

# 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:

- May 2 Orca Assembly 9:15 a.m.
- May 8 Fire Safety House
- May 10 Curriculum Implementation Day—No school
- May 11 Non-Instructional Day— No School
- May 15 School Track & Field Day (Gr 3-7)
- May 16 Parent Tea, 1:00 p.m.
- May 21 Victoria Day—No School
- May 22 Dancepl3y Workshop
- May 24 Patati et Patata
- May 28 Welcome to K 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- May 29 Zone Track Meet
- June 1 Orca Assembly 9:15 a.m.

**MAY**

**NEWSLETTER 2018**



## TIME TO REGISTER

If you know of any families who may have younger siblings ready for KINDERGARTEN in September 2018, NOW is the time to get registered.

Registration is online @ [www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca)

Email: [ereg@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:ereg@sd68.bc.ca)



## A note from Mme Patrice and Miss Fall in the library:

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers:

Do you love books? Would you like to lend a hand at our school? Do you have a couple of free hours a month? We are looking for new library volunteers to help out with shelving and the occasional special event. If you think you might be interested, please contact Mme Patrice at [pmauriks@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:pmauriks@sd68.bc.ca) for more information. Merci!!!



## YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS SHOW—JUNE 6th, 2018 9:00-1:00 in the gym

Come and support our youngest entrepreneurs getting their start learning about business, creating their own products and putting their imaginations to work! They will be ready to display their business plans and sell the product that they created. There will be a variety of crafts and lots of creative surprises! Students, parents and community members are invited to come and look. Only a nominal amount of money for spending will be necessary—our prices generally range from \$0.50 to \$4.00.



## TRACK & FIELD

For the past three weeks grade three to seven students have been running, jumping and throwing their hearts out! They have been participating in Track and Field Rotations in order to get ready for our School Track Meet which is Tuesday May 15 at NDSS in Nanaimo. All grade 3-7 students will be bussed there and will participate rain or shine.

We are sharing our track meet with Cinnabar Valley School. Their staff are in charge of the running events and we are taking care of the field events. Students are only "in competition" with students from their own school though.

Athletes will get to pick between 4-6 events to participate in. They must all do at least one running event and one field event. Students compete in their age category.

For each event and age category, we are allowed to bring four students to the Zone Track Meet Finals on May 29. Athletes are allowed to participate in three events at this Zone Meet. Our super athletes who qualify for more than three events, will have to drop events. Any students who qualify in the top four at the Zone Meet get to go to the District Meet on June 7. Ribbons are awarded at the Zone and District Track Meets.

A permission notice will be coming home soon for our School Meet.

We are in need of at least 18 parent volunteers to help us run the field events and others to help supervise students in the stands. Hope you can make it there.

It will be a wonderful day!



Thanks to the work of our secretary, Christine De Vries, Ecole North Oyster School has received a Vancouver Sun Adopt-a-School grant to support our students in need. The grant provides \$10,000 to help pay for food for our school's Breakfast/Snack/Lunch Program, over a two year period. We have also received \$500 for kitchen equipment and \$500 to provide clothing for students in need.



Mrs. De Vries researched and applied for the grant online. The Vancouver Sun then interviewed her and she articulately shared our school's needs, which resulted in our school being awarded the funds. The link to the Vancouver Sun article can be found at :

<http://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/adopt-a-school-i-had-nothing-for-the-other-kids-who-were-hungry-christine-de-vries>

I would like to acknowledge the work Mrs. De Vries has done to secure this support for our vulnerable students. I would also like to thank the Vancouver Sun for their generous contribution to our school. These funds will go a long way toward supporting our students in need.

Mme J. Dunn, Principal

## BASKETBALL SEASON

**Bantam Girls**—The caliber of player seen on the basketball court this season was unlike any of those from my youth. The level of play was FAST and FURIOUS and we were so grateful to have Coach Heather and Coach Mike who met the challenge of advancing our Grade 7 girls to a higher level of play.



This was our first year competing in the "Large School" category which meant playing against different schools and (in many cases) other strong teams. The competition was thrilling right from the start along with excellent teamwork, continuous skill development and sincere sportsmanship.

"Get the rebound!"..."Stay on your check!"..."Shoot!" were some of the popular *cheering phrases* which may still be ringing in the ears of the players. We're sorry to see the season end; however this is not the end, this is the beginning. This is the beginning of a love for basketball and a love for team sports in general. Continue to develop your skills, continue to develop as an athlete and continue to take part in team sports!

There would be no team sports at all without the support of our parents! Please know that every game you attend and every game you help with transportation is a new opportunity for our players to develop and thrive! We thank you with all our hearts.

On behalf of the sponsor teachers and in the spirit of healthy competition and team sports, we congratulate the Bantam Girls' basketball team and their coaches!

**Bantam Boys**— The Bantam boys had a fun season. We began in February as a group of 10 individuals and throughout our games and practices gelled into a true team. The team experienced highs and lows as we progressed, but the one constant was everybody had fun! The coaches were impressed with the attitudes of the players all year, as well as the commitment shown in attending our practices and games over the past two months! A humongous "THANK YOU" goes out to our parent volunteers, as they took the time to arrange our transportation to our away games! Good job everyone! "Orcas on 3!! 1,2,3, SWOOSH!"

