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June 2026 Newsletter

Summer Holidays on the Horizon

The final bell has almost rung and the concerns about "summer slide" are creeping into the minds of educators and families. However, Summer Holidays for elementary students don't have to be a choice between academics and two months of mindless screen time. The secret to a great summer? Balance. It's about finding that sweet spot between organized activities and the "productive boredom" that sparks true creativity. Here are some ideas that might help.

Embrace the "Sneaky" Learning

The best summer learning can feel like a game, not a chore. Cooking is just math and science in a tasty disguise. Have your child double a recipe to practice fractions or observe how yeast rises. The local libraries run summer reading programs with prizes. Grab a cheap notebook and head to a local park. Ask them to sketch one bug, one leaf, and one bird they see. It builds observation skills and patience.

The Power of "I'm Bored"

Boredom is actually the nursery of invention. When a child is "bored," they are forced to use their imagination. Whether it's building a fort out of couch pillows or creating a new sport in the backyard using a broom and a tennis ball, these moments develop problem-solving skills that a worksheet simply can't touch.

Community Connections

Summer is the perfect time to strengthen social ties outside of the school hallways. Meeting up with classmates at a local playground helps maintain social connections, making the transition back to school in September much smoother. Simple volunteer work can include helping pick up litter at a park or sorting cans for a food drive can foster a sense of civic duty.

Here's to a summer of growth, rest, and just the right amount of dirt under the fingernails!

Upcoming Events & Dates

- June 2 Support Staff Appreciation Day
- June 3 PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Library
- June 18 PAC Year End BBQ 4:30-6:30 pm
- June 19 National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 25 Summative Learning Updates published
- June 25 Gr 7 Moving Up Ceremony & Year End Assembly at 11:15 am
- June 25 Last day of school - dismissal at 12:34 pm
- Sept 8 First Day of School 10:30 am - 12:34 pm
- Sept 21 Pro-D Day - no school for students
- Sept 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - no school
- Oct 12 Thanksgiving Day - no school
- Oct 23 Pro-D Day - no school for students
- [SD #73 School Calendar for 2026/2027](#)
- [SD #73 School Calendar for 2027/2028](#)
- [SD #73 School Calendar for 2028/2029](#)

Learning Updates Overview

- **1st** Point of Contact: Classroom Connections - Nov 6th
- **2nd** Point of Contact: Written Learning Updates published - Dec 12th
- **3rd** Point of Contact: Written Learning Updates - March 11th
- **4th** Point of Contact: Interim Report - May 8th
- **5th Point of Contact: Summative Written Learning Updates published - June 25th**

Final Learning Updates

Summative Written Learning Updates (Final Report Cards) will be published to the [MyEd BC Parent Portal](#) on the morning of June 25th. I encourage you to login to the Parent Portal and ensure that your login and password are up to date. For more information and support on how to access the Parent Portal or to reset your password, visit our [website](#). If you would like a paper copy of the Summative Written Learning Update, please contact your child's teacher.

Open Parachute Learning Moment

This month's Open Parachute Learning Moment shares ideas around [How to Build Strong Communication](#) patterns with your child. We hope that this 5 minute learning opportunity will give some ideas that will work for your family.

Last Day of School

Thursday, June 25th is the last day of school and will dismiss at 12:34 pm. The afternoon bus will run two hours earlier than the typical schedule.

Intermediate Track & Field

We sent 84 students to the Zone Track & Field Meet and 41 students to the District Track & Field Meet. This is a huge accomplishment for a school of our size. It was wonderful to see how Rayleigh students carried themselves at these large events. We are so thankful for the countless hours that Ms. Hassall & Mrs. Tweed put into organizing this season.

Library Books

It was a great year of reading at Rayleigh Elementary! Now it's time to collect all of the books. June 4th is the last day for students to check out books. After that point, the race is on to see which classes will be the first to return their books. The top 3 classes that return all their library books, or pay any outstanding fines, receive a special treat from Mrs. Sauer. All classes receive a small prize if they return all their library books or pay any outstanding fines. Please return **ALL** borrowed books by Friday, June 12th. Thank you!

Volunteer Appreciation Social

We are extremely grateful for the tremendous community support that we receive and our school is putting on a Volunteer Appreciation Social on Friday, May 29th at 1:45 pm in the Library to recognize and thank you. If you are someone who has helped out around the school (field trip driver, lunch hour supervisor, classroom helper, hot lunch helper, PAC member, athletic coach, etc.) please save the date and join us for a few treats and special performances from students.



Lunch Hour Supervisors

Thank you to the fantastic team of lunch hour supervisors who have supported our school this year. Darci Sutherland, Nicole Teare, Jessica Galbraith, Karen Enns & Jenn Marple have done a tremendous job and we are so thankful for their work. If you are interested in joining our lunch hour supervision team in September, please contact Mrs. Maskell in the office.

Grade 7 Moving Up Ceremony and Year End Assembly

On June 25th at 11:15 am, we will be celebrating our Grade 7s in a Moving Up Ceremony that includes baby photos, a procession and encouraging words for each Grade 7 student. After this, we will move directly into our Year End Assembly as we recap the accomplishments of the school year and acknowledge the hard work of students and staff members. We will have limited seating at the back of the gym and families are welcome to attend.

Intermediate Hallway Display



PAC News

The PAC encourages everyone to join us Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:30 pm in the Library for the last PAC meeting of the school year. Childminding is available in the gym by donation.

Sunday, May 31st is our Community Garage Sale. Thank you to everyone who has supported the PAC by purchasing a spot on the digital map or booking a spot in the school parking lot.

The year end PAC BBQ is on June 18th. Please watch for more details coming soon.