

Christina Lake Elementary School

BLOCK LETTER PROGRAM 2024-2025

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 passion 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 colour 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-colour 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 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 **FRIDAY – APRIL 25 2025**.

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

We will hold an Open House in June to showcase our students' passion projects.

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)

Block Letter Passion Project Planning Template

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

What are you passionate about? What interests you? What have you always wanted to learn more about?

What is your plan to follow this passion?

How will you present/share your project? (Poster, slideshow, video, speech etc.)

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Teacher Signature

Principal Signature

RETURN BY FRIDAY – APRIL 25, 2025

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Project Ideas:

1. Write a novel
2. Create my own superhero comic
3. Learn to play the guitar
4. Learn to speak Spanish
5. Learn to decorate cakes
6. Create an art portfolio (could include photography/music/sculpting/painting etc)
7. Create a magazine/newspaper for CLES students
8. Build a replica of an NHL hockey rink
9. Learn about beekeeping and get my own hive
10. Teach my dog some new tricks
11. Write and share a TED talk about kindness
12. Train and run a marathon
13. Learn about photography
14. Find out what is the world's best chocolate chip cookie
15. Learn to knit and create scarves to give to those who need them
16. Design and build a birdhouse
17. Create a science fair project like:
 - *Find out what is in our snow
 - *Find out if the water in our lake is different than the water in the river
 - *Does microwaving water affect the nutrients a plant gets?