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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe there are less than 50 school days left in the 2018-2019 school year. We are pleased to see our students working hard on their studies.



A group of our students working on their Watercolour paintings for their Art courses.

Our students taking grade 11 and 12 courses are reminded of the firm deadline for the completion of their courses before the end of June due to the change in curriculum. The newly re-designed grade 11-12 curriculum will begin for the 2019-2020 school year.

We recently enjoyed an interactive presentation by Andy the Musical Scientist that combined both science and music. He demonstrated how some household objects and recycling could be transformed to make music. This included his musical skateboard and antenna.

There are several upcoming events that will keep our students busy (World Culture and Food day, Capernwray, Morrell Sanctuary, Track and Field, etc.) in addition to their academic studies.

Sincerely,
Patrick Young

Scent, Citrus & Nut Free



Due to staff and student allergies, Island ConnectEd is a: **Citrus Free, Scent**

Free, and Peanut Free 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.

Good Friday	Friday, April 19
Easter Monday	Monday, April 22
K-7 Track Practices Start (Tent.)	Early April
World Food and Culture Day	Thursday, April 25
(Sec) Provincial Exams (Engl & Com)	Thursday, April 25 & Friday, April 26
Garden Rock Painting Event (More info to come)	Thursday, May 2
(Elem)School Track Meet (w/ Coal Tyee)	Wednesday, May 8
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, May 10
Mother's Day	Sunday, May 12
UVIC trip - Lego League	Thursday, May 16
Grade 7 Swim to Survive (NAC)	Thursday, May 16 (11:45 - 12:30); May 22 & June 13
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20
Capernwray trip - 8-12 Capernwray trip - 6/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 27 - 29 • May 29
Graduation Ceremony	Thursday, June 27

- 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 envelope on the PAC board.

Grade 11-12 Course (Completion Deadlines)

A reminder that due to the change in curriculum for July, all grade 11 and 12 courses must be finished before the end of June.

Our teachers are actively working on creating their new courses that align with the redesigned curriculum. It will take time for all the courses to be available. Teachers will update the projected course release dates – please look under the "Parent & Student" tab on our school's website.

Student Learning Survey



Each year a province-wide "Student Learning Survey" is conducted with students in grade 4, 7, 10, and 12, their parents, and staff in public schools. The main goal of the

survey is to provide an opportunity for various members of the school community to provide insights into different aspects of the school to help inform school decisions and practices.

Information was recently emailed out to students and parents in these grades. Your feedback is greatly valued. Please have a look for the related email and take a few minutes to complete the survey and to provide us with your insights!

Track and Field



We have a small but enthusiastic group of grade 3-7 students who are practicing and preparing for the School Track Meet that we share with

Coal Tye Elementary on May 8th.

World Food and Culture Day



Our World Food and Culture Day is next week: Thursday, April 25th from 10 AM to Noon.

World Food & Culture Day is a fun social event that provides an opportunity for our K-12 students to explore different cultures and their foods. Students may work independently, partner-up or work in a small group to create a display or presentation (clothing, relics, poster board etc.) and to share some tasty food (recipes) about the culture of the country of their choice. The event will take place in our gym with each country (student/group) given their own table. Students, Parents and Guests are encouraged to explore and have a taste of each country.

A short sign up survey was emailed out by Mrs. Watford (K-7) and Mrs. Doucette (8-12).

We are hoping for a few more tables and countries. The more people the merrier. During the event, students, parents and guests are encouraged to explore the different presentations and to have a taste of each country.

Measles Catch-Up (Grades 10 to 12)



The Province of British Columbia is launching a measles immunization catch-up program to help B.C. families ensure their children are protected from measles. The program will run from April through June 2019, with a goal of immunizing as many of the under immunized school aged children as possible by the end of the school year. Immunization consent packages will be sent home for students in grades 10 to 12 who are unimmunized or under immunized for Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR). Please discuss the information in the consent package and involve your child in the decision to provide consent to immunization.

Although a child may be immunized with the consent of a parent/guardian or representative, a student in grade 9 or older can make an informed decision regarding immunization regardless of parental

consent or refusal. This is referred to as “mature minor consent.”

Students who are up to date for Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) will receive a record of immunization. Please keep this record to provide to your child’s school this fall.

First Nations children who receive health services in their communities, may be able to access immunization records and services at their Community Health Centers.

For more information:

- Refer to HealthLinkBC file # 14a “Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) Vaccine” available at: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/measles-mumps-rubella-vaccine>
- Refer to HealthLinkBC file # 119 “The Infants Act, Mature Minor Consent and Immunization” available at: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/infants-act-mature-minor-consent-and-immunization>.
- Please contact the local Health Unit at 250-755-3388 and ask to speak with a Public Health Nurse if you have any questions.

Nanaimo/Ladysmith/Gabriola Public Health is currently organizing immunization clinics for MMR catch-up. Please watch for further information regarding the dates and locations of these clinics.

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. 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.

The dates are: Thursday, May 16 (NAC); Wednesday, May 22 (NAC); and Thursday, June 13 (Westwood Lake)

A sign-up survey was just recently resent to parents of grade 7 students.

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. 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

Graduation Transcripts (Change in Process)

June 2019 sees a significant change in how graduates can access their transcripts. The Ministry of Education (MOE) will no longer be mailing graduates an “original transcript” for their records upon graduation. Instead, the MOE is encouraging students to create an account and access the Student Transcript Service (STS).

Students are encouraged to create an STS account prior to the release of provincial assessments and exam results.

Students may use the Student Transcript Service to:

- *print or order a copy of their transcript*
- *Send/forward a copy of their transcript to a post-secondary institution*
- *Order their graduation certificate*
- *View their scholarships (if any)*
- *View provincial exam or graduation assessment results*

If reading an electronic version of this newsletter, click this [link](#) to go to the website. Otherwise, simply type “Student Transcript Service BC” into your browser.