

ÉCOLE NORTH OYSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 2019



Principal's Message

The sunny weather has returned and we are busily working towards the end of the school year. As you can see from the calendar on the next page, there are many upcoming events. Many thanks to our hardworking staff and parent volunteers for all of their extra efforts to make these events possible!

I would like to thank everyone for their patience as the site is being used for the Federal By-Election, which has resulted in heavier than usual traffic and parking challenges. The new playground is getting lots of use, and it is great to hear the laughter and see the smiles of our students as they play on it. Thank you again to everyone who contributed to this great project!

We have embarked on an Active Transportation Review of our school community, which focuses on the safe arrival of students to school. Part of this review will include surveying our parent and student community about how they arrive to school and to look at some recommendations for making this safer and to encourage more walking/cycling if possible. More information about this will be sent to you soon.

Finally, as we are planning for the fall already, please let us know if you are planning on moving or changing programs as this information does impact how we organize the school next year. The sooner that we are aware of these changes, the better able we will be to support those changes.

Have a great month!

Thanks

John Cunnian



General Voting Day for Federal By-Election:

Voting will take place from 8:30am to 8:30pm on Monday, May 6th in the ENO gymnasium. As such, there will be members of the public on the school grounds and increased traffic during that day. Thank you for your patience with this.

Parental Requests for Student Placement 2019-2020 School Year

We are in the process of planning the next academic year. It is important you trust the teachers and administration to build classes, which suit the students' both academic and social needs. We take a lot of care in doing classroom composition for each grade. We make up each class list in a way that maximizes the quality of teaching and learning conditions for all students. The decision for placement is based on many factors, such as: balancing academic ability, levels of independence, learning styles, social/emotional maturity, previous placement, and maximizing the positive learning environment for the whole class. The classroom composition for each grade has to reflect the acceptance of all individuals within an inclusive school as we attempt to provide appropriate educational programming to all children. If you have specific educational reasons/concerns you would like us to consider about your child, please contact the your school (in writing) as soon as possible, **but no later than May 24, 2019 to info.no@sd68.bc.ca**. We do consider these requests along with all other pertinent information provided by classroom teachers and support staff. Please note your request will be considered but we do not guarantee it can be honored. It does become an important part of our planning process. As teachers may change schools and grade groupings are dependent on enrolment numbers and balancing learning needs, **please describe optimal learning environments without referring to specific teachers. We are not able to take requests for individual teachers.**



School-Wide Dates to Remember:

May 6	Elections in the Gym 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.
May 7	School Track Meet All Day, Rotary Bowl
May 8	Jump Rope for Heart Kick-Off Assembly 9:15 a.m.
May 9	Hot Lunch—Burgers
May 10	School Based Pro-D—No School for Students
May 14	Grade 7s Visit to LSS—10:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m.
May 15	Spring Concert—12:30 pm. or 6:30 p.m.
May 16	Parent Appreciation Tea—1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.
May 20	Victoria Day—No School
May 22	Jump Rope for Heart Event—10:45 a.m.—11:30 Gym/Outside
May 23	Zone Track Meet All Day, Rotary Bowl
May 27	Welcome to K—9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
May 30	Hot Lunch— Pizza
May 30	Bookfest Author Visit—Primary French Immersion
May 31	Bookfest Author Visit—Intermediate English & French
June 1	Cedar Assembly—9:00 a.m.
June 5	Rainbow Day and Pride Assembly—9:15 a.m.
June 6	District Track Meet



YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS SHOW

Thank you so much to our amazing École North Oyster school community for coming out and supporting our young entrepreneurs as they learned about businesses, created their own products and put their imaginations to work. The students were proud to display and sell their products and services in the gym on April 30 and the event was a huge success. Thank you so much students and families of Division 16 & 17 for your hard work and enthusiasm! Many are already looking forward to participating in this event again next year.



SPRING CONCERT TICKET PROCEDURE



We are looking forward to our Spring Concert that will be taking place on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 with one performance at 12:30 p.m. and the other at 6:30 p.m.

Due to the space capacity in the gym and parking limitations around the school grounds, we are asking parents to help run this concert as smoothly and safely as possible by following the ticket allocation procedure below. We would also like to encourage families to consider carpooling as an option to help with the availability of parking.

There are two (2) tickets per family for one concert time only.

- ◆ Distribution of tickets will be from the office only. Please see Christine De Vries to get your two (2) family tickets. If you are unable to pick up your tickets, please contact the office to grant permission for the tickets to be sent home with your student. You can contact Christine via email at cdevries@sd68.bc.ca or the main school line 250-245-3330.
- ◆ Please select either the 12:30 p.m. performance **OR** the 6:30 p.m. performance.
- ◆ If you know that you don't need your tickets, please let Christine know.
- ◆ We will keep a waitlist at the office for those families that require additional tickets, if spares become available.

TRACK AND FIELD

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. Busses will leave promptly at 8:45. Students will be back in time for regular dismissal. All grade 3-7 students will have already brought home their permission notices with a schedule on the back.



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.

