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Principal's Message

As we head into the final stretch of this school year, there are many exciting things happening at the school this month! Thanks to the efforts of our PAC and Playspace committee, BCAA, many volunteers, and supports from the community, our new playground is nearing completion. It has been truly amazing to see the school and community work together to make this playground a reality. I am truly grateful to everyone who contributed to this project as students are excited to use this new play area.

Track and Field has started, and our classes are practicing rain or shine. As well, our basketball season is wrapping up. Many thanks to our coaches, referees and volunteer parent drivers. The NDSS trades trailer will be at the school from April 23-25 to do activities with our grades 5-7 students.

I would like to welcome Baylee Frissell (Division 11) and Tamara Thomas (Division 7) to our school, as well as welcome Gena Seward-Wilson back to our school community to do Hulquminum lessons.

If you have not done so already, please take a moment to complete the online Student Learning Survey (formerly called Satisfaction Survey). We use this data in the school to help us to serve our school community better. As well, there will be information sent out shortly about an Active Transportation review of the school, which looks at the safe arrival of students who walk or bike to school. Your feedback through this process is greatly appreciated.

Have a great month, and please take a moment to check out the lovely playground when you have a moment.

Kind regards,
John Cunnian



Patati et Patata and PechaKucha Jr.

Many divisions in the school are busy working hard preparing and practicing their presentations for the oral speaking extravaganza affectionately known in our French divisions as Patati et Patata and PechaKucha Jr. in our English divisions.



Students will be presenting in their own classrooms over the next few weeks and selected students will be given the opportunity to present in front of the school and families in the gym on Thursday, May 2. We will have two presentations in order to accommodate all the finalists.

École Hammond Bay will be hosting the District Finals for Patati et Patata in their gym at the end of May (date TBD). One student in each of our Patati et Patata categories will be selected to participate in these finals at Hammond Bay.

Good luck to all our participants! Practice often and have FUN!

School-Wide Dates to Remember:



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| April 9 | Shoreline Middle School Band Assembly 1 p.m. |
| April 11 | Hot Lunch |
| April 17 | Class, Team Photos 9:00 a.m. |
| April 18 | Patati/Pecha in the Gym |
| April 19 | Good Friday—No School |
| April 22 | Easter Monday—No School |
| April 25 | Decade Day |
| April 26 | Young Entrepreneurs—Gym All Day |
| May 1 | Cedar Assembly—9:00 a.m. |



Track and Field

As of April 1, all grade 3 through 7 students have been participating in Track and Field Rotations outside with different teachers. This is to try out and practice the different events. We will be having our school Track Meet on Tuesday May 7 at the Rotary Bowl in Nanaimo near NDSS. All grade 3-7 students will be bussed there and will participate in 4-6 events depending on their age category.



This school track meet is shared with Cinnabar Valley. They are in charge of the Running Events and we are in charge of the Field Events. Although we share the Meet, our students only compete against other students from our school.

For this Meet to be successful we need several dozen parent/grandparent/caregiver volunteers to help us both supervise students in the stands and actually help the teachers run each of the five events. Five field events separated into boys and girls and also into age groups means we have 16 events for two schools. We really need lots of help. If you are able to save the date, come join us or even book the day off to come and lend a hand, both the students and staff of our two schools will be eternally grateful.

Last year some of the wait times for field events were very long because we did not have enough volunteers to run extra stations. We really hope to organize a few extras to alleviate this problem.

If you are able to lend a hand please email Mme Heather at htrawick@sd68.bc.ca to let her know. Please indicate if you can help by supervising in the stands or by assisting with a field event. (Ball Throw, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, Discus)

Busses will be leaving around 8:45 and returning for the end of the day. May 7 will be a full and exciting day!

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

We have had a very busy, productive month in the École North Oyster Elementary Library. Thank you to all families for supporting your children as they develop their literacy skills and passion for reading. Both Miss Fall and I continue to encourage students to take personal responsibility for the care and exchange of library books. This said, we would appreciate you reinforcing the following messages with your children:



After two weeks, books are officially considered "overdue" but chapter books often take longer to finish. Please return library books as soon as you are finished with them. This makes books available for other students who are waiting.

Please do not carry library books in backpacks along with liquids or food. Every year, we discard many expensive library resources because they are damaged in this way.

If you think a library book is lost, please report it to Miss Fall or Mme Patrice. We sometimes ask students to pay for lost books so they can be replaced. This decision is made on an individual basis but taking responsibility is an important first step.

Miss Fall and I love to talk about books! If your child needs a little extra time or support in choosing a "Just Right" book, they are very welcome to visit the library during recess or after school from Monday to Wednesday.

Thank you again for all you do to support your children as they grow into enthusiastic, life-long readers!

Storytelling with LOOSE PARTS

We are working hard to develop imagination, inquiring minds and engaged storytellers by building a collection of loose parts that will allow students to build visual models of a story that they can later tell and further write.

Help us build our collection of loose parts!

What does that look like? What do we want?

