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Principal's Message

October quickly passed on by along with all the ghoulies, princesses and other costumed characters. October was an action packed month that began with our first group of K-7 onsite lessons. It also had all the excitement that comes with Halloween-themed events such as our pumpkin carving and Costume Parade. It also saw a Haunted Coatroom created by our grade 8-9 students!



November is off to a quick start. With the recent Remembrance Day long weekend, we ask that all our students continue to "Hold the Torch High" and to work towards making both the school and the world a better place to work and live.

Be sure to mark Friday, November 24th on your calendar. We have our Kids' Market (a craft market / young entrepreneur activity) from 10 AM to Noon, and then our Open House / Meet the teacher from Noon to 1:30 PM. We hope to see you there!

Thanks to everyone for a fabulous month of October and a great start to November.

PAC "Secretary Position" & Fundraisers

Due to the recent movement of Mrs. Jennifer Darmadi from PAC Secretary to PAC co-chair, our school is looking for a new PAC secretary. If interested in the position of Secretary and supporting our PAC, please contact our PAC at icepac68@gmail.com.

Our PAC would also like to remind families of our two ongoing PAC fundraisers, (a) if buying items from Cobb's Bakery, please mention "Island ConnectEd" and a portion of your purchase will be donated to our school's PAC, and (b) if you shop at the Country Grocer, please submit receipt in the envelop on the PAC board.

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.

Grade 3 Swim to Survive	Nov. 14, 21, & 28
We for She (Gr.10-12)	Nov. 17
Kids Craft Market	Nov. 24
Kerri Isham's Body Smart (K-7 Event)	Nov. 28
Snowflake Family Dance	Dec. 14
Start of Winter Break	Dec. 23
School Reopens after Winter Break	Jan. 8
Grad Photos	Jan. 15-25
Gr.4 Van. Island Symphony	Jan. 22
BC Family Day	Feb. 12
ProD (Students Don't Attend)	Feb. 19
ProD (Students Don't Attend)	Feb. 20
Pink Shirt Day	Feb. 28
Spring Break	Mar.17- Apr.3
Good Friday (Holiday)	Mar. 30
Easter Monday (Holiday)	April 02
ProD (Students Don't Attend)	May 11
Victoria Day	May 21
High School Graduation Walk-up (Tent.)	June 19
Last "Official" Day of School	June 29

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

Parent & Student Information on Our Website

A reminder that parents and students may find links to several helpful documents and websites under the "Parent & Student" tab of our school website. This includes, but isn't limited to: course links, our Third Party Vendor form, Grade 10-12 Teacher's Onsite schedules, and our school's safety brochure.

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>

Kids' Market (Craft Fair)



On November 24th, come join us for our 2nd Annual **Kids Craft Market** from **10 AM to Noon**. This was an impressive hit last year

and showcased the amazingness of our students and families. Students and families are invited to create items to sell and/or share (food, crafts, etc.). It is free to sign-up to host a table; please complete the quick sign-up form below. Everybody is invited to attend the event to either view or purchase items. Entrance is free but the goodies aren't!

Sign-up link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/sNb1B9dyNujTosd02>

Open House / Meet the Teachers



On November 24th, directly following our Kid's Market, we will be holding an Open House / Meet the Teachers event from Noon to 1:30 PM. It is rare to have all of our teachers on our site at one time since most of our grade 10-12 teachers split their time between our Island ConnectEd school site and one of the local high schools. All of our teachers will be here to celebrate the Kids Market and to make

themselves available to say "Hello" to parents. Come on by to see the school and meet the teachers.

Clipper Tickets "Cheer Off"

We had a small but cheery crowd join us for this year's cheer off event. The group did us proud and won the cheer off versus the other school. This means we advance to a second "Cheer Off" event later in the year.



We will keep you posted and hope to "raise the roof" with our cheerful Island ConnectEd crew!!

Kerri Isham's Body Smart

Our PAC is sponsoring Kerri Isham's Workshop "BodySmart" for Grades K-7. This workshop addresses the Health /Sexual Health components of the Physical Health Education curriculum. Here are the details:

When: November 28 from 6-8 PM

Where: Multi-Purpose Room at Island ConnectEd

Who: Everyone is welcome to attend!

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) or visit the museum to sign up their children.

School Closures Due To Weather



If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM and WAVE 102.3 FM) by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis. In addition, the district will post the information on the district's website, Twitter and Facebook.