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JANUARY

NEWSLETTER 2020



Principal's Message

Happy New Year, and welcome back!

All of us at ENO hope that you and your family had a safe and relaxing winter break. We have a busy and exciting month ahead of us. Our Read-a-thon has begun, and our Family Literacy Week kicks off in the week of January 20th.

Many thanks to Mme. Patrice and Ms. Fall for organizing this great event. We also have yoga classes and the 'Scientist in the School' program coming up this month.

Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the wet/cold/possibly snowy weather that we will be seeing this month. Unless the weather is particularly bad, we will continue to have outdoor recess as the fresh air and opportunity to burn off some energy are important. As well, please remember that the staff parking lot is not an area to pick up or drop off students. Doing so poses a safety risk to students and staff alike.

Kindergarten registration has begun, and we are already planning for the next school year. If you are considering any changes or moves, please do let us know as soon as possible as this information is important for planning purposes.

You will notice that there is construction taking place on the new playground as the curbing around the Apollo has been installed, with more rubber surfacing to follow. Many thanks to the playground committee for their continued work on this great project!

Have a great start to 2020!

Best,

John Cunnian



School-Wide Dates to Remember:



January 13	Cedar Assembly—9:00 p.m.
January 13	PAC Meeting—6:00 p.m.
January 20-24	Family Literacy Week
January 21	"Come Read with Me" - Grade 1s 12:30-2:15 p.m.
January 21	Literacy Family Night—6:15-7:30 p.m.
January 27	Family Literacy Week Celebration
January 29	July in January
February 3	Cedar Assembly—9:00
February 14	Cedar Family Valentine Activity
February 24	District Pro-D—No school for students
February 25	School Based Pro-D— No school for students

BANTAM GIRLS

VOLLEYBALL—Practices are Tuesday at lunch and Thursday mornings. **Game day is Thursday.**



PEE WEE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL—Practices Grade 5s Monday, and Friday mornings. Practices Grade 6s Wednesday morning and Friday at lunch. **Game day is TUESDAY.**

Bantam Boys Volleyball—Practices are Tuesday mornings and Wednesday at lunch. **Game day is Wednesday.**

Season runs until the end of January. Teams have been performing well and enjoying learning and working together as a team.

JULY IN JANUARY

The school will be celebrating July in January on Wednesday January 29th. This is a school spirit day when we dress up like it's July and wear our shorts, sunglasses and beach hats. We will head down to the gym at 12:45 and parents are invited to come along and join us in the Bunny Hop, YMCA, Macarena etc. It's always a great afternoon of multi-age fun. Please remind your students they don't have to wear their summer gear if it's snowing!! They can change at school. Thanks for your support of our school spirit in advance.

Ms. Sproule



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

We are very excited that Family Literacy Week is fast approaching! It will run from January 20th to 24th, with a celebration assembly on Monday, January 27th. The theme for this year's celebration is **"Reading Around the World/Lisons autour du monde"**. Our Read-A-Thon is now well underway and staff has been very pleased to see so many excited Reading World Travelers! This Read-a-Thon is our only targeted library fundraiser, which takes place *every second year*. In 2020, in addition to focusing on school reading goals, we are also exploring literacy challenges that face children around the globe. For this reason, we have chosen to share some of our Read-a-Thon proceeds with an overseas school in need. Family support is essential and, of course, very much appreciated. **Please remember that reading calendars and pledge forms are due January 23rd**. There are a great many prizes up for grabs, so please help your child remember this important date. We also ask that you read our recent information letter for details on the exciting events taking place during Family Literacy Week. Lisa Marshall, our Literacy Coordinator is even hopping on board this year, with a Family Literacy Night on Tuesday, January 21st, from 6:15-7:30 p.m. for pre-school to Grade 4 students. Come and enjoy a fun evening in PJs reading stories, listening to stories, making bookmarks and playing bingo. You are welcome to attend all events taking place during Family Literacy Week. We would particularly love to see some of our parents dressed up as favorite book characters for Friday's costume parade!



Thank you for your vital assistance in helping your child to become a Reading World Traveler!



