

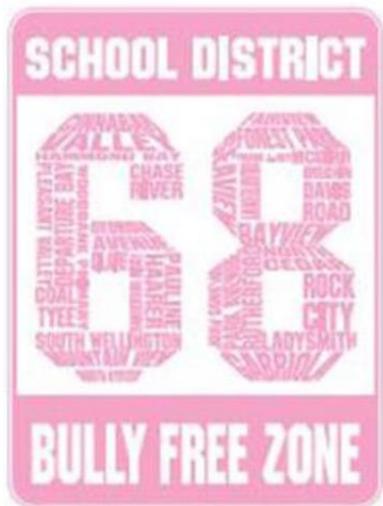


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**Principal’s Message**

The recent snowfall let us know that Winter is definitely still here. We hope all of our students and families have enjoyed the month of February.



February 28<sup>th</sup> is Pink Shirt Day. It is a reminder that it takes a community to stand up to unhealthy and hurtful behaviours such as name calling, bullying and prejudice. It is a message we should think about and live every day.

February has also marked the beginning of the second half of the school year. Students should invest some time to set educational goals to help ensure they are on target to complete their studies in a timely manner. Please be sure to contact your teacher if you need help making a plan for course completion.

All the best during second half of the school year!

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.*

Pink Shirt Day	Feb. 28
100 Days of School Event	Feb. 28
PreSchool Pizza Party Gymboree	Feb. 28
Pi Day (Celebration)	Mar. 14
Spring Break	Mar.17- Apr.3
Good Friday (Holiday)	Mar. 30
Easter Monday (Holiday)	April 2
Royal BC Museum Trip (PAC sponsored)	April 6
Start of Spring K-7 Lessons (Tentative)	April 10
World Culture & Food Event	April 11
ArtStart: Robin Hood (@10:30)	April 16
Morrell Sanctuary (Gr. K-2)	May 7
Capernwray Trip (Secondary)	May 7-9
Track n Field School Meet	May 8
Capernwray Trip (Grade 6/7)	May 9
ProD (Students Don’t Attend)	May 11
Bookfest (see details below)	May 12
Morrell Sanctuary (Gr. 2-4)	May 14
Swim To Survive (Gr.7) 1 <sup>st</sup> Day	May 18
Victoria Day	May 21
Morrell Sanctuary (Gr.4-7)	May 28
Show and Share Talent Showcase	June 7
High School Graduation Walk-up	June 19
Last “Official” Day of School	June 29
School Re-Opens for Gr.10-12	
Summer Studies	July 9

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

**PAC Fundraisers**

Our PAC would 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.

**Grade 10 Course Cut-off (New Curriculum)**

A reminder that due to the upcoming changeover in the grade 10 curriculum, all grade 10 courses must

be completed by the end of June. Teachers will send frequent reminders.

Due to this change, enrolment in grade 10 courses is now frozen on our website. Students enrolled only in Island ConnectEd may contact Louise Massey prior to Spring Break to make a special request to be added to a grade 10 course.

### Summer Schedule (Gr. 8-12)



Our staff has confirmed our summer schedule. The school will be closed to students the first week of July and opens on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Our secondary teachers will

be onsite from July 9 to August 3<sup>rd</sup> (four weeks). Some teachers will be onsite for two days in late August (August 28-29).

Students hoping to begin courses for the summer should request course enrolment several weeks before the end of the school year to allow teachers to get the course setup prior to the beginning of the summer.

Please use the schedule on our website to confirm teacher availability as teachers will update their holidays for the summer.

### Pre-school Pizza Gymboree

Our future Kindergarten students (currently aged 3-5 Years) and parents are invited to a Welcome to Kindergarten event entitled "Pre-School Pizza Gymboree" on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM at Coal Tye Elementary. Families are asked to register to get free pizza (250-741-5233 or email [RSLREG@SD68.bc.ca](mailto:RSLREG@SD68.bc.ca)).

### Water Testing at Our School Site



Our school district recently completed testing of our school's water through the services of Tetra Tech. As reported last year, the district is testing "lead levels in water" for all school's built

prior to 1990. A report was shared with the school principal and our PAC co-chair, Mrs. Darmadi. The information was subsequently shared at February's PAC meeting.

Our school's results were quite good. Several water faucets/fittings and one water fountain were replaced to remove potential issues. While the water is deemed safe, students and families may opt to run water for about 30 seconds before drinking – aside from our water fountains which are filtered.

The consultant from Tetra Tech shared an information sheet called "Get the Lead Out" which informs us more about Lead in water and the environment. Please see the parent sections of our website for the brochure.

Anyone living in a house built before 1990 may also want to have their faucets checked.

### Swim to Survive (Grade 7)

Our school district and Nanaimo Parks and Recreation have partnered up again to offer the Swim to Survive program to our grade 7s. Families will be contacted shortly with details.

This is a proactive program that provides students with valuable swimming and survival skills to help keep them safe during recreational swimming.

### ArtStart: Dufflebag Theatre (Robin Hood)



On April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM the Dufflebag Theatre will be presenting their production of Robin Hood in our school's gym. The performance is schedule for our grade K-9 students (older students are welcome, too). This is a free event to attend. Be sure to mark it on your calendar.

### Bookfest 2018



The Vancouver Island Children's Book Festival is being held in Nanaimo on Saturday, May 12. Nine authors and illustrators from across Canada will present their work, tell stories, and inspire youth through literature and art. Every child attending has the opportunity to attend three presentations during the day.

For more information and registration information, please visit: [www.bookfest.ca](http://www.bookfest.ca) (Tickets sales will begin shortly – check the website for an official date.)