Thank You! - Thanks very much to the parents who were able to help transport us to Mount Washington and joined us while hiking Paradise Meadows. It was a bit drizzly on this day but the boys and girls were true adventurers and completed the eight kilometers with positive attitudes and an appreciation for our beautiful nature.

Planners - Excellent work with the planners, students and parents😊! Most students have their planners back each day and are efficiently using it as an organizational tool to remember homework assignments and other important events. We are using the planner to write our spelling words in each Monday. We are also using the planner to record Home Reading. I have asked students, using the calendar pages, to write down the name of the book they were reading, number of pages or chapters read and have a parent initial. For each day of Home Reading, students get a ticket and their name into a monthly prize draw.

Puntledge Hatchery trip - We will be studying Pacific Salmon throughout the school year as well as raising salmon in our room (Coho . . the eggs come in January). On Thursday, October 23rd we will be going on a trip to the Puntledge Hatchery to kick off our year of learning about salmon. Likely it will be raining; therefore, please ensure your son/daughter is dressed warm with rain gear, boots and a hat. Our tour is at 12:40 pm so we will leave the classroom by 12:10 pm. If the weather is not too extreme, we will stop at Puntledge Park to check out the Jack Hames Channel to see the salmon running. Permission slips will come home this week and need to be returned by Tuesday the 21st please. Please indicate if you can help drive/supervise on this trip.

Language Arts - We are reading short stories from our Nelson Literacy books as well as working on various creative writing pieces that correspond with our stories. We are presently working on an essay 'Our Favourite Place'. Throughout the year we will work on our spelling program as well as handwriting and keyboarding skills.

Math - We are in the middle of our first unit, Numeration and Place Value (includes addition, subtraction, number facts, reading and understanding larger numbers). Having a good grasp of number facts is crucial in being successful in many other areas of Math. A couple times per week we will participate in fact drills as well as a variety of other number fact games. You can support your son/daughter by providing activities at home that encourage him/her to become more familiar with addition, subtraction and multiplication facts. Also, check out the Math site links on the 'Homework' page of our class blog (ourforest.edublogs.org).

Bike Rodeo - The Grades 3 to 5 students of Cumberland School are so fortunate to be getting the opportunity to learn some bike safety skills from the Comox Valley Cycling Coalition next Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30. Students should bring their bike to school this day along with helmet and wear weather-proof outdoor clothing. If your child doesn't have a mechanically sound bike for this morning, please send me an email.
Cumberland Community School Open House - Our first Open House as a combined campus is next Tuesday evening from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Please come say 'hello' and take a tour!

**Halloween Activities . . .**

👩‍🏫 Each student needs to bring their own small pumpkin (about the size of your child’s head) for Wednesday, October 29th. We need them first thing in the morning. We will be using the pumpkins for Language Arts, Math and Art activities. Please do not buy them too soon so they stay fresh, thanks! Size is important as the boys and girls will be doing much of the work, including the carving, themselves.

🎃 On Halloween Day, Friday, October 31st we will be having a day of Halloween crafts and games with our Little Buddies in Mrs. Meyer’s class. If you are able to spend some time at school this day between 8:50 and 11:55 am helping with a centre, please let me know.

้น Cumberland El. primary students are encouraged to dress in Black and Orange for this day and should not wear a costume to school. So that the children understand this request, school staff let them know this is so that their costume stays intact for the evening’s festivities. Our reasons also are because not all students have access to costumes which causes discomfort for some.

🎃 Please don’t allow your son/daughter to bring their Halloween candy to school. On Halloween Day Mrs. Meyer and I will have adequate treats! Also, as we are expected to follow the “B.C. Healthy Schools” model, the days following Halloween I will encourage the boys and girls to bring Halloween treats such as chips or nuts with their snack/lunch. Thanks for your support😊!

Art Portfolios – I still have a few students who haven’t sent $3.00 for a Hilroy scrapbook (already purchased) to be used for our Art Portfolios this year. If you have done so, disregard this message and thank you. If you haven’t, your child has written a planner message, please and thanks.

**Upcoming dates to remember are:**
- Oct. 17 - Individual Photo Day
- Oct 21 - Bike Rodeo, 9:30-11:30 am
- Oct 21 - Open House 5:30-7:00 pm
- Oct. 22 - PLC Day, 12:30 dismissal
- Oct. 23 - trip to Puntledge Hatchery
- Oct. 24 - Pro-D Day; no school

Thanks for your support!

Pam Twin, Div. 6 Teacher