

Crawford Bay School

Winter Newsletter February/March 2026



These months, between the winter and spring holidays, tend to be our most focused learning stretch. Routines are comfortable, and you can feel the momentum in classrooms. It's a good time to check in on goals, build skills, and push a little further, especially with reading, writing, and numeracy. This term is also when we complete our mid-year assessments. These help us check progress, identify where students might need extra support or extra challenge, and plan instruction for the second half of the year. Thank you for your ongoing support, whether it's reading at home, helping your child be ready and grounded for each school day, or encouraging them when learning feels hard. It all matters, and it shows. You may have noticed the school feeling especially busy after 2:45. We have a full slate of after-school activities, and it's great to see students trying new things, showing commitment, and building confidence. A sincere thank you to the staff, coaches, and mentors for making these opportunities possible. That so many are making these programs happen says a ton about our community.

Winter also gives us some of our best outdoor learning. Even on colder days, getting outside helps students regulate, connect with the season, and learn in ways that stick. Swim and Whitewater days have been so fun! Learning to be competent swimmers, skiers, and snowboarders builds mental and physical confidence and strong connections.

Please let us know if your child needs a new extra-warm coat or other gear, as we have a supply in our Community Closet. As always, reach out to your child's teacher or me if there are ways we can boost our support of your child's learning.

Victoria

After-School Sports and Arts Programs

Drama- Theatre is thriving at our school! **The 12 Huntsman**, directed by Sarah Delpont and her crew, Willow, Ellie, & Ms. Kristy, promises to be a hilarious performance with high drama and very surprising plot twists. Tickets available! Details below.



Art- Alana, Willow, Ms. Schalm, Joli & Cathy have all had fun with the art crowd. They've done watercolour, amazing acrylic designs, beading, papier- mache and more.



Pottery - Owen and Victoria are loving the enthusiasm and creativity in pottery. Please see the flier later in the newsletter about how adults can get in on the action.



Badminton: Rebecca, Jenn, Julie, Tanya, and others are building badminton mania in our school. It is so cool to see the kids' skills develop along with their camaraderie.



Next up - Golf, Soccer and STEM Club!

Calendar

February 6

- Ab Ed shared lunch of elk and bison stew, veggie stew, corn bread & apple crumble.

February 23-27

- **Spirit Week** -see details on the Student Club page

February 24

- Director Ben Eaton to meet with staff, students, and parents to consult re. next school principal.
- Parent meeting: 2:30-3:30 library.

March 6-7

- The 12 Huntsman Performances- see below for details
- March 16-27- Spring Break

PAC Update

- Typically, meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, but due to spring break, the next one is on March 11th
- Huge, huge thanks to PAC for funding a new projector for our desktop lab!
- If you can, please make extra starts for our annual spring plant sale - details below
- Hot Lunch Survey- please fill in the 3-minute survey to be entered into a draw for a PRIZE!
- Hot Lunch Survey

Wolf Pack Update



The Wolfpack class has been busy learning, creating, and laughing together this winter. Students have been bringing “The Wild Robot” to life through dramatic play and imaginative retellings, sharing their ideas as growing readers and writers, and building a kind, caring classroom community. Outdoor learning has been a highlight with sunny walks in the snow, sledding together, and continuous laughter along the way.

Mr. O’Flynn

Otter Class



In literacy the Otters are fine tuning grammar while learning about what makes personal narratives both clear and interesting. They are currently working on sequencing, which is helpful when describing the specific steps for accomplishing a task! Ozobots have been a hit in ADST, and last week’s snowfall was a perfect opportunity for a snow-fort building competition!!

In math, we have been learning to tell time - but we sure could use some practice at home because this skill takes practice! We’ve been working our way across Canada, studying the provinces and cultures that impact those places. Next stop -Manitoba.

Ms. Hilde and Ms. Delport

Grizzly Class Updates

GRIZZLY GRATITUDE

Dear PAC,
Thank you for generously buying the "Wonder" book for our class. We are super thankful that you got these books for us because we can read a great book together, improve our reading skills, improve our writing, and most of all, work together as a class. We are super excited because we will be able to watch the Wonder movie once we complete the novel. Thank you so much! Our class is very excited to read this book in class!



Dear PAC!
Thank you for the wonderful projector you plan to purchase - it will make working in the computer lab so much easier! It will make playing games, such as Blokket and Kahoot, possible, as we can't play in our classroom because we don't have our own devices. It will also benefit all the classes, not just ours. Thank you, PAC! We really appreciate the awesome projector... and it will make our teacher very happy!



Dear Cooks & Volunteers,
Thank you for the amazing Hot Lunch Program! We are very grateful for the delicious and affordable food you provide every week. We appreciate all the hard work and time you put into cooking for us every day. We enjoy every piece of food that you wonderful people make for us, and the fresh garden veggies in the salad bar. Thank you, cooks, volunteers, and the P.A.C. for the Hot Lunch Program.



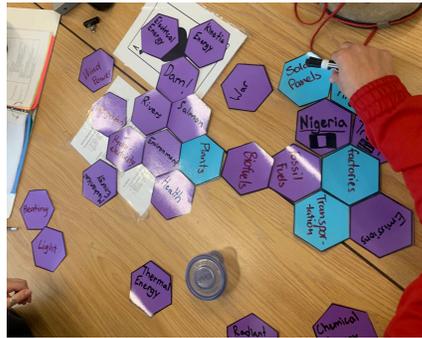
Osprey Class

science & math

Energy Explorations

Here we are, designing sustainable communities, circuits, and types of energy.

Ukulele hangs in the cozy corner



Vitamin C Labs and Annishnabee knowledge keeper helping us explore phytochemicals and the honourable harvest.



