

ÉCOLE NORTH OYSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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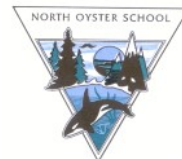
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NEWSLETTER 2019



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Vice Principal: Mr. Edward Young

Secretary: Mrs. Christine De Vries



Principal's Message

Welcome to Fall!

After a busy start to the year, we have settled into our classes and we are engaged in another year of learning. We would like to welcome the following new staff to the ENO team:



Darlene Frier, Speech Language Pathologist

Michelle Black, Counsellor

Kendra Van Shaik, Child, Youth and Family Support Worker

Brooke Washburn, Secretary 1 (Mondays and Wednesdays)

Sylvana Sproule, Music Teacher (Wednesdays and Fridays)

Chris Perrier, English Grade 1 Teacher

Sarah Pike, English Grade 4/5 Teacher

Natalie Stewart, French Immersion Grade 5/6 Teacher



You may have seen our "Think of Me" safety campaign last week. This was an initiative that came forward from our Active Transportation Review, and many speeding motorists were presented with a "ticket" that featured student artwork and messages about driving safely in school zones.

Our PAC has worked tirelessly to fundraise for our new playground and a host of school-based funding needs. This donation of time and funds is so appreciated by the staff and students of ENO as this support is critical. After giving so much, our PAC now needs you! The PAC AGM is on October 8 at 6:30 in the library, and there are executive positions that need to be filled if the PAC is to continue to operate. Please make a point of attending the AGM and strongly consider taking on an executive role. I would like to thank the current PAC executive for all of their hard work and support – you will be missed!

Our school continues to focus this year on literacy skills, strategies and interventions, as well as our work on restorative practices. We had our first Cedar assembly of the year on September 9, and our second one in October is where we will welcome our new students into their family groups.

Parent/teacher/student conferences will be happening from October 21-24, and these are an opportunity to check in about your child's progress.

Have a great autumn,

John Cunnian

CLASSROOM FUNDRAISER!

Mme Desiree's class is once again running a Popcorn Fundraiser this year.

Popcorn sales will started up on Thursday, September 26, 2019 and will happen every Thursday after that.

A bag of popcorn costs \$2.50.



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.



School-Wide Dates to Remember:

October 7	Cedar Assembly, 9:00 a.m.
October 8	PAC AGM 6:30 p.m.
October 11	Pro-D Day (No School for Students)
October 14	Thanksgiving (No School for Students)
October 21-24	Early Dismissal—Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
October 25	Provincial Pro-D Day (No School for Students)
October 31	Halloween Parade



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

Welcome to another exciting year of learning at the École North Oyster Elementary library! We are starting September off with a bang by launching a whole-school reading challenge called **“Discover a Whole New World of Books/Découvrir un nouveau monde de livres”**. The challenge details will vary depending on grade level but all students will have the opportunity to participate. The children are very inspired to read and excited to be part of the December celebration. We ask that you support your child by supervising their reading and signing their reading passports. Please refer to our recent information letter for details and contact Mme Patrice at pmauriks@sd68.bc.ca should you have questions or concerns.



We would also like to start off the school year with a few reminders about library policies and procedures. Both Miss Fall and I 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 child:

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 our students as they grow into enthusiastic, life-long readers!



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.

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.



Miss Fall's Class presents:
The 6th Annual Christmas Store
December 17, 18, 19, 2019
Location: Miss Fall's Room



Calling all Parents! December is just around the corner! It's time to start thinking about Miss Fall's SIXTH ANNUAL Christmas Store! We are looking for donations of gently used items that would make great presents for family members & friends. Please no large items, clothing or furniture.

Please drop off any donations to Miss Fall's classroom #103. Thank you!! This fundraiser supports the Grade 7 year end activities. The success of this event depends on the donations of items we receive!

Thank you in advance!

PAC NEWS

Welcome to a new school year! It was so nice to see so many out to our first PAC meeting. Please mark your calendars on **October 8 at 6:30 p.m.** for our AGM where we will vote on our annual budget and vote in the new executive team. We are currently looking for: Chair, Vice Chair, secretary, treasurer, fundraising coordinator, DPAC rep, and 2 members at large as **ALL** of our exec team is stepping down. If you are interested in any of the positions please contact Candice or Kristi via email at northoysterpac@gmail.com



Want to stay in the loop??? Follow us on Facebook at Ecole North Oyster Pac and get up to date info! Also ensure we have your current email address by sending us an email at northoysterpac@gmail.com

We will be doing hot lunch once a month again this year. We are currently just getting everything set up in munch a lunch with the new classes and you should be hearing from Camille, the hot lunch coordinator, very soon.

We are looking forward to another amazing year.

PARENTING IN A DIGITAL WORLD



For Parents of School-Aged Children

October 8, 2019
6:30 PM to 8 PM + Q and A
Cedar Elementary School Gym

With society heading in a direction of being constantly connected to technology, what do we need to know as parents to protect our children and teach them responsible and appropriate use of technology? The parameters of rules and expectations that you put in place at home will undoubtedly guide their behaviour in the years to come. Please join us for an informative presentation which will cover the following topics and more!

PARENTS: Do not miss this free event!

- **Social Media Update** - The most current apps & trends in their social media lives
- **Pick Your Battles!** - You will have to balance the yin with the yang, promote independence whilst taking a strong stance on certain subjects
- **Current Research** - Brain development & technology, violent video games
- **Digital Footprint and Reputation** - With their future approaching, recruiters and employers are taking note – What will they find?
- **Tips & Tricks to Use at Home**

Please RSVP to cedarelempac@gmail.com to reserve your seat!
Refreshments available in a limited quantity. Arrive early!



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Grade 6 Immunizations

Watch for immunization consent packages for Grade 6 students that will be sent home early in the fall. Students in Grade 6 will be offered immunizations in school-based clinics with the consent of a parent(s), guardian or representative. Please contact the local Health Unit at 250-755-3388 and ask to speak with a Public Health Nurse if you have any questions.



Have a Wonderful Month