**PeeWee Girls** : "This season was a special one, the girls showed true dedication and growth. Thanks to Coach Kasey for leading the team in training, practices, and games. She inspired them to do their best, and stay positive. The girls showed such passion for the sport, and many are looking forward to trying again next year. Way to go girls!"

**PeeWee Boys**: A huge congratulations to the peewee boys basketball team! The team of 10 boys worked very hard all season, including early morning and lunch time practices. Every boy learned a lot about sportsmanship, fair play and basketball skills that they will carry with them into next season. I am very proud of each and every member of our team and hope that they all play again next year! I also want to say a huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, you name it that drove the kids to and from games and practices as well as cheered them on from the sidelines. Again, congratulations to each boy on their hard work and a perfect 5-0 season. See you next year, everyone!



École North Oyster School is planning another fabulous Talent Show for the afternoons of Thursday and Friday, June 14 and 15. It has been a wonderful schoolwide event in the past, and we look forward to showcasing the amazing talents of the students on those days. At this point Mrs. Saunders and Ms. Sproule have started auditions at lunch recess for any student in grades 3-7 who hope to be a part of the show. We have sign-up sheets outside the music room for the next couple of weeks in hopes that the students will come prepared for their audition. Preparation for these auditions will need to happen outside of school time, but if any student needs support in preparing for this we ask them to speak to one of these teachers. More details about the Talent Show itself will be announced shortly!

# HELLO SPRING

## Craft & Artisan Market

Saturday

*May 5th*

10-4

Sunday

*May 6th*

10-2

Nanaimo District  
Secondary School  
355 Wakesiah Ave.

Win 2 tickets  
to anywhere

**WEST JET**  
flies

or

a \$500  
gift card



*All  
handmade  
vendors*

**Nanaimo - Ladysmith  
Schools Foundation**

*"Together - Empowering Students"*



### LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found bin is getting really full again. Please come and take what is yours. Any unclaimed items will be donated by the end of the school year.



### IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS WHO TRAVEL BY BUS

#### PLEASE NOTE:

1. All students who travel by school bus to and from Ecole North Oyster **MUST** get off at their normal bus stop.
2. In order for your child to get off at a different bus stop, they must have a handwritten note from their parents. Otherwise they get off at their regular stop or they will be returned to school.
3. If your child is going on the bus with a friend for the day, they also need a handwritten note from the parents in order to get on the bus.



### DANCEPL3Y

It's time to let students get active and inspire them to PLAY with dance! DANCEPL3Y is an innovative and award-winning program that allows students to explore simple movements from a variety of dance styles from around the world (Hip Hop, Urban, Ballroom, Bollywood, Lyrical, Jazz/Funk and more!). DANCEPL3Y's unique interACTIVE class style is paired with a positive coaching philosophy where every student can claim their "Bubble of Awesome". Forget 5-6-7-8 or complicated right foot/left foot choreography - there are only 3 Rules of PLAY: Be Positive. Be Fun. Be Yourself™. DANCEPL3Y School Programs are specifically designed to promote positive mental health, meet curriculum expectations for H&PE and Dance and guarantee to meet Daily Physical Activity requirements. Voted #1 on the Discovery Education Channel!

DANCEPL3Y school workshops have received international accolades for their positive impact on school climate, mental health and self-esteem as students learn and live the 3 Rules of PL3Y: Be Positive. Be Fun. Be Yourself.

Here's a great video!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHH8sHtxevg>

Born Healthy, a Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program that operates out of the Ladysmith Resources Centre in Ladysmith, has been supported with a grant from Frog's Hollow Neighbourhood House (Vancouver) to bring DANCEPL3Y to Ecole North Oyster with three Dancing with Life sessions for the entire student body to experience on Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

Dancing with Life uses DANCEPL3Y as its main program and platform to increase self-esteem, improve mental health, teach physical literacy, increase emotional intelligence and create relationships and community. They believe in the power of music, dance and leadership to help youth become better versions of themselves. Their goal is for Dancing with Life participants to reap the benefits of increased self-esteem, acceptance of others and the confidence to be themselves! Participants will leave the program feeling energized, accepted and inspired.

There will also be two other Dancing with Life sessions held in the Ladysmith community for the entire family to experience. If you have a preschooler, please come to LAFF at Aggie Hall for the 11:30-12:00 session. Families with older children are invited to attend the evening session from 5:45 to 6:30 in the gym at FJCC (otherwise known as the swimming pool in Ladysmith). Parents are required to attend with their children. Please wear comfortable clothing and sneakers.

Please join us for a super fun and inspiring experience.

Please register for the evening Dancing with Life by calling Beverly 250-245-8829.

All Dancing with Life sessions are free to everyone wishing to participate.

If you would like more information about DANCEPL3Y, please check out their website <https://www.dancepl3y.com/>



Have a Wonderful Month