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Principal's Message

Welcome back! It has been a great start to the school year. The Island ConnectEd staff are excitedly looking forward to the 2019-2020 school year.

One of our recurring school goals is around creating opportunities for the various members of our school community to connect with one another. As a blended learning school, it isn't always easy for our students to connect with one another. Throughout the school year, keep your eye out for various school-based and PAC-based activities that will help add some flavour to your school year. Be sure to *check out our "Year At A Glance" calendar under the "Students & Parents" section of our website.*



Be sure to mark **Tuesday, September 24th** on your calendar.

We are holding a **Terry Fox Event** that is open to students and parents. It starts with a quick assembly in the gym at **11:30 AM**, followed by a 20-30 run/walk to help keep Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope alive, and concluded with a school/family BBQ that starts at 12:30 PM. There will be a donation box for those who would like to donate money that goes to The Terry Fox Foundation and supports its work in helping to find a cure for cancer. We hope to see many of you there.

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! Information explaining more about scent sensitivities will be emailed to families and found under the Students and Parent tab on our website.

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.

Terry Fox Run ~ Noon. BBQ to Follow	Tuesday, September 24
Orange Shirt Day	Monday, September 30
We for She - Vancouver field trip	Tuesday, October 1st (all day)
Orange Shirt Day Activities	Thursday, October 3
Food Safe (for aged 15+) [Sign-up Req]	Thursday, October 10th (8:30 - 4)
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, October 11
Thanksgiving (Stat)	Monday, October 14
Great BC ShakeOut	Thursday, October 17
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, October 25
Student Photos @ ICE	Tuesday, October 29 (Approx@12:00)

- PAC meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month. (9:30 AM in the school's parent room.)

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.

Scent Free Site



Please be aware that we have several staff and students that have scent sensitivities. The term “Scent Free” can be a bit tricky as most people think of perfumes, after-shaves etc. as items with scents. However, when we talk about scents, we “usually mean the smells or odours from ingredients in all cosmetics (perfume, make-up, shampoo, deodorant, etc.) and from other products such as lotions, air fresheners, cleaners etc.

Please assist us in further helping to make our site scent free by (a) learning about the concern, (b) helping to ensure that you or your family is scent-free when visiting our site, and (c) being an advocate by gently letting people know if you smell scents on them while they are onsite.

Citrus Free & Nut Aware

In addition to being Scent Free, our school is also Citrus Free and Nut Aware/Sensitive. There is a reason we sometimes call ourselves the “sensitive” school.



We have a staff member and potential some students who are allergic to Citrus fruits and chemicals, and some students who are allergic to peanuts and tree nuts.

To help keep our learning environment safe for all students, staff and parents please avoid bringing citrus fruits and beverages, and foods that contain nuts to school.

Remember indirect contact can have harmful impacts. A student who ate a peanutbutter sandwich and uses a chromebook may subsequently impact a nut-sensitive student who later uses that same chromebook.

Thanks in advance for helping with our sensitivities.

Terry Fox Run & BBQ Celebration



We will be hosting our Terry Fox Run (Run, Jog, or Walk) on Tuesday, September 24 from 11:30 Am until around 1:30 PM. The event begins with a quick assembly in the gym at **11:30 AM**, followed by a 20-30 minute run/walk to help keep Terry Fox’s Marathon of Hope alive, and concluded with a school/family BBQ that starts at 12:30 PM.

Wrestling: A District Team

Wrestling season is quickly approaching! School District 68 has a district co-ed wrestling team/club. It is open to male and female students in grades 4 to 12 from all of our schools. The season starts on Monday, October 7, with practices being held on Mondays and Thursdays. Practices are held at Island ConnectEd K-12 (4355 Jingle Pot Road).

For more information, please visit the club’s website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/nanaimowrestlingclub/>. If interested in joining the club, a registration link is located on the website!

Queer Straight Alliance

Our schools' Inclusion Advocate, Ms. Sheri Martin, hosts a monthly "Queer Straight Alliance Meeting" on Thursdays from noon to 12:30 PM. The school frequently announces the meetings but for more information, please drop in and visit Ms. Martin at our school.

Events, Dates and Availability

Please be aware of two important calendars, both found on **our school website under the "Students & Parents" Tab**, that will help you stay connectEd:

- **Year at a Glance:** This calendar list important dates for holidays, school-based events, and pac-based activities.
- **Grade 8-12 Teacher Availability:** Our grade 10-12 teachers split their time supporting students at our main school site and in embedded classrooms at our local high schools. This calendar helps students/parents know if a specific teacher is at Island Connected. If there is a **Green "Y"**, the teacher is at Island ConnectEd on that specific day.

Be sure to make use of these helpful tools.

Putting the ICE in ICELAND



Mrs. Massey and Mrs. Beck are organizing a school trip to Iceland in March of 2021 (next year). In order for a trip like this to

happen, we need a minimum of 12 participants who are excited and ready to start the commitment and planning this school year. Students who will be in grade 10-12 (or just graduated) may participate without a guardian. Students who will be grade 9 or lower next year may be participate but would require a parent to join the journey.

Please contact Louise or Kendra for additional information or to voice interest in participation.

Designated Lunch Time @ Island ConnectEd

We have arranged a supervised lunch space each day from 12:00 to 12:30 in our MPR. Mr. Ostaffy has generously offered to supervise the area so students have a social place to hang out during lunchtime. The room is open rain or shine.

Celebrating Two of Our Students

The flexibility of our blended learning model allows for many of our students to explore their interests in ways that they couldn't if attending a traditional school.

For one of our students, Hannah Z., it has allowed her to explore her dramatic interests. This past year has been very busy for Hannah as she has been working in the film industry. Please join us in cheering on Hannah – she is currently nominated for a "Young Canadian Performers" award at the Joeys for her work in "Bad Times at the El" in the category of best featured actress in a feature film. This builds on her accolades from last year where she won two "Young Performer" awards.



For another student, it has allowed her to focus on her passion for Baseball. Isabella B., has played with several high level baseball teams and recently participated in the Women's World Series. At one of the tournaments, she met two of the original Rockford Peaches – upon whom the film "A League of Their Own" was based.