- natural items like rocks and shells (unique, clean and small)
- small, wooden toys (trees or people from brio train sets, wooden cars or houses, wooden people or furniture from old doll houses)

If you are unsure of whether or not your items will work, please ask for Madame Camille and she will have a look. If you are ready to repurpose something and we cannot use it as loose parts for storytelling, we may be able to find a home for it in our art room or one of our many classroom stores.



PAC NEWS

PLAYGROUND

CONGRATS!!! A huge round of congratulations to the ENO playspace committee. Our new playground is simply amazing. Thank you so much for the hard work and dedication by Chrissie Stephen, Angela Davies and Michael Fraser. This project would not have been possible without the help and support from all of our amazing sponsors. Thank you to: the parents and families of ENO, BCAA, MKM Projects, Cascara Engineering, Rice Engineering, Schott Contracting, Coast Environmental, Coastal Trucking, DBL Disposal Services, Island Aggregates Ltd, McNab's Farm, McNab Enterprises, Yellow Point Cranberry Farm, Tim Richards, Duck Paterson, Windley Construction, Umbrella Welding, Hub City Paving, Xtend Rentals, DJ Battle, Ladysmith Home Hardware, Tim Hortons, Panago Pizza, Ladysmith Kinsmen Club, North Oyster Fire Department, Mortgage Alliance, Zack's Lounge, Mobility Physiotherapy, Suttle Recreation, Beverly David, Boat Harbor Marina and Buffi.



FUNDRAISERS

If you ordered from our IncrEdibles plants order pick ups should be happening in the coming weeks.

We are always in need of 49th Parallel and Country Grocer receipts. Please send them in with your child or drop them off your self to the box under the PAC board outside the office.

Our next bottle drive for the school is May 26..... so keep your "May Long Weekend" empties and donate them back to the school :)

Hot lunches and hot dinners are up on Munchalunch. Make your busy spring easier by ordering dinner for every Thursday!!

DATES

April 11- Hot Lunch

May 6- Next PAC meeting @ 6:30pm

May 26 - Bottle Drive 10am-2pm



LATEST INFO

Are you not receiving emails and updates from the PAC? Then you must not be on our list. Send us an email to northoysterpac@gmail.com to be added. And also follow us on our PAC Page on Facebook at Ecole North Oyster Elementary PAC!

NORTH OYSTER & AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

For ages 1-11

Saturday April 20, 2019 11:00 a.m. sharp at

North Oyster Elementary School

Face painting

Lots of Prizes!

Coffee & Cookies

FUN FOR EVERYONE



Have a Wonderful Month

SPRING



NDSS Grade 7 Introduction Night

If you are thinking of going to NDSS for Grade 8, please see the information below:

On Tuesday, April 16 all grade seven students and families planning to attend Nanaimo District Secondary School in September 2019, are invited to attend an Introduction Night. The event at NDSS will start at 6:15pm with Refreshments in the large cafeteria. The formal part of the evening will begin at 6:30pm in the large gymnasium. Parents and students will be given a warm NDSS welcome with speeches, entertainment and a comprehensive school tour. The evening will conclude at 8:00pm.

Basketball

The Peewee girls just completed a great season! We have two Bantam teams currently competing in the playoffs. Best of luck in the playoffs, teams!!



All three teams have worked hard this season to improve their skills.

Thank you to all the coaches and sponsor teachers for their time helping all teams to be successful.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL EVENTS

Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL)

Teen - (ages 13-18) Virtual Reality Drop-In Monday's 6-7:30pm

Want to play games using an Oculus Rift? Drop by the library and hang out! Playing time is first come first serve.

STEAM Fridays - (ages 6-12) – Every 2nd Friday 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Explore circuitry, programming and digital storytelling through play.

On Site Art – (Multi-age) – Wednesday's 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Painting in community spaces. Artists of all levels welcome.

YOGA

Cedar Secondary – All ages – 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Pacific Sport – Art and Sport afterschool program

North Oyster – Thursday's beginning April 18th thru to June 6th

2:30pm – 4:00pm

Please contact Veronica Buck, Community Schools Coordinator if you have any questions (250) 713-2512.



**NANAIMO LADYSMITH
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Learning Services Appreciative Inquiry
March 11, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools (NLPS) will undertake an Appreciative Inquiry of the supports it provides to students in order to determine exemplary practices, and how the district can promote these practices in Kindergarten to Grade 12.

The district is currently examining available sources of data but may engage Learning Support staff through focus groups, face-to-face meetings, and/or online surveys by asking such questions as:

How are we meeting the needs of and enriching the support of our diverse learners?

What are the exemplary and high-impact support services across the district?

Key elements of the Appreciative Inquiry process will:

- Focus on continuous improvement for all students, including students with special needs;
- Analyze evidence about educational programs, including special education programs and services;
- Ensuring programs and services align with the NLPS Learning Framework and the Board's goals; and,
- Determine specific recommendations to address goals that may include both strategies and structures.

The Appreciative Inquiry will begin engaging staff in March and will continue until the end of April 2019. The Steering Committee will develop a draft report in June and present to the Board of Education in September.

Sincerely,

Department of Learning Services