

ÉCOLE NORTH OYSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that it's December already! We have many events planned for this month including a door decorating project, a Muppet's Christmas Carol show at VIU on Dec 12 & 13, hot lunch of pizza on December 14 and caroling in the gym during the final week before the break. I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past two months and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Mr. John Cunnian, who will be École North Oyster's new principal beginning after the Christmas break. Please take the time during the holidays to rest, relax and enjoy family. Have an excellent December and we'll see you next year.



Mr. Young

DECEMBER

NEWSLETTER 2018



FRENCH IMMERSION AT LSS

Did you know that Ladysmith Secondary School has a French Immersion Program? Students currently in French Immersion at École North Oyster can continue at LSS. Students there have many opportunities to expand their knowledge including a trip to Quebec to get the full immersion experience! Students may also have the opportunity to acquire a DELF certificate, which is an International Recognition of French Proficiency. Also, if students graduate in French Immersion they will receive a double Dogwood Certificate. If you have any questions or would like to speak more about the program at LSS, please contact me at 250.245.3330 or Laura Harrison at LSS at 250-245-3043. Thank you.

Mr. Young



School-Wide Dates to Remember:

December 12	Muppets Christmas Carol at VIU Divisions 1, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12,14,15, 16 & 17
December 13	Muppets Christmas Carol at VIU Divisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 & 13
December 14	Hot Lunch
December 17-20	Door Decorating Week
December 19	Silly Sweater Day
December 18-20	Miss Fall's Christmas Store
December 18-20	Christmas Carols in the Gym Monday 12:30—1:00 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 1:30—2:00
December 21	Last day of school before Winter Break
January 7	School Re-opens after Winter Break
January 7	Cedar Assembly 9:15



Miss Fall's Class presents:

The 5th Annual Christmas Store

December 18, 19, & 20, 2018

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!

The store will be open from 11:45-12:15 on December 18, 19, 20 in Miss Fall's class for all students and any parents who wish to come visit. If you want your presents wrapped this will take place in Mr. Young's class for free!!

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



On behalf of the library team, we would like to wish everyone in our École North Oyster Elementary community a wonderful, restful holiday season. We hope families will take advantage of the cold winter weather to get cozy with a good book!

January will soon be upon us, as will our annual Family Literacy Week. The theme for this year's celebration is **"Reading is my Superpower/Mon superpouvoir, c'est la lecture"**. During this week, we plan many school-wide events to inspire students to get excited about reading, including an annual Read-a-thon and book swap. Please keep an eye out for more information early in the New Year. The holidays might also be a great time to do a cleanup of your book shelves and set aside a few well-loved titles for the swap table.

Happy reading to all and see you in 2019!

PAC NEWS

We hope the students are enjoying the PAC sponsored "Artists in the School" program that has been happening at ENO.

Hot Lunch is a PAC-sponsored event that happens 1-2 times per month. If you would like to help or have some ideas about lunches please contact northoysterhotlunch@gmail.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- December 14 Pizza Hot Lunch
- January 12 PAC Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Want to be in the know? Find us on Facebook and get all the updates!



Christmas Food Drive



This holiday season each classroom will be collecting food for the Ladysmith Food Bank and for any school families that may be in need of extra support. Non-perishable items are in great need.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness and giving spirit. We will begin our Food Drive on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 until Friday, December 14, 2018 So let's fill up those boxes in order to help others.



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 activities 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 2019.

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 **Reading is My Super Power/Mon super pouvoir, c'est la lecture!** 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 21-January 25**), 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 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 *Reading is My Super Power/Mon super pouvoir, c'est la lecture!* 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: _____

