



École North Oyster Elementary School

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October 2016 Newsletter

DATES TO REMEMBER

If applicable, notices and/ or permission slips will come home with more details for these events.
Don't forget, you can find all this information and more on our website: northoyster.ca

October 3	Orange Shirt Day
October 10	Thanksgiving Day; School not in session
October 18-20	Early Dismissal 12:57 p.m. Parent Teacher Interviews
October 13-20	Scholastic Book Fair in the Gym
October 21	Pro D Day; Students do not attend
October 25	Cross Country Meet
October 28	Photo Retakes



Open House

Thanks to those of you who came out for our meet the teacher night and thanks to our dedicated teachers who volunteered their evening time to meet with you. We very much enjoyed saying hello and look forward to seeing you again at our parent teacher conferences!

Orange Shirt Day

Orange shirt day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC in the spring of 2013. It grew out of residential school survivor Phyllis's account of having her shiny, new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. It sets the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying awareness and is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

Earthquake Kits

Some students have not yet brought in their earthquake kits. You can deliver them directly to Anne at the office labelled with your both your child's name and their teacher and division number.

Terry Fox Run

September 23rd was our Terry Fox run. A big thank you to Mrs. Saunders for organizing the event. Congratulations to all École North Oyster students for participating in the annual run. We raised \$335.35. Thanks very much to those who fundraised/ donated and to all the parents who helped out!



List serve

We wanted to make sure you all received this first monthly newsletter, so we have sent paper copies home with everyone. From now on, you can access the newsletter through our website, northoyster.ca. You can also subscribe to our newsletter list by emailing subscribe-northoysterelementary-news@listsrv.sd68.bc.ca with "subscribe" as the subject line.

Paper copies of school newsletters and other school publications are available at the school office. If you'd like your child to bring home a paper copy each month, please alert the office.

Great BC Shake Out

The Great British Columbia ShakeOut is an annual opportunity to practice how to be safer during big earthquakes: "Drop, Cover, and Hold On." The ShakeOut has also been organized to encourage you, your community, your school, or your organization to review and update emergency preparedness plans and supplies, and to secure your space in order to prevent damage and injuries. This year the drill will be held on *October 20th at 10 a.m.* and all students and staff of École North Oyster will participate.

What we do now will determine our quality of life after our next big earthquake. Are you prepared to survive and recover quickly?

Information for Parents

Every parent is automatically a member of PAC (North Oyster Parent Parents Advisory Council). The next meeting is Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30 p.m. This is the Annual General Meeting and PAC elections. Feel free to contact the PAC by email at northoysterpac@gmail.com.

1st Cedar Scouts

Scouts Canada is the country's leading youth organization. For more than 100 years, they have brought a world of adventure, outdoor experience and friendship to 17 million Canadian youth. There is still space in the 1st Cedar Scouts for 5 more Beavers (ages 5-7), Cubs (ages 8-10) and Scouts (ages 11-14). Please contact Denise by email for more information: denisebauln@hotmail.com.

