

Christina Lake Elementary School

BLOCK LETTER PROGRAM 2023-2024

Welcome to our Block Letter Program! Beginning in grade 4, Christina Lake Elementary School students are able to acquire a school letter of increasing size for having completed their project. For example., the grade 5 letter would be larger than the grade 4 letter, the grade 6 letter would be larger than grade 5. Letters are blue, except in grade 7 when the awarding of the letters is based on colours so that a student who receives a letter four years running would receive a gold-coloured letter; three years would receive a silver letter; two years, a bronze letter and only the grade 7 year, a school-colours blue.

Students will have the opportunity to earn their Block Letter by planning, completing, and presenting a Passion Project. Passion Projects allow students to explore any topic that interests them, particularly things they may not have the opportunity to learn or explore during the course of the regular school day. Several examples are listed below.

Once their plans are made, students are responsible for completing the learning on their own time. We will check in throughout the year to make sure they are on track and remembering to document what they are doing, but the bulk of the project must be completed outside of school time. In early June we will have an afternoon where the students present what they have done/learned. **Projects will be evaluated based on effort, new learning, communication, creativity, and presentation.**

A student must hand in a signed plan in order to participate in the Block Letter Program. Please have your child return the signed form to the office by **THURSDAY – 15 FEB 2024.**

If you have any questions about the Block Letter Program or you are not sure what is required, please call me 250-447-9423.

Mr. Shawn Lockhart
Principal

Passion Project Ideas/Examples:

- Create your own superhero comic
- Learn to speak another language
- Learn to decorate cakes
- Teach your dog new tricks
- Create an art portfolio
- Learn about beekeeping/care for a hive
- Write and share a TED talk
- Train and run a marathon
- Learn about photography
- Create a newspaper/magazine
- Find out what is the world's best chocolate chip cookie
- Design and building something
- Create a science fair project (there are lots of great examples online)