make sure to like and follow on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/centremountainlellumpac>