Outside, nature journaling in the rare sun rays or celebrating the new snow



CLUB UPDATES:

Leadership Club

Spirit Week! February 23-27

- Feb. 23, Monday: Dress as a Historical Figure or Celebrity
- Feb. 24, Tuesday: Wear all the colours in the Rainbow
- Feb 25, Wednesday: Fun Fun Hair Day
- Feb. 26, Thursday: Anything But a Backpack Day (Bring your things to school in anything but a backpack)
- Feb. 27, Friday: Staff/Student Switch Up - students dress as staff, staff dress as students



Leadership get-away: We went to Creston to connect with students from across the district, where we learned more about mental health challenges, what wellness can look like, and supports in our schools.

Staff v. Student Dodgeball!

Well, the staff lost, but we sure had fun!



Green Team

Students from the Grizzly and Osprey classes meet monthly with students and staff from across our district to explore sustainability themes such as "small actions- big impacts," reducing energy & waste, learning from the land, and more. This work aims to increase student input into district initiatives and student leadership in schools. Stay tuned as we get ready for Earth Days



Crawford Bay School Reuses & Recycles!

Thanks to Angie from the Recycle Depot for teaching us, & Candy for making sure we do it right, we've **reduced the amount of garbage going from our school into the landfill by 50%**! Our **Community Closet** is another way we make a difference. We have a supply of donated gently used clothes & gear so kids can get what they need right in the school.

We collect:

- Flexible plastic
- Glass jars
- Metal & Plastic Containers
- Styrofoam
- Card board
- Juice boxes
- Drink Returnables
- Paper

Huge thanks to our staff, who bring it all to the depot!



Our Compost goes into our school garden in the spring and fall, and in the winter gets taken to a very happy herd of goats!



Thanks to our **Green Team**, a group of gr. 5-10 students who gather once a month to plan, learn, and contribute.
* None of this work is possible without Candy's leadership!

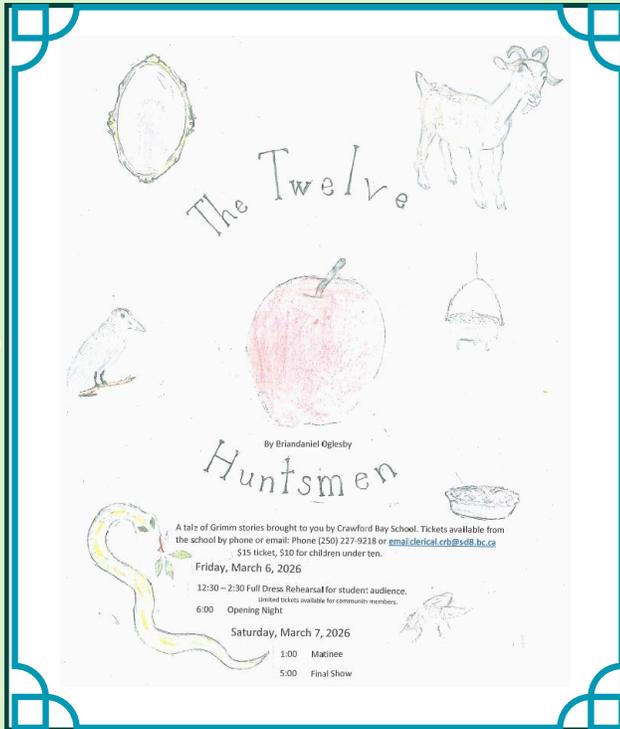


Lunch Clubs

Staff & Students lead lunch activities:

- Music
- Gym games
- Leadership
- Basketball
- SOGI
- Pottery
- Library

The 12 Huntsmen



High Drama!
Hilarity!
Confounding Plot Twists!

Tickets on sale now for:

Friday, March 6, 6 PM

Saturday, March 7 at 1:00 PM & 5:00 PM

Pizza for sale one hour before evening shows

Evening
Pottery
workshop at
the school.
A fundraiser
for our school
ceramics
program

6-week Pottery Workshop at Crawford Bay School with Riondel Pro Potter Owen & Learning Potter Victoria

ALL LEVELS WELCOME

6:30 - 8:00 PM on Tuesdays:

- February 24,
- March 3
- March 10
- March 31
- April 7
- April 14

A fundraiser for our school pottery program

\$210 -one bag of clay & all tools provided
Extra clay can be purchased.

Maybe you have a project in mind, or just want to play with clay. We will meet you where your interests are. We even have a few wheels available to practice throwing.

Email to register
victoria.mcallister@sdb.bc.ca

Spring Fling Market

We're partnering with the awesome Youth Group for the 2nd Annual Spring Fling Market Event!

(Do you remember the dunk tank last year? I do 😊)

We are looking for plants -
veggie starts, perennials,
bulbs, herbs, shrubs, exotic
house plants for our sale.

CRAWFORD BAY SPRING FLING MAY 23RD

What to expect:

- An amazing lunch!
 - Bake Sale and Craft Tables
 - Flower, veg & herb starts & perennials for sale
 - Hanging flower baskets
 - A car show, but broader
- think fantastic bikes, go carts, and of course, all manner of vehicles!

Want to help? We're looking for:

- Plant donations (starts and perennials). Perhaps just add a few extras to your own starts or share some of your great perennials
- Book donations (gently used)

Bring donations to the school anytime in May

Questions or to volunteer, please email Angie at angieclarke8@gmail.com

10 AM-3 PM, SAT, MAY 23 - CRAWFORD BAY HALL
ANOTHER GREAT COLLABORATION WITH THE SCHOOL AND THE YOUTH GROUP!