



# Sea View's—A Peek

## At Our Week

Week of: Sept 25—29

### Events


**Monday, Sept. 25th—PAC Meeting**—Our first PAC meeting of the year will be at 6pm in the school library. If you have any questions about PAC please email [seaviewpac@hotmail.com](mailto:seaviewpac@hotmail.com)

**Friday, Sept. 29th—Orange Shirt Day**—We ask students to come to school in orange shirts to acknowledge that residential schools are a part of our history. It is an opportunity to discuss the effects of residential schools.

**Terry Fox donations are due to the school on Friday, Sept. 29th**

### Information Centre

⇒ School grounds are closed to the public during school hours. Before coming onto school property please report to the office. If you need to speak with your child we will call them down.

 ⇒ **Our school is a scent free facility. Please help us keep the air we share healthy and scent-free.**



⇒ Students should make their after school plans in the morning before school.

⇒ Please ensure you are sending your child with all necessary utensils and condiments for eating their lunch.

⇒ Our school is no longer a nut free environment.

**If you child will be missing school for any reason please call the school at 250-284-3315 or email [sves@sd85.bc.ca](mailto:sves@sd85.bc.ca)**



### Upcoming Events

Monday October 2—National Day for Truth & Reconciliation—Schools are closed

Friday October 6—Field trip to Beaver Lake

Monday October 9—Thanksgiving Day—Schools are closed

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## Vancouver Island North School District No. 85

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September 2023

Dear Parent:

**Re: Fair Notice Letter**

The Board of Education has a responsibility to establish expectations of student conduct in schools as part of its governance role for the District. The Board believes that the responsibility for creating a safe, caring and orderly learning environment must be shared among students, staff and parents. To support these aims, the Board has established both a District Code of Conduct for Students, and procedures for Child Protection, Suicide/Sudden Death Protocol, Lockdown Protocol, Threat Assessment Protocol and Social Media Protocol for all schools.

School staff are responsible for consistently supporting and applying the District and School Code of Conduct. This involves actively teaching and encouraging the positive expectations we hold for all students. Schools are to be free from discrimination due to race, religion, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation as set out in the BC Human Rights Code.

The Vancouver Island North School District is dedicated to the creation and maintenance of school environments where all students, parents, staff, and visitors feel safe. In keeping with this commitment, we have also established a District protocol for dealing with threats to members of the school community, and/or school facilities. When knowledge of a significant threat is made, each school's Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) will complete an appropriate assessment for the specific incident. The purpose of the threat assessment is to:

1. Determine if the threat is widespread and/or needs specialized intervention (including confiscation of personal electronic devices)
2. Ensure the safety of the individual(s) who has been threatened
3. Determine the best way to support the high risk student who has made the threat so his/her behaviour does not become hurtful or destructive
4. Act in a timely and fair manner as set out in the District Policy for Codes of Conduct.

There are situations when a child or youth shares with her/his parents' information concerning a student in their school who is behaving in a threatening manner. As important members of our school community, you are encouraged to share such information with a staff member at your child's school. Should you, as a parent, be invited to attend a meeting to discuss safety concerns regarding your child, please be assured that the goal of this meeting is to primarily ensure safety.

A Parent Information Bulletin regarding the *Threat Assessment Protocol: Fair Notice* is provided with this letter, for further information.

With your assistance, we will ensure that each student in our schools is safe, so we can create the most enabling learning environments for all students.

Should you have further questions or concerns, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

*C. MacDonald*

Ms. Christina MacDonald, Superintendent of Schools

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School District 85, Vancouver Island North is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, and others feel safe. Schools cannot ignore any threat of violence.

*What is a threat?*

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet, or made by gesture.

*Duty to report*

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, students, and community members must report all threat-related behaviours to the school principal.

*What is the purpose of a student threat assessment?*

The purposes of a student threat assessment are:

- To ensure and promote the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents, the student making the threat, and others.
- To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat.
- To understand the factors contributing to the person of concern's (threat-maker's) behavior.
- To be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the person of concern.
- To promote the emotional and physical safety of all.

*What behaviours warrant a Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment to be initiated?*

A student threat assessment will be initiated for behaviours including, but not limited to:

- Verbal/written threats to harm/kill others ("clear, direct, and plausible")
- Threats made via social media to harm, kill, or cause serious property damage
- Serious violence or violence with intent to harm and kill
- Indicators of suicidal ideation as it relates to fluidity (homicidal/suicidal)
- Weapon possession (including replicas)
- Bomb threats (or possession/detonation of devices)
- Hate incidents motivated by factors including, but not limited to race, culture, religion, and/or sexual orientation
- Sexual intimidation, sextortion, extortion or assault
- Domestic, interpersonal, relational violence
- Gang-related intimidation and violence
- Fire setting (contextual)

*Collection Notice*

The school district is subject to personal information privacy laws and will undertake the collection of this information in compliance with the requirements of such laws, including by limiting collection to information that is relevant and necessary to address a risk or threat and by ensuring that information is collected from publicly available open source social media sites. The School District will not collect information as part of a threat assessment unless there is reason to believe that a risk exists. Information collected as part of a threat assessment may be provided to law enforcement authorities in appropriate circumstances.

*What Do Parents and Students Need to Know?*

- Any threat must be reported to the school principal.
- Investigation may involve the student services counsellor, the police, or other community agencies.
- Investigation may involve locker or property searches.
- Interviews will be held with the person of concern and other students or adults who may have information about the threat.
- Parents of students who are directly involved will be notified.
- Threatening behavior may result in disciplinary action.
- An intervention plan may be developed for the student making the threat and support plan developed for any individuals targeted by threats.