



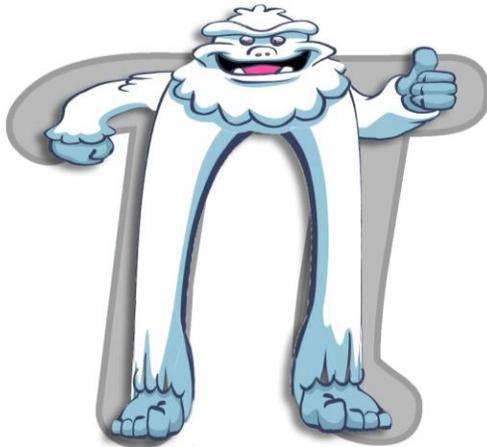
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Principal's Message

We hope everyone is well into their studies for the second half of the school year. With much of March seeing the relaxation of Spring Break, before you know it we are into April and the final three months of the school year.

It was great seeing several of students enjoying our recent Pi Day event (March 3.14). This event was spearheaded by Mrs. Vallentgoed, Ms. Beck and Mrs. Doucette with the support of many others. We were amazed at the reciting of Pi. Please see the section below in the newsletter for more information but know ... a grade one student recited pi to 22 digits and a senior student rattled off 61 digits. Wow!



I wish everyone a very enjoyable and relaxing Spring Break. The break starts at the end of the school day on Friday, March 16, and reopens on Tuesday, April 3rd (following Easter Monday).

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.

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 10
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Bookfest (see details below)	May 12
Morrell Sanctuary (Gr. 2-4)	May 14
Swim To Survive (Gr.7) 1 st 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 (Looking for More Parents)

We have been very fortunate to have some amazing parents volunteer to be a part of our PAC over the years. Our PAC helps to organizes many opportunities for our students and families during the school year.

Due to changes in family commitments etc., we will have some PAC executive vacancies. We would love to see more parents come out.

Our PAC meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each Month (unless noted otherwise). Please contact the PAC (icepac68@gmail.com) if you have any questions or if you would like become an active member of our PAC.

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)



We have confirmed our summer schedule. The school will be closed to students the first week of July and opens on July 9th. Our secondary teachers will be onsite

from July 9 to August 3rd (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.

Pi Day (March 14)

Our Pi Day celebration was Pi-tastic. Starting with a pancake breakfast where some students demonstrated their amazing skills of reciting Pi to as many decimal places as they could. and concluding with the Pi Day Scavenger Hunt. Congratulations

Our Pi Day recitations:

Grade 1 – McKayla (22 Digits)

Grade 2 – Carolynn W. (30 Digits)

Grade 4 – Sloane (20 Digits) and Franklin (25 Digits)

Grade 6 – William (25 Digits) and Teagan (41 Digits)

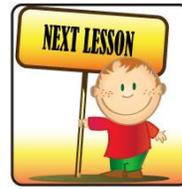
Grade 10–12: Emily (25 digits) and Grace (61 Digits)

Scavenger Hunt Winners

K-7: Franklin and Carolynn

8-10: Grace, Amina, Lotus and Lila

Spring K-7 Lessons



lesson sign-up.

Our Spring K-7 Lessons are beginning on April 10. A sign-up form will be sent out to our K-7 families just after Spring Break. This set of lessons will be for six weeks. Keep an eye out for the

Parent Organized: World Culture and Food Festival

One of our wonderful parents is organizing a celebration of our families' diverse heritages and cultures, and other cultures from around the world.



This is our second year hosting this event – it was an amazing and “taste”-sational success last year. On Wednesday, April 11th at around 11 AM (time to be confirmed) in our gym, families may have a table to share aspects or small

presentation of a particular culture (clothing, relics, poster board etc.) and to share some tasty food (recipes) from that culture. The more the merrier!

A short sign up survey will be coming out shortly for families to sign-up and to state their country of interest.

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 16th 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 (Tickets sales will begin shortly – check the website for an official date.)

Immunizations: Grade 6 & 9



The Nanaimo Health Unit often visits school sites during the school year to provide on-site immunizations to grade 6 and 9 students with parent approval. Due to the flexible nature of our scheduling, the Nanaimo Health Unit and the school agree that families may be better served by keeping the immunization schedule flexible for families, too. As such, we will not be having onsite-school immunizations; instead, families may book an appointment at their leisure with a local Health Unit.

Parents of Grade 6 and 9 students that would like to be immunized are asked to call the Health Unit front desk at **250-755-3342** to book an appointment or **250-755-3388** to speak with a Public Health Nurse.

The Health Unit will also try to connect with parents/guardians to book the students into Health Unit appointments when needed.

Student T-Shirt Order



sizes in the main office.

At our recent Pi Day Event, we started a t-shirt order. Please see the final page of this newsletter for an order form that may be completed and returned to the school by "Friday, April 20th". There are sample

Lost and Found

We have a growing collection of Lost and Found items (mostly clothing) that are safely stored in our "Lost and Found" box created by our Elliot, Gillian and Lochlan (*pictured below*) last year. The box is located just outside the main office underneath the PAC bulletin board.



When you are next at our site, please take a few minutes to see if any items belong to your family. We will be donating unclaimed items to a local charity by mid-to-late April.

Island ConnectEd K-12 T-shirt Order Form

One form per item please – must be pre-paid

(Due by Friday, April 20th, 2018)

Name: _____ Student/Parent (circle one)

Please select from options:

- Child Sized T-shirt (Logo on left chest): \$14.00
- Adult sized T-shirt (Logo on left chest): \$16.00
- Child sized Hoodie - Pullover (Logo on left chest): \$28.00
- Adult sized Hoodie - Pullover (Logo on left chest): \$30.00



Size: _____

T-shirt – Circle Colour: Light grey Dark grey Blue Navy Blue Cream

Hoodie – Circle Colour: Light grey Dark grey Navy Royal Blue Sapphire blue Black

Add-ons:

- Yeti on arm: \$3.50
- Name on back: \$4.00 Name: _____



Total Paid: _____ Date: _____