Thank you to all the adults who have volunteered to help out at the Meet already. We can always use more helpers. If you are able to lend a hand please email Mme Heather at htrawick@sd68.bc.ca to let her know. It is going to be a wonderful day! Fingers crossed for just right weather!

Many, many heartfelt thanks to GNB Builders for providing our school with an additional 50 athletic school jerseys! We will now have enough for all Cross Country Team members to wear on race days without sharing. Our Ecole North Oyster athletes will be visible at the upcoming Zone and District Track Meets too. All of our student athletes will also have a better choice for sizes now too. Thank you GNB Builders!



Patati et Patata and PechaKucha Jr.

Many of our students have spent the past two months working hard on their Patati et Patata and Pechakucha junior presentations. Students all presented for their classmates, and a few students from each participating division were chosen to present during our school gym finals.



Please join us in congratulating all our school Patati et Patata and Pechakucha junior finalists who worked hard and stood bravely before the school as well as many families and guests to give their presentations in the gym this week.

A select few of the outstanding Patati et Patata presenters will be travelling to École Hammond Bay with our Principal, John Cunnian, at the end of May where they will have a chance to present again at a district-level celebration for Patati et Patata.

LOST & FOUND

Please take a look at the overflowing lost and found box when you are next in the school.

Unclaimed items will be donated to a charity at the end of the school year.



Jump Rope for Heart



On Monday May 8 we are having our Jump Rope for Heart kick off assembly at 9:15 a.m.! Fundraising envelopes will be sent home on this day. Please assist and supervise your child as they raise funds around the community. Students who choose to raise funds have the chance to win prizes!

All envelopes are due back to school on May 20 and our Jump event is on May 22 from 10:45-11:30 a.m.



Bus Registration for the 2019-20 School Year

All Nanaimo Ladysmith Public School (NLPS) bus riders will require a 2019-2020 Z-Pass card to ride the bus on both morning and afternoon runs. Registration for the upcoming school year is due July 1, 2019. More information is available on the school district website, <http://www.sd68.bc.ca/>.



Every bus rider is required to register **each** school year.



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

May is going to be an exciting month for literacy at École North Oyster Elementary! Thanks to the support of our hard-working Parent Advisory Council, we have the opportunity to welcome two renowned Bookfest authors to our school. The Vancouver Island Children's Book Festival (Bookfest) is an exciting event that takes place in the Nanaimo Ladysmith area each spring, bringing together a diverse group of authors and illustrators from across the country. This year, Francophone illustrator Gabriel Grimard and comic book writer J. Torres will be doing presentations at École North Oyster. We are so lucky to be able to connect directly with these amazing Canadian writers and to learn what is involved in the creation, illustration and publication of books. More information about the author visits will be shared later in May. In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about Bookfest 2019 and the June 1 community event, we invite you to visit www.bookfest.ca



Thank you and happy reading!

PAC NEWS

May 6- Pac mtg @ 6:30 in the library
May 9- Hamburger Hot Lunch
May 15- Spring Concert 12:30/6:30
May 27- Open Mtg for Safe Arrivals & Departures at 6:30pm in the library
May 30- Pizza Day Hot Lunch (lunch orders due May 24)
May- 30 & 31 Bookfest Authors in the School
June TBA- Pac mtg (Social)
June 13- Hot Dog Hot Lunch (lunch orders due June 7)



Watering Needed:

Would you like to see the last part of the playground open?? Yes the giant mound of dirt!!! We are looking for volunteers to help water the mound during the summer to ensure the grass will grow so we can open the mound and slide in September. It is very critical that the ground covering grows and protects the mound from erosion. Without this we can not open the mound/slide! Please contact Chrissie at enoplayground@gmail.com if you can help.

Spring Concert:

The PAC will be putting on a "decadent dessert" concession during both seatings of this years Spring Concert on May 15. The seatings are 12:30pm & 6:30pm. If you can help volunteer at the concession or bake please contact Candice McLean at northoysterpac@gmail.com.

We are on the home stretch now!! Thank you for all of your support this year and we look forward to the new adventures that will come!!

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.



Have a Wonderful Month





Measles Catch up for Students in Kindergarten to Grade 4

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 4.

The Province of British Columbia is launching a measles immunization catch-up program to help B.C. families ensure their children are protected from measles. The program will run from April through June 2019, with a goal of immunizing as many of the under immunized school aged children as possible by the end of the school year. Immunization consent packages will be sent home for students in kindergarten to grade 4 who are behind on their immunizations. Students will be offered immunizations at a public health office or a school-based immunization clinic with the consent of a parent, guardian or representative. Parent(s), guardians or representatives will be required to accompany students to the public health immunization appointment or school based immunization clinic.

Students who are up to date on their immunizations will receive a record of immunization. Please keep this record to provide to your child's school this fall.

First Nations children who receive health services in their communities may be able to access immunization records and services at their Community Health Centers.

Please contact the local Health Unit at 250-755-3388 and ask to speak with a Public Health Nurse if you have any questions.

Nanaimo/Ladysmith/Gabriola Public Health is currently organizing immunization clinics for under immunized school aged children. Please watch for further information regarding the dates and locations of these clinics.