



HELPING YOUR CHILDREN LEARN

We bring you ideas and opportunities to help your child be successful at school. What would you like to know about? Ask us: questions@sd46.bc.ca



PARENT FEEDBACK REQUESTED

As part of updating and modernizing our education system, the Ministry of Education is looking for input from parents to guide the development of the reporting approach for students in kindergarten to Grade 9. The online parent feedback form is open for response until February 28, 2017 at 4 p.m. Visit the following website for more information: <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress/en/home/>

FAMILY LITERACY WEEK EVENTS

The Whale's Back Shadow Puppet Show
Mind of a Snail Puppet Co.
Friday, January 20th, Roberts Creek Hall
4:00 to 5:00 pm. Doors open at 3:30 pm

There are many dangers along the way; ocean's a busy place; surprise in every day! The *Whale's Back* tells the captivating story of the journey of a mother whale and her calf.

Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age
Wednesday, January 25th, Heritage Playhouse, 662 North Road, Gibsons
7:00 to 8:30 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm

This award winning documentary "*probes into the vulnerable corners of family life... and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction... Solutions emerge on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world.*"

www.sunshinecoastliteracy.org



EXCELLENCE

COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS



Ann Chow's class from Langdale Elementary celebrate 10 years of attending Museum School

Parents are invited to participate in the Mindfulness Enhanced Strengthening Families Program offered by the Halfmoon Bay / Chatelech and Roberts Creek Community Schools and the Mind the Gap Project.

This is an evidence-based program that improves parenting practices and

is one of the most effective ways to support the qualities of "mindful parenting." The program is designed to help kids and parents deal with the stresses that go along with early adolescence. We would like to offer this free program to parents /guardians with dependents between the ages of 11-14. Childcare is available for younger siblings. By taking the survey below, this will determine if the program is wanted or needed and when we could offer it to you.

Please take a few minutes to answer the survey questions and help us choose a time for the program that will work for most families. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9XBV3VLFamilyProgram>
For more information, please contact Stacia Leech at 604-885-3481 or rccs@dccnet.com

"Kindle your child's interest in learning"

Toys & Learning Aids
Childcare
Instruction

The early years of a child's life are critical for setting the stage for success in later life. Parents of children newborn to five years old can attend a new SPARK! class every Fall, Winter and Spring until their child enters Kindergarten. Classes are FREE and

focus on the latest research and ways that parents can support their child's learning at home. Classes are held in a variety of locations and at a variety of times. Early registration is essential to allow time for materials to arrive.

Attend SPARK! and register your child to receive one age-appropriate, quality children's book in the mail every month FREE of charge. Join the hundreds of Sunshine Coast children who are currently signed up!

REGISTER NOW! By email: register4spark@sd46.bc.ca or call 604-885-6787
For more information contact **KIRSTEN DEASEY** at 604-741-5787 or visit our website: www.sd46earlylearning.ca

School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)

ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN IN 2017



KinderSPARK! Programs are free to parents and caregivers. Come with your child to do a variety of fun and educational activities to prepare for Kindergarten. KinderSPARK! is held one day per week from February to June and is available in elementary schools on the Sunshine Coast.

To register, email: register4spark@sd46.bc.ca or telephone 604-885-6787.
For more information, contact Kirsten Deasey, Early Learning Coordinator at 604-741-5787. Register now as space is limited!

PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Committee members: Patrick Bocking, Sarah Bradley, Cindy MacInnes, Allyson Fawcus, Christa Rive, Tamara Forsyth, Jane Ostashek, David Barnum (chair).

The evidence is clear. Parents make a difference. And the way they contribute most to their children's education is through what they do at home. Being a parent can be challenging, but the good news is that you don't have to be "volunteer of the year" or an expert on the way of 1812 to help your child succeed at school.

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