

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:

February is Black History Month

- Feb 1 Orca Assembly- 9:25 a.m.
- Feb 1 Family Literacy Read-a-thon
- Feb 2 Family Literacy Week
- Feb 3 Family Literacy Celebration Assembly
- Feb 3 PJ Day
- Feb 7 STARLAB visit from HR MacMillan Space Centre in the gym all day
- Feb 8 STARLAB visit from HR MacMillan Space Centre in the gym all morning
- Feb 10 Report Cards go home
- Feb 13 BC Family Day School not in Session
- Feb 14 Spirit Day—Friendship Day
- Feb 17 Grade 4s Symphony Performance at the Port Theatre
- Feb 20 Non Instructional Day—District Pro-D
- Feb 21 Non Instructional Day—School Based Pro-D
- Feb 22 Hot Lunch
- Feb 23 Singing Africa! 10:45 a.m.
- March 1 Orca Assembly—9:15 a.m.

**FEBRUARY
NEWSLETTER
2017**



Congratulations

to our Bantam girls volleyball team who will be playing on Thursday for 3rd or 4th place in the district.! Way to go girls!!!



Also congratulations to our boys volleyball team who have played some quality games over the season. Thank you to all the coaches involved in these activities.



CANADA



Lieutenant Governor's Visit

On Friday, January 27, our school had the honour of a visit from the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia. The school had an assembly in the gym where Her Honour, Judith Guichon spoke to all the students on what a special year it is as Canada celebrates its 150th anniversary. Her Honour took time out to shake hands with all the students and present them all with a bookmark as they left the gym.

FUNDRAISER—DIV 11

Thank you to all the families that supported Division 11's bake sale on January 25. Our class raised \$220!

On January 27, Blair Sigson from the Nanaimo SPCA visited our class and made a presentation about Companions for Life. We were able to present our donation to her at that time.

Thanks again,
Division 11



From Madame Patrice in the library:

Family Literacy Week (January 30-February 3) is now in full swing. Our theme this year is *Reading is a Family Affair* and we are very grateful to the many families who are participating so enthusiastically.



Here is a quick reminder of some of the activities going on this week:

Read-A-Thon: Reading Calendars and a family reading picture were **due by Feb 1st**. We've so enjoyed seeing all the wonderful pictures of students reading with their family members and pets. Keep them coming! (pmauriks@sd68.bc.ca) All students who participate will have the chance to win 1 of 4 shopping sprees at Chapters, compliments of the Ladysmith District Credit Union.

Parent readers in classrooms: If you have not yet volunteered to read a favorite family book, it's not too late. The kids love it!

Book character contests: Stop by the library to take your own guess on 10 famous book characters. We have lots of book prizes up for grabs to those students who participate.

Book Swap: The swap is going on all this week. It's not too late to bring in a book to trade.

Celebration Assembly and PJ day: Please feel free to join us on Friday, February 3 at 1:00 p.m. During this time, we will be celebrating the love of books and reading. Projects will be shared, contest mysteries solved, and prizes given away.

Thank you for your support of *Reading is a Family Affair* at École North Oyster Elementary!

Spirit Day—July in January

Students from K to 7 enjoyed Ecole North Oyster's third annual July in January celebration on Wednesday, January 11 as part of our first week back to school after winter break. Students dressed in their summer fashions, came together and ate their lunches picnic-style on the beach (gym floor) to the sounds of Beach Boys music and in view of beautiful palm trees and other decorations courtesy of the grade 7s. After the picnic was over there were several group dances such as: The Chicken Dance, The Bunny Hop and of course... The Macarena. Fun was had by all.



Triple P - Positive Parenting Program is one of the most effective evidence-based parenting programs in the world, currently running in 25 countries. Triple P works across many cultures, socio-economic groups, and family dynamics. This program gives parents/caregivers simple and practical strategies promoting building strong and healthy relationships; confidently managing children's behavior; and identifying and problem-solving areas of concern. For more information: <http://triplepvip.ca/>

Triple P Group: for Parents/Caregivers of children aged 2-12.
When: 8 Weeks; Thursdays 6-8 pm; April 13-June 1, 2017
(Certificate presented on final evening)

Where: North Oyster School on Cedar Rd.

**Please note: this program is open to parent/caregivers outside of the North Oyster catchment as well.

Facilitators: Kendra-Ann Van Shaik & Louise McCarter (Child, Youth & Family Support Workers, Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools, SD68)

Information on this and other Triple P Programs in Nanaimo & Ladysmith Area: <http://triplepvip.ca/NanaimoGroupCalendar.htm>

Or contact: Kendra-Ann at kendra.vanshaik@sd68.b.ca

WHEN TO STAY AWAY FROM SCHOOL

We have had many students who have been away from school in the last few weeks due to the flu or winter stomach bugs with vomiting/diarhea. It is recommended that students stay at home until they are symptom-free after the last episode of vomiting and/or diarrhea and they are able to handle solid foods for 6 hours with no signs of illness. Proper and frequent handwashing is also a necessity for the containment of germs in and around the school. Please help us limit the spread of these illnesses by keeping your child (ren) at home until they are symptom free.



Have a Wonderful Month

South Zone 2 Family of Community Schools Presents:

After School Gymnastics Cedar Elementary GYM COST \$24 Instructor: Selena Lee

Session 1: Grades 2 & 3 Mondays April 3- May 1 (No Gymnastics April 17) 1:30- 2:30pm

Session 2: Preschool Gymnastics Monday April 3-May 1(no gymnastics on April 17) Cost:\$24 with a special **FREE READY SET LEARN EVENT ON Monday May 8 for 3 and 4 year olds.** 2:40-3:25 pm. A variety of fun preschool activities. Sign up for all 5 weeks! **READY SET LEARN is FREE.** Let us help your pre- schooler get ready for kindergarten. Parents can also sign up for just this **Free Event.** Please specify on the registration form (ie. preschool gym or pre- school gymnastics +**Ready Set Learn** or just **Ready Set Learn**)

Spring Break Activities at Cedar Community Secondary School.

St. Johns Babysitting Course March 27/17 9-4 pm. This is full but taking a waitlist to do another course in the very near future. Call if interested.250-722-2414 ext 249

Spring into Art

Session 1: Grades 3-7 Tuesday March 28 9:30- 12 pm -\$20 Cedar High School Art Room

Session 2: Grades K-3 Wednesday March 29 10- 12pm - \$20 CCSS

Stay tuned for upcoming Summer Programs: Soccer Camp, Beach Volleyball Camp, Esteem Chics Camp, and Summer Preschool Camp

Please do not let financial barriers be the reason to not participate. Scholarships are available. Just call Karen- community school coordinator to make arrangements 250-722-2414 ext 249. I will be away from Feb 11- March 3 but you can leave a message with your registration requests and I will get back to you on my return! Or leave registration form at your school office.

Call 250-722-2414 ext 249 to register/Drop form and payment at your school's office

.....**Registration**.....**Program**

Name: _____ **Session Date/Time** _____ **ready set learn?**

Participants Name: _____ **Parent (Guardian)** _____

Phone: _____ **Emergency Contact #** _____

Medical Concerns _____ **Cheque(payable to SD68)** _____ **Cash** _____