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

School-Wide Dates to Remember:

- Jan 11 Spirit Day—July in January
- Jan 18-Feb 1 Reading is a Family Affair
- Jan 30-Feb 3 Family Literacy Week
- Jan 23 Hot Lunch
- Jan 27 Visit from Lieutenant Governor

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READING IS A FAMILY AFFAIR—SCHOOL EVENT from Mme Patrice in the Library

Activities will start on January 18 and end in a celebration assembly on February 3, 2017:



READ-A-THON (Jan 18-Feb 1): there will be no fundraising component to our read-a-thon this year. We will be asking all students to read each day for 14 days. Ladysmith and District Credit Union is once again sponsoring our read-a-thon with reading certificates and 4 fabulous grand prizes.

2nd Annual Great North Oyster Book Swap (Jan 30-Feb 3): 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.

Guess the Famous Book Character: students will be asked to guess a famous book character based upon clues from the morning announcements.

D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read): all classes will "buddy up" for a whole school reading session.

PJ Day and Celebration Assembly: on Friday, February 3 we will acknowledge all students who participated in our read-a-thon and give away exciting prizes.

Here's how you can get involved:



- We will be asking students to send a picture of themselves reading with a family member. **We'd love to see your family reading picture!**
- We are looking for family members to volunteer to read a favourite book in their child's classroom. Many teachers still need more parent volunteers. Please connect with your child's teacher to set this up.

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



Christmas Store News

Thanks to all who supported Division Thirteen's 3rd Annual Christmas Store. Both French & English classes participated in selling, wrapping & directing traffic very successfully this year. The grand total that was raised was \$1,125.45, all going towards various grade 6/7 activities. Thank you to all in our school community who donated such fabulous items to our sale and to those who came out & purchased those things for their friends and families! Please note that we are still accepting items for the store for next year.....*ESPECIALLY CHRISTMAS MUGS*..... so if you are doing a spring clean-out please keep us in mind!!! Donations can be dropped off at Miss Fall's class anytime during regular school hours.



A New Way to Register for School 2017/2018

A new convenient and streamlined online process to register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools



Online registration will begin Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 8 a.m. PST.

Kindergarten
French Immersion
Late French Immersion
Departure Bay Eco School
Secondary Academies
School Transfer

To register online you will need the following:

- A valid email address
- Snapshot or scan showing proof of your child's age and citizenship (ie. Birth certificate, passport, care card etc.)
- Snapshot or scan showing proof of BC residency (ie. Driver's license, utility bill, Mortgage document etc.)

Register @ www.sd68.bc.ca

For more information email: ereg@sd68.bc.ca

Registration is online only

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.

NUT Aware

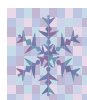
We are a NUT aware school. Please do not send your child to school with nut products.



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.



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.

Earthquake Comfort Kits

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

Have a Wonderful Month