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Principal's Message

It has been a great start to the school year. The Island ConnectEd staff are excitedly looking forward to the 2018-2019 school year.

If you missed some of the news from June, we celebrated the graduation of several of our amazing students. Two students graduated who had completed almost every year of their education with Island ConnectEd; congratulations, Alexa and Chase. We also celebrated the graduation of Joan Deebank – the oldest graduate in BC’s history at the young age of 92; congratulations on completing your life-long dream, Joan!



One of our school goals is to create more opportunities for our full-time students to become ConnectEd through onsite learning and social activities. Be sure to *check out our [“Year At A Glance”](#) calendar under the “Students & Parents” section of our website. We hope to see many of you at our Terry Fox Run/ Pancake breakfast on Wednesday, Sept 26.*

We look forward to a great school year working together with parents, students, and staff.

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

Following are some of our upcoming important dates. Please check out our [“Year At A Glance”](#) calendar under the “Students & Parents” section of our website. It already lists most of this year’s events/dates and will be updated during the school year.

Pancake Breakfast (@ 10 after Terry Fox Run)	Wednesday, September 26
Terry Fox Run (@ 9:15)	Wednesday, September 26 (at 9:15)
Orange Shirt Day Activities	Thursday, September 27
Non-Instructional Day (Curr. Day)	Thursday, October 4
Non-Instructional Day (School-based)	Friday, October 5
Thanksgiving (Stat)	Monday, October 8
Playland trip	Wednesday, October 10
Great BC ShakeOut	Thursday, October 18
Non-Instructional Day (District Pro-D)	Friday, October 19
(Elem)Cross-Country Zone Meet (9:45 AM)	Tuesday, October 23 (AM)

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

Focused Onsite Time & No Trespassing At Other School Sites

A reminder: To help foster a healthy, onsite learning environment, students should only come to our school site when they are (a) focused on school work, (b) connecting with teachers, or (c) participating in planned school activities. Student are reminded that they cannot visit (trespass on) other school sites during school hours; rather they are encouraged to work on their courses at home.

Parking

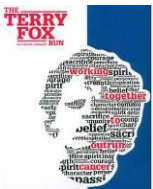


The kind people at the “Our Lady of Good Counsel” church – located just across the road from our school – are generously allowing us to use their gravel parking lot when our site’s parking lot is full. We ask that anyone using that parking area be extra thoughtful in leaving it in excellent condition.

Clubs & Activities

Keep an eye out for upcoming clubs and activities. There are several opportunities for students coming up: Global Citizenship, Games Group, Chess, etc. Our chess club begins at 12:15 on September 25 in the library.

Terry Fox Run & Pancake Breakfast



We will be hosting our Terry Fox Run (Run, Jog, or Walk) on Wednesday, September 26 from 9:15 – 10 AM. The focus is to keep Terry’s Marathon of Hope alive to help support those with cancer. The run will be followed by a pancake breakfast starting around 10 AM.

Please fill out this quick survey/ form if you plan on attending; it will help us plan for numbers: goo.gl/forms/7UKB9WUXMLOSJYj43

Grade 8-12 Teacher Availability

As most of our students know, our grade 10-12 teachers split their time supporting students at our main school site and in embedded classrooms at our local high schools. Our 8-12 teachers also will have vacation days during the school year due to the days they worked in the summer. To help families know when teachers will be at our Island ConnectEd site, we created a **“Grade 8-12 Teacher Availability Schedule”** which may be found on **our school website under the “Students & Parents” Tab**. Our full-time grade 8-12 students/families are

encouraged to bookmark the page for ease of access.

Congratulations: Chromebook Winners

Collectively, our students in 2017-2018 earned two Chromebooks through their excellent work on the Chatterhigh sections of Planning 10 and our school’s participation in Chatterhigh’s “Most Informed School” contest. Our teachers wanted the students to be the recipients of their hard work so we held a draw for the two chromebooks in late June.

Congratulations to Emma D. and Luke B. who had their names drawn as winners of a Chromebook.

K-7 Onsite Lessons



We are looking forward to seeing our K-7 onsite more frequently this year. This year has already seen the earliest start to our Onsite k-7 lessons ever. The first group of lessons is winding down and parents will be receiving an email with sign-up information for our October-November session of lessons. K-7 are still working on the onsite lesson plans and dates.