

Our News...



Happy February from Blueberry! B.C.C.S. is back in full swing after the holidays and the workshops and specials events that took place in January went well! Special thanks to our guests including Arlee Venier from the Castlegar & District Library for coming to read to the children for Family Literacy Day and Jerri Schmidt from the West Kootenay Infant Development Program for facilitating the baby massage workshop. Thanks also to Liz Amaral for bringing Gordon Neufeld's Power to Parent workshop to B.C.C.S.! Reminder to everyone that our community school will be closed for cleaning March 12-16. We will re-open on Monday, March 19th.



Above: Blueberry Buds daycare kids enjoying the snowy January.



Above: Kid's Creations!

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Community Events...

Kindergarten Registration 2012-2013 School Year

When: Feb. 6-10 2012
 Parents of children who turn 5 years old between **January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012** may register their child during the week of **February 6 to 10, 2012** in Kindergarten to enter school in **September, 2012**. Parents are asked to bring with them their **child's birth certificate and BC Care Card**. For more information see the School District website: <http://www.sd20.bc.ca/>

Bluegrass Music Night

Enjoy an evening of Bluegrass music performed by the best in the area. Bring your own instrument and get in the line up for your turn to share your bluegrass talents.

Date: Friday, February 24th
7:00—9:30 p.m.

Location: Gym

Ages: all

Cost: FREE



SHSS OMEGA THEATRE PRESENTS LES MISERABLES

The students at S.H.S.S. High School will be performing Les Miserables (school edition) on Fri. Feb 17th at 7pm, Sat. Feb 18th at 7pm and Sun Feb 19th at 2pm. Tickets are \$10 for Seniors and Students and \$12 for Adults. They are available at the Castlegar Library & Bagels and Brew. Contact Laura at shss.lesmiz@gmail.com for info.

Our Programs...

Blueberry StrongStart

Happy February! Join us in the gym on Tuesday, Feb. 14th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 for our Valentine's Day party. Please bring a nut-free snack to share.

StrongStart is free, fun, and five days per week—every morning from 8:30 am to 11:30 am except Tuesdays when we open in the afternoon from noon to 3pm. Every Tuesday and Friday, we go to the gym after snack!

We will have a new set of resource bins arriving, so come out to StrongStart and check out the new display. Up to three resources can be borrowed at a time. Our next set will be **Parenting**. For more information, contact Hayley, the programme facilitator, at 250-365-7201.

Below: Budding Artists in our StrongStart Centre



February in the Blueberry Play to Learn Preschool...

The preschool will be learning about the spirit of friendship this month.

On the 13th and 14th of February, the classes will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a friendship themed potluck party. Preschool parents, mark your calendars! The preschool will also be celebrating Flag Day on Feb. 15th and 16th.

Classified Ads

Want to spread the news about your new or existing business? Need someone to shovel your snow or clean your house? Why not place an ad in our newsletter? \$5 for a small ad, \$10 for a 1/3 page, \$20 for 1/2 page or \$50 for a full page.



Castlegar's 40 Buck Computer Fix
No Fix, No Fee
email: brad@pctherapy.ca

New ideas?

Do you have an idea for a new class or program for B.C.C.S? Bring your ideas and suggestions to Alana at the office 250-365-7201 or email amedeiros@sd20.bc.ca. We are community-centered and will work with you to make your ideas become a reality.

Dinners at Home

If you find that cooking for just one, or leading a very busy life preventing you from eating right then we may have a solution for you. Ministry of Health Regional Food Services is providing us with low cost meals that anyone in the community can purchase.

These nutritious and very tasty dinners come in a variety of choices. Phone Alana at 365-7201 to order.

Bluegrass Jam Night—For Bluegrass enthusiasts

Bring your instrument or singing voice and practice and jam in a fun and relaxed environment. Open to all ages and stages who like Bluegrass.

