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**Principal's Message**

It's December! With great excitement, we have heralded in December. In late November, we held our Kids' Market – it was another roaring success. Thanks to everyone who created and purchased the wide variety of crafts and treats. We also hope to see many of our students and families at our upcoming Winter Celebration and Potluck on Thursday, December 13 from 12-3 in our gym.

We also ended November with our Safety Drills (Fire, Earthquake and Lock Down) during our Tuesday lessons. We encourage all of our families to discuss exit routes and safety preparedness at home. Our Crazy Hat/Hair Spirit Day was on the same day as our drills; check out the stylin' hats and hair in the picture below!



We continue to be impressed with the progress many of our students have made over the first three months. Please take some time to celebrate your child's successes and to set goals for continued success for the rest of the school year.

From all of us at Island ConnectEd, have a well-deserved and relaxing winter break. We look forward to having a fantabulous start to 2019 in January. If you are as lucky as our Travelling Yeti, you may get a chance to visit somewhere warm and sunny!

Season's greetings to everyone!

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!

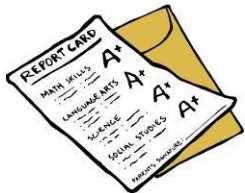
**Important Dates**

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.

<b>Spirit Day:</b> Tacky Holiday Sweater Day & Pancake Breakfast (8:30 to 9:15 AM)	Tuesday, December 11
Cheesemaking (Gr. 8-9)	Wednesday, December 12 @ 1 PM
Winter Celebration	Thursday, December 13
Last Day Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 21
Schools re-open	Monday, January 7
Tuesday lessons	Tuesday, January 8
Grad Photos (Lifetouch) (@ Wellington)	<b>TBD (Probably mid January)</b>
<b>(Sec) Provincial Exams (Eng., Comm., Num)</b>	January 21 - January 25
<b>(Sec) Semester 2 Starts</b>	Monday, January 28
PAC Valentine's Party (at NIC upper lounge)	Thursday, February 14

- PAC meetings are usually 3rd Thursday of the month.

## Report Cards (A Correction)



In our November newsletter (available on our website), we shared information around report card dates and the online delivery of Report Cards through the MyEd

Parent portal.

There is a correction to the information shared. While the grade 8-12 report cards will be delivered electronically through the MyEd Parent Portal, kindergarten to grade 7 reports will continue to be printed for parents to pick up rather than being delivered electronically.

Kindergarten to grade 9 students will receive two formal report cards this year: one at the “end of January / early January” and one at the end of June. Students in grade 10-12 courses will receive four formal report cards: one in November, one in February, one in April, and one in June.

*For our grade 8-12 students and families, more information about the MyEd Parent Portal may be found on our school’s website under the “Student and Parent” section.*

## Spirit Day: Tacky Holiday Sweater & Pancake Breakfast



school spirit by wearing your tackiest holiday/winter sweater.

Mark **Tuesday, December 11** on your calendar and begin to dust off an old Tacky Winter Sweater. Join us from **8:30 to 9:15 AM** in the Multipurpose Room for some pancakes made by our Island ConnectEd staff. Show your winter and

## 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.

## Winter Celebration



We will be holding a family-focused Winter Celebration on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 3 PM in our gym. This is a potluck social with an opportunity for students and families to dance. Bring along some food to share and some comfy shoes for dancing or some relaxing clothes to sit and chat with other Island ConnectEd families.

A quick survey related to this event was sent out by Lindsey on December 7<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there!

## School Registration 2019-2020

For families who are looking to change schools, registration for the 2019-2020 school year opens on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM. Information from the district about (a) regular school registration, (b) Late French Immersion, and (c) School District Academies may also be found on the district’s website:

<https://www.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/registration-information/>

An important Enrolment date to remember is June 15. Applications for enrolment (through the district’s e-registration) must be received by that date to ensure a student’s placement in their catchment-area school.

## PAC Sponsored: Family Ice Skating



Our PAC continues to host 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). The last day of skating before the holidays is Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>;

skating resumes on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Skate rentals are covered by our ICE PAC (Please bring your own bike or hockey helmet). 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.

### Tuck (Snack) Shop @ ICE

A reminder that a group of our young leaders, in partnership with our Child Youth Family Support Worker, Ms. Sheri Martin, are running a Tuck (Snack) Shop on Mondays to Thursdays in Room 117 (the small office at the end of the main hall) from 11:45 AM to 12:30 PM.



Most snack items cost between \$1 and \$5. All proceeds will go to sponsor school-based activities.

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

*Repeated from our last Newsletter ...*

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.

Due to the firm June end date, course requests for grade 11 and 12 level courses will be closed as of March 1, 2018. This gives students two weeks to become active in their studies prior to Spring Break. *So ... If you are looking at enrolling in more grade 11 and 12 level courses, please be sure to request the course prior to March 1!*

### Food Drive for Christmas Hampers



Island ConnectEd is holding a food drive to help support members of our school community who are struggling to make ends meet.

We encourage our families that are in a position to support the food drive to do so in the way of non-perishable food items, gift certificates or gifts that could be donated to a deserving home. There is a food drop-off box located in the front foyer of our school!

If you own or work for a business that would like to donate to this cause, please contact Sheri Martin (our CYFSW) by email at [smartin@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:smartin@sd68.bc.ca) or by phone at 250-6668-5951.

Thanks in advance for helping to share and spread winter cheer.

