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Principal's Message

It's December! It is with great excitement that we have heralded in December. In late November, we held our Kids Market – it was another roaring success. Thanks to everyone who created and purchased the wide variety of crafts etc. We also hope to see many of our students and families at our upcoming Snowflake Family Dance and Potluck on Friday, December 15 from 12-3 in our gym.

In the past, December often marked the traditional end of the first school term for K-7; due to the new reporting procedures, our K-9 first report card will not come out until February. We have been thoroughly impressed with the progress many of our students have made over the first three months. Please take some time to celebrate your child's successes and to set goals for continued success for the rest of the school year.

From all of us at Island ConnectEd, have a well-deserved and relaxing winter break. We look forward to having a fantabulous start to 2018 in January. If you are as lucky as our Travelling Yeti, you may get a chance to visit somewhere warm and sunny!



Season's Greetings to everyone!

Sincerely,
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.

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| Snowflake Family Dance/Potluck | Dec. 15 |
| 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 (<i>Students Don't Attend</i>) | Feb. 19 |
| ProD (<i>Students Don't Attend</i>) | Feb. 20 |
| Pink Shirt Day | Feb. 28 |
| Spring Break | Mar.17- Apr.3 |
| Good Friday (Holiday) | Mar. 30 |
| Easter Monday (Holiday) | April 02 |
| ProD (<i>Students Don't Attend</i>) | May 11 |
| Victoria Day | May 21 |
| High School Graduation Walk-up (<i>Tent.</i>) | June 19 |
| Last "Official" Day of School | June 29 |

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

PAC Fundraisers

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.

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.

Anxiety Presentation (Sponsored by Park Ave)

Park Avenue Elementary's PAC is sponsoring a free "Childhood Stress & Anxiety: Building Resilience" presentation. A recent email with a brochure was sent out to our K-9 families. Here are the details:

Date: Thursday, Feb. 8

Time: 6-8 PM

Location: Park Avenue School Gymnasium

Focus group: "Parents, Caregivers, and Educators supporting children ages 5-13 experiencing stress and anxiety"

To sign up use the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/childhood-anxiety-presentation-tickets-41296705558>

Note: Due to number limits there is no babysitting available for non-Park Ave parents.

Clipper Tickets "Cheer Off" (Part 2)

Our school has advanced to the next round of the Clipper Cheer-off Challenge. We would love to raise the roof even more by having more of our students, families and friends in attendance.



Tickets are available in our school office. Here are the details:

Date: Saturday, January 13th

Time: 6 pm

Other School: Park Ave

Cost: By donation (Suggested \$2 – all proceeds go to student council and school leadership)

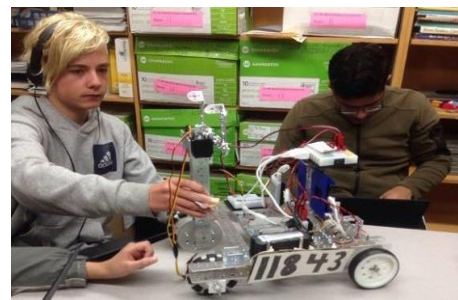
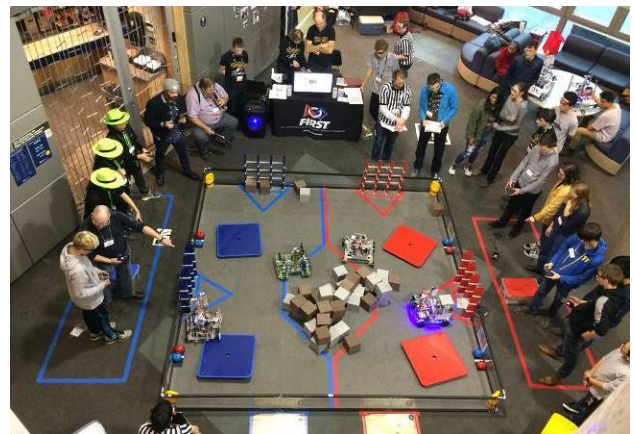
E-Registration for District schools

Registration for the 2018-19 school year begins on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. Please visit the district website for additional information:

http://www.sd68.bc.ca/?page_id=2357

Robotics Club

The Robotics Club had their first big competition of the season on November 19th at the Engineering and Computer Science Building at the University of Victoria. Our robot competed against nine other robots, mostly from robotics clubs in the Victoria area. It was a chance to show off our robot and see what other clubs were doing. We came back with lots of ideas to help us take our robot to the next level!



The club is still looking for new members as we continue to work towards competitions in January and February. The Club is especially in need of someone who can help with writing and recording the progress of the robot. The Club is required to submit an Engineering Journal as part of the final competition in February. Someone with an interest in Journalism or who enjoys writing would be a welcome addition to the Club.

The Robotics Club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 to 11:30 in the Bookroom, Room S3.