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Principal's Message

Our recent snowfall reminded us that winter is definitely still here. We hope all of our students and families were able to enjoy some stress-free time in the snow.

February 27th and 28th are our Pink Shirt day(s). This event is a reminder that it takes a community to stand up to unhealthy and hurtful behaviours, such as name calling, all types of bullying (physical, verbal and cyber), and prejudice. It is a message we should think about and live every day. As noted on our school's pink shirts, at Island ConnectEd "We Believe in Kindness".



February also sees students reaching the mid-point of the school year. Students should invest some time revisiting and/or setting educational goals to help ensure that they are on target to complete their studies in a timely manner. This is particularly important for students in grade 11/12 courses due to the hard completion deadlines this year related to the July 1st change in curriculum. Please be sure to contact your teacher if you need help making a plan for course completion.

All the best during the second half of the school year!

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 for a more comprehensive list of dates.

PAC Valentine's Party (at NIC upper lounge)	Thursday, February 14
BC Family Day (Stat)	Monday, February 18
Grad Lifetouch Photos 9 AM - 11 AM (ICE Gym)	Friday, February 22
Jr. Skills - Gravity Vehicle (Finals) -- Select Students	Friday, February 22
Non-Instructional Day	Monday February 25
Non-Instructional Day	Tuesday, February 26
Pink Shirt Day	Wed., February 27
Pink Shirt Day/Pancake Breakfast	Thursday, February 28th (8:45 - 11)
ArtStart: Axé Capoeira (11 AM)	Friday, March 1
Grade 11/12 courses request deadline. (1 PM)	Friday, March 1
Pi Day	Thursday, March 14
Spring Break Begins	Saturday, March 16
Spring Break Ends	Sunday, March 31
100 Day Celebration	Thursday, Aril 4th
ArtStart: Andy the Musical Scientist	Thursday April 11 (9AM)

- PAC meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of each month in our Parent Room (Rm. 106).

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.

Wrestling: Good Luck, Evangelina!

Please join us in wishing Evangelina S. all the best as she participates in this year's High School Wrestling Provincial Championships on Feb. 17 to 19.

Grade 11-12 Course (Enrolment & Completion Deadlines)

A reminder ... Due to the change in curriculum that takes place on July 1, all Island ConnectEd grade 11 and 12 courses will end at marks cut-off in June.

Due to this firm June end date, course requests for grade 11 and 12 level courses will be closed as of (a) February 15, 2019 for the following "time-paced" courses: Keyboarding 11, PE 11, and PE 12; and (b) March 1, 2019, for all other grade 11/12 courses.

If you are looking at enrolling in more grade 11 and 12 level courses, please be sure to request the course prior to the aforementioned dates!



School Registration 2019-2020

For families who are looking to change schools, registration for the 2019-2020 school year opened on Wednesday, January 9th 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.

Kindness Month & Pink Shirt Day

Remember to wear your pink shirts on February 27th and 28th to help spread the message of "Kindness" and "Anti-bullying". We have tentatively booked Thursday, February 28th as a Pancake Breakfast (8:45 – 11 AM) – our staff's own act of Kindness.

Be sure to look for the email from Mrs. Doucette and Mrs. Watford that shares information on the "February Kindness Challenge" and prize draw. Students are asked to commit 14 acts of Kindness over the month of February. A "Challenge" sheet may be picked up at our main office.

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 27th from 5-7 PM at Mountain View Elementary. Families are asked to register to get free pizza (250-741-5266 or email RSLREG@SD68.bc.ca).

The event will include: playtime, story time, circle time, activities, songs and snacks (pizza).

ArtStart: Axe Capoeira

Our school is excited to welcome the Brazilian-themed dance group Axe Capoeira to our school on Friday, March 1 @ 11 AM. This is a free event open to all of our students.

This is a great opportunity to learn about a unique aspect of the Brazilian culture. It is often an interactive performance.

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 and water-based activities.