School Registration 2020-2021

To register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized registration will begin on January 8, 2020 at 8 a.m. Pacific Standard Time. The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you.

Take a moment and ask yourself the following questions:

1. Is my child new to Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools?
2. Do I have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2020 that will be entering Kindergarten? **Applications must be received by June 15, 2020 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.**
3. Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion?
4. Do I want to register my child in Early French Immersion? **Applications will be received until January 31, 2020, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2020. Late French Immersion Students are placed as space permits.**
5. Do I want to register my child in secondary academies?

Lottery	Try-outs/ Audition
Hockey	Lacrosse
Soccer	Performing Arts
Beach Volleyball	Jazz

Applications will be received until March 1, 2020, at which time student selection will be determined either by lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified in May 2020.

6. Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? **Applications are due March 31, 2020.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE SD68.BC.CA OR BY EMAILING EREG@SD68.BC.CA



NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kindergarten

Registration starts now . . .

If your child will be turning five years old before December 31, 2020. It's time to register for Kindergarten. Online registration will begin on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 @ 8:00 a.m. Registration is online only: sd68.vivosforms.com Questions: ereg@sd68.bc.ca

LADYSMITH SECONDARY

A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT GRADE 8 REGISTRATIONS

Grade 7 students are automatically registered and scheduled at Ladysmith Senior Secondary for Grade 8, as Ladysmith is our catchment high school. There is no need to apply to Ladysmith Secondary as this is automatically taken care of for your child.

Students wishing to transfer to a secondary school other than our catchment area high school, should notify their Principal and Grade 7 teacher and apply online at www.sd68.bc.ca.

If you are interested in applying to one of our District Secondary Academies, please visit our website for more information: District Secondary Academies.



REGISTRATION 2020-2021

Registration for the 2020-2021 school is now open. Families interested in French Immersion for their incoming Kindergarten student will need to apply between Jan 8 and Jan 31 to be included in the French Immersion lottery. Incoming K students who will have a sibling still attending a FI school in 2020/2021 will receive priority placement as long as they have registered in that time frame.




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.



Social Justice League

Thursdays at Big Recess in Room 137
(Mme Marylee's room)

Everyone Welcome

Safe space

BE YOU

Do you have what it takes to make a difference?

Teacher Sponsors: Mme Marylee & Mme Camille & Mr. Perrier




District School Closure and Bus Cancellations

When deciding to close schools or cancel busing on days of inclement weather, decisions are always made with student safety in mind—it's our top priority.

As you know, the weather forecast can change drastically overnight, so decisions are always made early in the morning. With such a large geographic area, the conditions at individual school sites may vary, and this is also a consideration.


The decision is made after staff tour the district between 2 and 6 a.m. and report road conditions to the Superintendent. Historically, the official decision is announced between 6:45 and 7 a.m., however, we've heard that students, their parents and staff would benefit from earlier notifications, especially those that take school or public transportation. Moving forward, the district will make every effort to make the first announcement between 6 and 6:15 a.m.

Announcements can be found on the district website, the Apple or Android mobile app, Facebook, Twitter, local radio stations, or by School Messenger via email, phone or text.

Schools will remain open, except under extreme circumstances. By doing so, all students have the option to attend. Closures can be a real hardship for many families, therefore it is the district's priority to take every reasonable step to have schools open and students engaged in learning.



Parents, as always, may choose to keep their child at home if they don't feel it's safe to travel to school.

Thank you for your understanding,
Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools



ECO-TIP OF THE MONTH

- Don't use plastic bags to bag your produce at the grocery store. Use reusable bags or don't put them in a bag at all.
- Bring your own containers from home when you order take out.
- Unplug your electronics when you're not using them to save energy.

PAC NEWS

Happy New Year from North Oyster PAC!

We would like to thank all of the parents and members of the community who helped out with the bottle drive on January 12.

Also, please join us for our monthly PAC meeting in the library on Monday, Jan 13 at 6pm. Childminding (\$2/child) and pizza provided.

A friendly reminder to save your grocery receipts from purchases made at Country grocery and 49th Parallel. There is a receipt collection bin located outside the office.

Have a Wonderful Month