

# ÉCOLE NORTH OYSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**The Habits of the Heart are: Empathy, Integrity, Curiosity, Self-Confidence and Reflection**

## School-Wide Dates to Remember:

- Dec 9 PAC Movie Night in the Gym
- Dec 19-23 Caroling in the gym at 9:15 a.m.
- Dec 20 Family Craft and Carol night 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Dec 21 Hot Lunch (Pizza)
- Dec 22 Spirit Day—Ugly Sweater Day
- Dec 23 Last day of school before Winter Holidays
- Jan 9 School Re-opens after Winter Break



## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2016



## CROSS COUNTRY



Congratulations to all 16 of our District Cross Country Finalists. They ran a hard race in monsoon weather. Competition was tough with runners running against the top twenty runners from 4 Zones. We had two students who placed in the top 20, two who placed in the top ten and one student who took first place! Congratulations to everyone!!



## Ateliers de cirque

On November 17, we were fortunate enough to have Monsieur Benoit Ranger come to our school and deliver interactive Circus workshops for all our students. This was an opportunity for students in both our Immersion and English programs to engage with the French language in a fun, high-energy environment. Students and staff have advised the workshops were a wonderful experience and we encourage you to talk to your child about the day to learn more!

## Earthquake Comfort Kits

Please remember to bring in your child's kit if you haven't already done so.

## NUT Aware

We are a NUT aware school. Please do not send your child to school with nut products. A friendly reminder that NUTELLA counts as a nut product.



Miss Fall's Class presents:

The 3rd Annual Christmas Store

December 13, 14 & 15<sup>th</sup> 2016

Location: Miss Fall's room



**Donations needed:** Any gently used or new small household items suitable for gifts for family members (including parents), knickknacks, toys, tape, gift bags, wrapping paper, ribbon, tissue & Christmas or winter-themed mugs or cups. PLEASE: NO CLOTHING OR VERY LARGE ITEMS (furniture). Donations can be dropped off any time starting now in Miss Fall's class. Thank you!!!

## A New Way to Register For School

A new convenient and streamlined process to register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools will begin on January 11, 2017. The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you.

Take a moment and ask yourself the following questions:

- o Is my child new to Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools?
- o Do I have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2017?
- o Do I want to register my child in French Immersion?
- o Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion?
- o Do I want to register my child at Departure Bay Eco-School?
- o Do I want to register my child in secondary academies? (Hockey, Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Lacrosse, Baseball, Performing Arts or Jazz)
- o Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)?

Before you begin, you will need the following:

- 1) A valid email address
- 2) Photo or scan showing proof of **citizenship** (ie. Birth certificate)
- 3) Photo or scan showing proof of Canadian residency (ie. Mortgage or bank statement, utility bill, driver's license, etc.)

Online registration will begin on **Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 8 a.m.** Pacific Standard Time.

Early and Late French Immersion, and Eco-school students will have until **January 31, 2017** to register online. Student selection is by lottery, with parents being notified by **Friday, Feb. 3rd**.

New Academy, Out of Catchment and Out of District student registrations will be prioritized by date and time submitted online. Deadline is **January 31, 2017**

For more information please visit the district website or by emailing [ereg@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:ereg@sd68.bc.ca).

### Food Drive

This holiday season each classroom will be collecting food for our community hampers. Our community school co-ordinator and child and youth care worker will distribute to families who may be in need of some extra support. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and giving spirit. We will begin our Food Drive on Monday, December 5 until Thursday, December 15, 2016. So let's fill up those boxes in order to help others.



### Guidelines When Your Child is Ill

Cold and flu season is upon us! In order to prevent the spread of germs, please remind your children to wash their hands regularly. Vancouver Island Health Authority also recommends keeping your child at home for 48 hours after symptoms subside if they have been vomiting. If your child is ill and going to be away from school, just phone the office and we'll be sure to excuse them for the day.

### Coats for Kids



Time to think of our COATS FOR KIDS program that was started last year. As the wet and cold weather begins we start thinking about our kids being safe and warm. In the school foyer there is a clothing rack and we have started collecting fleece, rain and winter coats. There are vests as well. We are also looking to collect gloves, scarves, toques and socks all in good used clean condition. These items are available for anyone who needs them.....please bring something in to donate if you can and if you need something, please take it.

### Cold/Wet Weather



As the cold weather is now upon us, please ensure your children come to school with weather appropriate clothing. Students go outside during recesses each day, with very few exceptions. Hats, mittens, proper footwear and warm coats are essential in cold weather. At Ecole North Oyster we are appreciative of the wonderful outdoor spaces available for play and learning and we believe in providing fresh air activity for all our students.



**Have a Wonderful Winter Break**