We are really down to our final weeks! There are a lot of field trips and special activities happening! 😊 Thanks very much to the parents that were able to help out for our trip to Errington’s North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre and Coombs Market. Also, congrats to those committed students who did a wonderful job with the Maypole Dance at Empire Days on Monday! Please see our blog (ourforest.edublogs.org) to view the Maypole performance.

Neat Guests! . . . A few days ago the amazing Pacifica Uke Group came to perform for the students. This is a Grades 5-12 school Ukulele choir from Campbell River. Yukon Dan came to visit classes and show how gold panning was done in the old days . . . so much fun!

Science – At present we are doing a unit on Trees. We are learning about the various species of trees in the area, the lifecycle of the tree and anatomy of a tree. We will be doing various visits to our school forest as well as the community forest.

**In a week or so we will be doing a Seaweed study as well as looking at Marine Invertebrates, Eelgrass and the various ocean ‘communities’. As mentioned previously, I will be taking the students to Willow Point Beach to do a rocky beach shoreline study on Wednesday, June 3rd, a spring low tide day. We will leave the school at 10:40 am and be back for 2:40 pm dismissal. Students should wear layered clothing, a hat and sun screen. As we have to do some wading and walking through rocky and slippery areas, students must wear sturdy footwear, i.e. running shoes that can get wet, Croc-type shoes are good, Keen sandals or rubber boots; no flip-flops please. Students should have a nutritious lunch and water.

Math – We are starting a new unit, Fractions and Decimals. We will also be doing some number patterns and as always, continue to reinforce number facts we have worked hard on all year!

Band Concert – Mr. Ball and Ms. Graves are hosting a Band Concert in the Beaufort gym on Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:30. The students of Division 6 are invited to participate. Students should be there by 6:15. See Mr. Ball (email ‘gary.ball@sd71.bc.ca’) for more information.

Lewis Park and Pool – On Friday, June 12th we had plans to do a ‘Storm Drain Marking’ project but the kit is no longer available so an alternate trip is planned. We will take the bus to Lewis Park Pool to swim from 10:00 to 11:00 pm, have lunch and a play in the park. Following, we have been invited to get a mini cone from Hot Chocolates and we will then take the bus back to school for a 2:05 return. Trip notes to come out soon.

Primary Beach Day- All Kindergarten to Grade 3 (my 4s) boys and girls will travel to Airforce Beach via school bus on Tuesday, June 16th. Students need to wear appropriate beach clothes (swim suit, shorts, tops, hat, sandals, jacket) and sun screen. We will have lifeguards a portion of the time. Students are welcome to bring small-size beach toys. Permission slips and more info will come out soon.

Village Park Water Toy - We will walk to Cumberland’s Village Park water toy on Friday, June 19th with our Little Buddies (Mrs. Meyer’s Kindergarten class). We will leave in the morning at 9:00 am and return about 1:00 pm. Students should wear water clothes, i.e. bathing suit, shorts, etc. They should also bring a towel and a change of clothes and good walking shoes. Mrs. Meyer
and I will be providing a picnic lunch for the students but they should bring along their own morning snack.

**Health and Careers** – I like to do ‘Career Days’ toward the end of the school year. If you have a career (professional, business, trade, service etc.) that you would be willing to share with the students please indicate below** which day and time works best for you and I will contact you to confirm. I am looking for about a ten-to-fifteen-minute presentation on either Wednesday, June 17th or Thursday, June 18th. Students respond well to ‘visuals’ i.e. a poster, sharing a uniform, tools etc. which often make the presentation even more interesting. Students will also have cues for questions they are to ask! (As this newsletter is electronic, please send me an email with the info below).

Division 6 Career Days - June 17th and 18th

**_____ Yes. I would be willing to share my job as a ____________________________________________.

Wednesday, June 17th _____ or Thursday, June 18th _____ Preferred Time: __________

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parent name email address

**Fun Day** – Please remember that Cumberland Elementary annual ‘Fun Day’ is on Tuesday, June 23rd from recess until home time. If you are able to help out for this day, please leave your name at the office or send me an email and I’ll pass it along.

**Year-end Assembly and last day** - Our Cumberland Community School Year-end Awards Assembly is on the afternoon of June 24th at 1:00 pm in the Beaufort gym. Thursday, June 25th is the last day of school. Students will be dismissed at 11:45 and will receive their report cards at this time.

There is one more PLC early dismissal date, this Wednesday, May 27th at 12:30 pm.

Please keep checking and sharing the blog. There are new posts, i.e. Maypole Dance, the Wildlife Recovery Centre and our Nepal fundraiser. ‘ourforest.edublogs.org’

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