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Principal's Message

I hope everyone had a relaxing winter break and has eased into the New Year. January is quickly passing us by and it is hard to believe February is just a few days away.

January has been quite busy with our Winter K-7 lessons starting on January 16th and many of our older students working on completing courses as we approach the mid-way mark of the school year. The arrival of February marks the start of the second semester for our grade 10-12 students.



(Two of our mighty students showing their carpentry skills in our K-7 Working with Wood Session.)

If you haven't already set a New Year's resolution, I encourage all students and families to add one resolution that builds towards academic success.

Thanks to our students, parents and staff for making the first half of this school year so successful and memorable

Sincerely,
Patrick Young

Scent, Citrus & Nut Free Site

Please help keep Island ConnectEd's learning environment safe for all by keeping our site free of: **Citrus Fruits and Citrus Products, Chemical Scented Products, and Nuts or Products Containing Nuts.**

Important Dates

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

Nanaimo Museum K-2 Fieldtrip	Feb. 7
BC Family Day	Feb. 12
Spirit Day: Crazy Colour Day	Feb. 13
Science Saturday (NS3)	Feb. 17
ProD (<i>Students Don't Attend</i>)	Feb. 19
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Nanaimo Museum Gr. 3 & 4 Fieldtrips	Feb. 21
Nanaimo Museum Gr. 5+ Fieldtrip	Feb. 22
Pink Shirt Day	Feb. 28
Pi Day (Celebration)	Mar. 14
Spring Break	Mar.17- Apr.3
Good Friday (Holiday)	Mar. 30
Easter Monday (Holiday)	April 02
World Culture & Food Event	April 12
ProD (<i>Students Don't Attend</i>)	May 11
Victoria Day	May 21
High School Graduation Walk-up	June 19
Last "Official" Day of School	June 29

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

PAC "Secretary Position" & Fundraisers

A reminder that our PAC Secretary position was recently vacated. If you are 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.

Kindergarten Registration for 2018/2019

Registration for Kindergarten for September 2018 has begun. We ask all families with children born in 2013 to initiate enrolment with either Island ConnectEd or your catchment school. To help ensure there is a space for your child, it is important

to begin the enrolment process as soon as possible. Complete information about registration will be available on the school district website www.sd68.bc.ca.

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.

Clipper Tickets “Cheer Off”

A great time was had by our group of Island ConnectEd students, staff, family and friends who attended the January Cheer Off vs Park Avenue Elementary. Congratulations to Park Avenue who moves on to the next round of the Cheer Off! And good luck to our local Clippers hockey team!



Grade 4 – Vancouver Island Symphony



On January 22, a small group of our grade 4 students and parents joined other grade 4 students from across our district to attend a performance of our Vancouver Island Symphony at the Port Theatre.

Career Pathways (CTC)

For students interested or curious in pursuing a career in the trades, our school district offers many unique programs for grade 10-12 students through our Career and Technical Center/School (CTC). These include trades programs, apprenticeships, VIU courses, and work experience. If you would like more information, please visit the CTC’s website at: www.ctc-careerpaths.ca

They are offering an evening information session about dual credit courses on Feb. 5 at 6:30 PM (VIU, Bldg 356, Rm 109)

Spirit Day: Crazy Colour



February 13th is our next school spirit day: Crazy Colour Day. It is a good time (a) to dust off some of those bright and wacky coloured clothing items that just don’t get worn enough

and (b) to add a spice of colour to the often grey days of February!

Nanaimo Museum Fieldtrips

A reminder to our families that our PAC has organized and sponsored a series of “grade-specific” K-7 fieldtrips to our local Nanaimo Museum (see dates above). Please see the recent email for the signup link for these events.

Science Saturday



Our friends from NS3 are hosting a Science Saturday event on February 17 from 10 AM – 2 PM at our school. This event is open to the public and is an “entrance by donation” event.

It is a community Science Celebration that offers hands-on and interactive science activities for all ages from a variety of local community groups. More information may be found here:

<http://nanaimoscience.org/sciencesaturday/>

NS3 has invited our PAC to host the concession at this event as an Island ConnectEd fundraiser.

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.