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**Principal's Message**

*"Let the leaves fall where they may – Welcome October – Autumn is here."* -- Charmaine Forde

It is with great excitement that we have welcomed in October. We closed off the month of September with our Orange Shirt Day, Terry Fox Run and Pancake breakfast. We had beautiful weather for our Terry Fox Run.



Terry Fox Run Photo

We hope everyone had a relaxing extra-long Thanksgiving Weekend. Our teachers invested time on the Curriculum Implementation Day and Professional Development Day prior to the long weekend discussing both the curriculum and how we may further support all of our students in being successful in and excited about their learning.

Many of our students are making use of our blended learning model. While providing the flexibility of learning at a distance, we love seeing our students staying connected in person by coming to our site to meet new people, to work with their teachers, and/or to find a quiet spot to work.

We encourage any of our students who are struggling with their studies to contact the school and to seek out support from our teachers and support staff. Stay ConnectEd!

Have a wonderful October!

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.

Great BC ShakeOut	Thursday, October 18
McNabb Corn Maze (see emailed signup)	Thursday, October 18
Non-Instructional Day (District Pro-D)	Friday, October 19
<b>(Elem)Cross-Country Zone Meet (9:45 AM)</b>	Tuesday, October 23 (AM)
Photo Retakes (@ Wellington Sec.)	Wednesday, October 24 (Approx. @ Noon)
Halloween Crafts Event	Tuesday, October 30
(Elem) Cross-Country District Meet	TBD (~ Friday, Nov. 2)
Daylight Savings Ends (Back an Hour)	Sunday, November 4
<b>Provincial Exams (En &amp; Com 12; Numeracy)</b>	Monday, Nov. 5 - Wednesday, Nov.7
End of Term 1 (Secondary)	Friday, November 9
Remembrance Day (Stat)	Monday, November 12
<b>Kids Craft Market</b>	Thursday, November 15
We for She 2018	Friday, November 16
Gr. 4 Vancouver Island Symphony	Monday, November 19
Ladysmith Light-up	Thursday, November 29
Winter Celebration crafts	Thursday, December 6

- PAC meetings are usually 3rd Thursday of the month. For October, PAC will be held on October 18 at 9:30 AM in room 105.

## PAC Sponsored: Family Ice Skating



Our PAC is sponsoring weekly Family Ice Skating at NIC #1 from 1:15 PM to 2:45 PM every Thursday from Oct. 11 to February 14<sup>th</sup> (19 Sessions).

Skate and helmet rentals are covered by our ICE PAC. This is a family event; non-registered siblings as well as parents/caregivers are welcome to participate.

For safety and liability reasons, students must wear a helmet and accompanied/supervised by parents/guardians (no drop offs) at all times.

## Nanaimo Gr.5-12 Wrestling Club

Have you ever been curious about Olympic Style Wrestling?

School District 68 has a district co-ed wrestling team/club open to both male and female students from all of our local schools. Practices are held at Island ConnectEd (4355 Jingle Pot Road). The season started on Monday, October 15, with practices being held on Mondays and Thursdays.

For more information, visit the club's website: <https://sites.google.com/view/nanaimowrestlingclub/>. A registration link is also located on the website!

## McNabb Corn Maze



Our PAC has organized a family event at the McNabb Corn Maze on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30 AM. The corn maze and a hayride are a part of the fun. Check your email for a sign-up form that was sent out the first week of October.

The PAC is covering the cost of one adult per family and all children enrolled at Island ConnectEd. This covers the cost of entrance (the maze & hayride). Bring along \$5-\$20 dollars if you want to purchase a pumpkin – this is optional. Other family members are welcome but are not covered by PAC.

Be prepared for a potentially muddy walkthrough the Corn Maze (bring boots and slush pants). Afterwards we'll meet at the fire pit for our potluck – please bring something to share.

Families need to arrange their own transportation to and from the McNabb farm (4613 Yellow Point Rd).

## Onsite Halloween Event



A parent-teacher group is organizing a Halloween Event after onsite classes on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, in our school's Multi-Purpose Room and Gym. More details will be mailed out closer to the date.

## 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 continues this month on Tuesdays at 12:15 in the library.

## Grade 8-12 Teacher Availability & Calendar

A reminder that:

- Our "Grade 8-12 Teacher Availability Schedule" may be found on our school website under the "Students & Parents" Tab. Days marked with a green Y indicate that the teacher will be present at the Island ConnectEd school site on that day.
- Our 2018-2019 "Year At A Glance" calendar is also found under the "Students & Parents" tab on our website.

## Gr.11/12 Curriculum Change and Online Courses

As a result of the upcoming curriculum change for grade 11 and 12 courses, all Island ConnectEd grade 11 and 12 courses will end at marks cut-off in June.

We want to ensure students are not surprised by this firm deadline for Grade 11 and 12 course completions. It does mean that any grade 11 or 12 courses that are not completed by marks cut-off in June will be given a final grade of "Withdrawn".

Students requiring their courses for graduation should make certain that their courses are completed on time. Any students still requiring the course, may enroll in the new version of the course the following year.