Date: Thursdays - February 9th & 23rd 7:00—9:30 p.m.
Location: Boardroom **Ages:** all **Cost:** FREE

Retirees Coffee

Enjoy a visit over coffee/tea and goodies, play a game of cribbage or just catch up with friends and neighbors. Door prize! Free blood pressure checks.

Date: Monday, February 13th at 10:00am **Location:** Boardroom
Ages: all **Cost:** FREE

Are you on facebook?

BCCS facebook group members receive regular updates Friday night movies and parenting workshops. It is an open group, search "Blueberry Creek Community School" on facebook.com



Blueberry Creek Community School Hub

Blueberry Boot Camp

You were going to get around to it sooner or later, well here it is! Whether you want to lose those last 10 pounds, tone up or just have more energy, this is the class for you. We'll do some cardio, toning and strength, and some good old corework. All ages and fitness levels welcome.

Instructor: Lynn Kenneway
Time: Mon. & Thurs. 6-7 pm
Location: Gym
Cost: \$5.00 per class



BLUEBERRY CREEK GYM RENTAL



Looking for a fantastic place for your child's birthday party or other event? Why not rent our gymnasium complete with mats, climbing equipment and the use of kitchen facilities? Tables and chairs also provided.

Contact Alana at 250-365-7201 for available times, dates and rates!

Also ideal for meetings, community events, showers and dances!



Play to Learn Preschool: Our child-centered, play based pre-school and kindergarten readiness program will give your child the skills they need to be successful in school. Manager Lori Fowler and Roz Cook will continue to provide ECE qualified teachings for your 2 -1/2 to 5 year olds.

Dates/Times:

Tues and Thurs 9:00 - 11:30 and 12:30 - 3:00

Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00 - 11:30

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Location: School - Room 1 **Cost:** 2 days/wk \$95/mo. 3 days/wk \$125/mo.

Blueberry Buds Daycare:

Quality licensed care for your children aged 3 to 5. Blueberry Buds promotes creativity and caring through emergent curriculum, circle time, crafts and indoor and outdoor free play.

Date: Monday to Friday

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: School - Room 2

Cost: \$30/day or \$16/half (4 hrs before 1pm or after preschool)



StrongStart:

StrongStart is a parent-caregiver participation program for children from birth to age 5. This free drop-in program follows the seasons with weekly themes and related activities. Families join facilitator Hayley Mattes for daily activities including arts & crafts, science and nature, imagination play, snack, circle (stories, songs and rhymes), gym, music and movement, parent-caregiver workshops and more! This program is funded by the Ministry of Education.

Dates/Times:

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:30 - 11:30am

Tuesdays 12:00 - 3:00pm

Location: Portable

Cost: FREE



After School Care: Kindergarten to grade 7 students attending our after-school program will participate in cooking, games, crafts and lots of outside time with high quality supervision. Ask about our new family discounts. Call 304-3860 to register.

Date: Monday to Friday

Time: 2:30 to 6:00

Location: Firehall

Registration: 304-3860

Cost: gr K-7 = \$18/day or \$6.50/hr.(\$30/pro-d).

Manager: Terri Youngblut

Big Kids Night:

Blueberry's own movie theatre. Children can enjoy a movie with their friends while Mom and Dad enjoy some quiet time at home. Candy concession.

Supervisors: Christine Schmidt and Cindy Cropley

Date: Fri., Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24

Time: 6:30 - 8:00

Cost: FREE

Ages: Kindergarten to grade 5



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Teen TGIF Night:

Let your child get together with their friends. Lots of supervision in a positive environment. Remember to send some pocket money for treats. Teens are encouraged to stay on-site until at least 9:30.

Supervisor: Christine Schmidt & Cindy Cropley.

Date: Fri., Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24

Time: 8:00—10:00

Cost: FREE

Ages: gr 6 & up—no exceptions

We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia for our Blueberry Patch Afterschool Care Program, Blueberry Buds Daycare, Play to Learn Preschool and our Friday Night Children and Teen Programs.

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