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**Principal's Message**

It is with great excitement that we have welcomed in October.

We continue to welcome in many new families and students, which is always nice to see. Many of our students are making great use of our blended learning model. While providing the flexibility of learning at a distance, we love seeing our students staying connected in person by coming to our site to meet new people, to work with their teachers, and/or to find a quiet spot to work.

Our grade 10-12 Art students, recently began their onsite Art workshops with Mrs. Pepler. I am always impressed with the talented students we have.



During the next month, we will be doing onsite Earthquake, Fire Drill and Lockdown practices as we strive towards students and staff having emergency preparedness knowledge. The first drill is on October 19<sup>th</sup> as part of the BC Shakeout earthquake preparedness.

Have a wonderful October!

Patrick Young

**Scent, Citrus & Nut Free**



Due to staff and student allergies, Island ConnectEd is a: **Citrus Free, Scent Free, and Nut Sensitive Site.** Please help keep our learning environment safe for all by keeping our site free of these items!

**Important Dates**

*Please check out the calendar on our website for upcoming dates.*

K-7's Fall Lessons Start	Oct. 17
Science World Show & Workshops	Oct. 18
Great Canadian ShakeOut	Oct. 19
ProD ( <i>Students Don't Attend</i> )	Oct. 20
Clippers Cheer-Off	Oct 22
Cross-Country Zone Meet (K-7)	Oct. 24
Photo Retakes ( <i>Noon at Wellington</i> )	Oct. 25
Sprit Day (slippers, stuffy and hot chocolate)	Oct 25
McNabb Corn Maze	Oct 25
Halloween (Pumpkin Carving)	Oct. 30
Haunted Hallway	Oct 30
Cross-Country District Meet (K-7)	Nov. 2
Remembrance Day ( <i>Holiday</i> )	Nov. 13
Kids Craft Market	Nov 24
Start of Winter Break	Dec. 23
School Reopens after Winter Break	Jan. 8
Grad Photos	Jan. 15-25
BC Family Day	Feb. 12
ProD ( <i>Students Don't Attend</i> )	Feb. 19
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Pink Shirt Day	Feb. 28
Spring Break	Mar.17- Apr.3
Good Friday ( <i>Holiday</i> )	Mar. 30
Easter Monday ( <i>Holiday</i> )	April 02
ProD ( <i>Students Don't Attend</i> )	May 11
Victoria Day	May 21
Last "Official" Day of School	June 29

- PAC meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month. (10 AM at the school.)

**Parking**



Parking is limited at our school site. The kind people at the "Our Lady of Good Counsel" church (located just across the road from our school) kindly allow us to use their gravel parking when our site parking lot is full. We ask that anyone using that parking area be extra thoughtful in leaving it in excellent condition.

## Nanaimo Gr.5-12 Wrestling Club

Have you ever been curious about Olympic Style Wrestling? Although individual schools in our district do not have a wrestling team, our school district has a Wrestling club that is open to both boys and girls from grades 5-12. Practices are held on Monday and Thursday evening from 6-8 PM at Island ConnectEd (4355 Jingle Pot Road -- near Long Lake).

Wrestling builds physical fitness and character. It is a unique sport in that it provides an opportunity for athletes of all ages, shapes, sizes and genders to participate on the same team and to achieve individual goals/successes. If you are curious, we would love to see you experience the sport.

For more information or to register, please visit the team's website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/nanaimowrestlingclub/home>

## Science World Show

On Wednesday, October 19, Science World is offering a free Science Surprises show in our gym at 2 PM; it showcases topics like fire, electricity, air and locomotion. It is followed by drop-in (\$4) station workshops in the NS3 room. Come on our and enjoy the Science Fun.

## Clipper Tickets "Cheer Off"

Once again, our school is participating in the Clipper's Cheer Off. Come join us cheer on the Clippers vs the Prince George Spruce Kings on Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017, at 2 PM.



Tickets are limited (only 100) and are available in our school office on a first come, first served basis. Tickets are by donations with a very affordable suggested donation price of \$2 each. All proceeds will go to our student leadership events. Come on out and have fun socializing and cheering on the Clippers

## Onsite Halloween Event & Pizza

Our parent group is organizing a Halloween Event on the afternoon of Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, in our school's Multi-Purpose Room and Gym. Students and parents are invited to come dressed up in their Halloween attire and to bring a pumpkin (and

carving implements) to participate in pumpkin carving or to socialize while other carve. (See the *Corn Maze event where students can get a pumpkin for this event.*) The PAC will also be selling pizza to feed the hungry "little monsters" – pizza is \$3 per slice. We look forward to having a group photo (and possibly a costume parade). The event will take place from 1-3 PM. We hope to see you there!

## McNabb Corn Maze



Our PAC has organized a family event at the McNabb Corn Maze on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30 AM (with the fire pit from 12:00 to 2 PM for hotdogs and marshmallows). The corn maze and a hayride are a part of the fun.

The PAC is covering the cost of one adult per family and all children enrolled at Island ConnectEd. This covers the cost of entrance (the maze & hayride) and a pumpkin that students get to take home at the end of the day. Other family members are welcome but will not be covered by PAC.

Families need to arrange their own transportation to and from the McNabb farm (4613 Yellow Point Rd).

## Nanaimo Museum (Yesteryear Christmas)

On Friday, December 1st, 1:00-2:30pm, the Nanaimo Museum will host the "Yesteryear Christmas" program for students learning from home. They will get the chance to experience what Christmas was like for children 100 years ago in Nanaimo. Students will make a craft, visit the Miner's Cottage, play with old-fashioned toys, learn about traditions of the season, and snack on something festive. The cost is \$5 per child and preregistration is required for this program. This program is suitable for students aged 5-10. Caregivers must be on site at all times during the program.

If interested, families may call the museum (250-753-1821), email ([program@nanaimomuseum.ca](mailto:program@nanaimomuseum.ca)) or visit the museum to sign up their children.