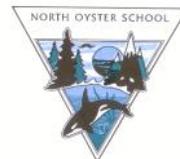


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The Habits of the Heart are: Empathy, Integrity, Curiosity, Self-Confidence and Reflection

## School-Wide Dates to Remember:

- December 6 PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- December 13 Christmas Concert
- December 18-22 Caroling in the gym 8:45—9:15 a.m.
- December 22 Last day of school before Winter holidays
- January 8 School Re-opens after Winter Break
- January 8 Orca Assembly 9:15 a.m.
- January 10 PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.



## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2017



Miss Fall's Class presents:  
The 4th Annual Christmas Store  
December 19, 20 & 21, 2017  
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!

## Christmas Concert

Please mark your calendars for December 13! It's going to be a great day at ENO!!!



Wednesday, December 13 there will be two *identical* performances of the Christmas Concert at 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. We hope that everyone will be able to attend one performance.

With a gym capacity of 500 persons and our 200+ families, space is limited to just **TWO (2)** guests from each family at the evening performance. No tickets are required for the afternoon show, as we expect there will be ample seating at the 12:30 performance. Tickets will be coming home closer to the date for the evening performance. Teachers will maintain a waitlist for those that may need extra tickets, but there is no guarantee that extras will be available.



Admission is free, but families are urged to bring along non-perishable food items and/or unwrapped gifts in support of the Ladysmith Resource Centre Christmas Cheer Fund.

**PHOTO BOOTH:** Div 9 will be running a photo booth for the Christmas Concert. Come get your photo during the evening. Cost is by donation, all proceeds to help fund class field trips. If you bring your own device, you can take the photo immediately otherwise they will be emailed later.

### Coats for Kids



Time to think of our COATS FOR KIDS program that was started a couple of years ago. As the wet and cold weather begins we start thinking about our kids being safe and warm. In the school medical room 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.

### COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Need that special cookie for a gift, a party, or just because... well, please help support our school with our last fundraiser for 2017! Please place your order by Tuesday, December 5, 2017. Order forms are available at the office. Pick up from the office Thursday, December 14, 2017.



### Christmas Cheer Fund and 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 as well as providing Ladysmith Resources Centre with hampers. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and giving spirit. We will begin our Food Drive on Tuesday, December 5 until Friday, December 15, 2017. So let's fill up those boxes in order to help others.



### PAC NEWS

**PLAYSPACE UPDATE:** December has come among us so quickly! ENO PAC has been working very hard this fall to fundraise to meet our goal....and we did it! Thanks to the amazing families and community members of ENO students, we now have enough money to being phase 1 of our playspace! We are so excited that construction will commence early spring of 2018!



**CHRISTMAS CONCERT—:DELECTABLE DESSERT CONCESSION"** - the PAC will be busy baking to ensure there are lots of delicious treats to satisfy any sweet tooth at both concerts—12:30 and 6 p.m.. If you would like to bake a seasonal item and have not already been contacted please email enofundraising@gmail.com.



### Earthquake Comfort Kits

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



### 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.



### 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.



### Parking and Awareness of School Buses



A reminder to parents to avoid parking/ stopping/ idling between the no parking signs on Cedar Road, directly across from the school's bus loop. This area needs to be clear of vehicles so that our buses can make safe and wide turns into the bus loop. Any vehicle stopped in this area, even for a moment, jeopardizes the safety of pedestrians and other drivers as often the bus driver has to back up to navigate the turn. Thank you for your cooperation.



In order to ensure accessible parking is available to individuals who require it, we have several designated parking spots on our school property. Please ensure you do not use these spots without an accessible permit. Unfortunately, we have seen these spots being used by vehicles not displaying a permit and this means the spots are not available to those who need them. Thank you for your cooperation in helping ensure equitable parking access for all members of our school community.



Have a Wonderful Winter Break



Dear Families,

Although Christmas is not yet upon us, Madame Patrice is already busy making plans for Family Literacy Week in January/February 2018.



According to ABC Life Literacy Canada,

"Family literacy programs focus on parents as the means to improve the reading and writing skills of all family members. By reading to children and engaging in fun literacy activities, parents are actively keeping their own skills sharp while at the same time strengthening the relationship between the family which, in turn, encourages lifelong learning."

We have many engaging events planned for Family Literacy Week this year! Our theme will be *Hungry for Books/Dévorez les livres!* As in the past, we will focus attention on the vital role of parents and families in encouraging students to become lifelong readers.

**As one of our many school-wide literacy activities, we would like to invite you into your child's classroom!** During Family Literacy Week (January 29-February 2), we are asking families to share a favorite picture book in your child's class. For intermediate classes, it might be fun to choose a book that was a childhood favorite. Specific arrangements for picking a mutually convenient time will be made in the New Year. At this point, we are simply looking to get the ball rolling by determining which families might be interested in participating in this exciting literacy activity.

**If you are interested in being part of our Family Literacy Week celebration, please complete the form below and return it to your child's teacher.** We will be providing more information on this and other *Hungry for Books/Dévorez les livres* activities in the New Year.

Thank you so much for your vital support and have a Merry Christmas!

Madame Patrice

I, \_\_\_\_\_

am interested to coming into the classroom to read a favorite book.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Day(s) of the week that might work best: \_\_\_\_\_