

# 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:

January 18- January 31	Read-a-thon
January 25	July in January—Spirit Day
January 29—February 2	Family Literacy Week
January 29	School Wide Literacy Kickoff
February 2	Literacy Celebration Assembly
February 5	Orca Assembly 9:15 a.m.
February 7	PAC meeting 6:15 p.m.
February 16	PAC Valentine's Dance



## JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2018



## IT'S TIME TO REGISTER NEW STUDENTS FOR

### NEXT YEAR, INCLUDING KINDERGARTEN



All registrations must be done electronically through the School District Website at [www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca). Look for the Registration tab at the top of the webpage. You will need to provide proof of address and proof of the date of birth of the student being registered. If you need any help uploading documents or navigating the website, please contact us at the school office.

**FRENCH IMMERSION:** The deadline for French Immersion applications is January 31, 2018, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2018. After this date, applicants will be put on a district waitlist.

**IN CATCHMENT DEADLINE:** Applications must be received by June 15, 2018 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.

**OUT-OF-CATCHMENT:** Applications are due by March 31, 2018.

For more information please contact the district central registration at [ereg@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:ereg@sd68.bc.ca).



### SPIRIT DAY—JULY IN JANUARY

On Thursday January 25, 2018 we will be celebrating July in January at Ecole North Oyster. This is an annual spirit event and we dress in our summer clothes, bring a beach towel to have a picnic lunch on in the gym and we do a school wide dance. This year we will be starting at 11:00 in the gym with the dancing and then having a picnic lunch in the gym and after this the students will head outside for big recess. The Leadership team will advertise this event, decorate for it and help run the event. So pull out your shorts, flip flops and sunglasses and show your school spirit as we celebrate summer in the middle of January.



### Information for the School

We appreciate every phone call to let us know your child will be late or absent. If you arrive late and drop off your child in their classroom, please come by the office to let us know that your child is here. Thank you.





**WANTED**  
**"EXTERNAL BRAINS"**  
 to meet the needs of children with FASD

Presented by Dr. Diane Russell, Clinical Neuropsychologist  
 Oliver Woods Community Centre, 6000 Oliver Road  
 Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
 9:30am to 12:30pm

Parenting strategies for supporting children with FASD

Please Register by Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup> 2018  
 By phone 250-802-4414 or email [cicoord@fpss.com](mailto:cicoord@fpss.com)  
 Coffee, Tea and light snacks will be provided

### PARKING



Please be aware that we have a reciprocal use agreement in place with the North Oyster Community Centre allowing us to use their parking lot.


Therefore, we kindly ask that you park in either the school lot or the Community Centre lot across the street.

Please refrain from stopping or parking along Cedar Road.



### 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.



### PAC NEWS

#### PAC Fundraisers

The PAC is still running our SPUD fundraiser. It runs all year long and is easy as 1,2,3. Shop for produce and groceries online and have them delivered directly to your home... all while your child's school is benefiting from it! Check out the link below

<https://spud.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9717f1793550b8bf93eed1580&id=aabb48c8a7&e=69e5b1a835>

#### Grocery Receipts

Please keep your receipts from 49th Parallel and Country Grocer and send them into the school, where the PAC collects them, sorts them, adds them up and sends them back to the stores for gift card credits!!! This is a huge fundraiser for our school and runs all year long!!!

#### Annual Plant Sale

Our lovely plant sale will run again this year! Please watch for notices being sent home in early February for ordering.

### Earthquake Comfort Kits

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



### 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 Month



READING IS A FAMILY AFFAIR—SCHOOL EVENT -From Mme Patrice in the library:



As you may know, Family Literacy Day takes place on January 27<sup>th</sup> each year. In celebration, we're excited to present our third annual school-wide literacy event called *We're Hungry for Books*. Activities will begin on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> with a two week Read-A-Thon and end in a Celebration Assembly on Friday, February 2<sup>th</sup>.

Please look out for Read-A-Thon information coming home next week.

For now, here is a brief summary of some of the exciting events taking place:

- ◆ **We're Hungry for Books Read-A-Thon** (January 18-January 31): This year there will be a reading and a fundraising component to our Read-A-Thon. **100% of all pledge money earned will be used to purchase new library books.** We will be encouraging all students to read (or be read to) at home for 14 days and to collect pledges from friends and family. Full details will be provided next week. Look out for the many great prizes up for grabs!
- ◆ **3rd Annual Great North Oyster Book Swap** (January 29-Feb 2): This is a wonderful, no cost way to generate excitement about books and reading. Start going through your child's book shelves now and decide which books you'd like to swap.
- ◆ **Share a Favorite Family Picture Book:** Family members will be visiting their child's classroom to share a much loved picture book throughout Family Literacy Week. This was a huge success last year so it's become an annual event!
- ◆ **Guess the famous book character:** Students will be asked to guess a famous book character based upon clues from the morning announcements. Those who guess correctly could win a free Scholastic book!
- ◆ **Bulletin Board guessing game:** Students will be encouraged to test their knowledge by matching well-loved books to their authors. Right or wrong, all participants have the chance to win wonderful Scholastic book prizes.
- ◆ **PJ Day and Buddy Reading:** On Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, we're hoping to see all students in their cozy PJs for a whole school buddy reading session.
- ◆ **Dress As Your Favorite Book Character Day and Celebration Assembly:** Students will be encouraged to dress up literacy-style and have some fun! All kinds of activities are planned for Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, including a costume parade and a *We're Hungry for Books* Assembly. This will be our chance to celebrate literacy by acknowledging Read-A-thon participants and give away all kinds of exciting prizes. **Students...start thinking about your book character costume now!**



Here's how families can get involved:

- ◆ Support your child at home as he or she takes on the Read-A-Thon challenge. Any support you can provide with their fundraising efforts is also greatly appreciated.
- ◆ We are still looking for family members to volunteer to read a favourite book in their child's classroom. **Please fill out the attached form and return it to your child's teacher if you'd like to be involved.**

If you would like to find out more about Family Literacy Day and investigate some fun ways to make literacy a priority in your home, we encourage you to visit <http://abclifeliteracy.ca/family-literacy>.

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

am interested in coming into my child's classroom to read a favorite book during Family Literacy Week from Monday, Jan 29 to Friday, Feb 2, 2018

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

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

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

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