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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 family BBQ. We had beautiful weather for our Terry Fox Run and it was wonderful celebrating this special day with so many of our students and families



Terry Fox Run Photo

We hope everyone had a relaxing Thanksgiving Weekend and have eased into the rest of October. Many of our students are making good use of our blended learning model. Although our flexible model of learning allows students to learn and study 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!

Enjoy the final days of October!

Sincerely,
Patrick Young

Scent, Citrus & Nut Free



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

Non-Instructional Day (Provincial PSA)	Friday, October 25
Bottle Drive (10AM – 2 PM)	Saturday, October 26
Student Photos @ ICE	Tuesday, October 29 (Approx@12:00)
Costume Day event (11-1 in the gym)	Thursday, October 31st
Daylight Savings Ends	Sunday, November 3
Provincial Exams & Assessments	Monday, November 4 - Thursday, November 7
K-12 ICE skating begins NIC 1 @ 1:30-3 PM	Tuesday, November 5
Grade 12 meeting (1 PM)	Wednesday, November 6th
Remembrance Day (Stat)	Monday, November 11
Me2We Grades 7-8-9	Tuesday, November 19th
Paper Fish Event	Thursday, November 21
Kids Craft Market (10:00-12:00 gym)	Thursday, November 28th
ECF Career Fair (10-12) (8:50am depart)	Thursday, November 28th
Ladysmith Lightup	Thursday, November 28

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

PAC Sponsored: Family Ice Skating



Our PAC is sponsoring weekly Family Ice Skating at NIC #1 from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM every Thursday from November 5th to February 18th. Skate and helmet rentals are covered by our ICE PAC; students may also bring their own. 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 be accompanied/supervised by parents/guardians at all times; no drop offs.

McNabb Corn Maze



A big Thank You to our PAC for organizing the family event at the McNabb Corn Maze on Thursday, October 17th. A great time was had by all in attendance.

Onsite Halloween Event



A parent-teacher group is organizing a Halloween Event on Thursday, October 31th, in our school's Multi-Purpose Room and Gym from 11 AM to 1 PM. More details will be emailed out closer to the date. There will be pumpkin carving, crafts and a costume parade. Hope to see you there!

Nanaimo Wrestling Club (Grades 4-12)

Wrestling season has just started but there is still room for new athletes! School District 68's wrestling team/club is open to all students in grades 4 to 12 from all of our schools. The season just started on October 7. Practices are held on Mondays and Thursdays; grade 4-7s practice from 5 -6:15 PM, and grades 8-12 practice from 6-7:30 PM. Practices are held at Island ConnectEd K-12.

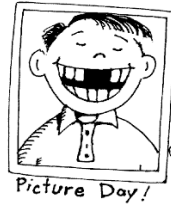
For more information, please visit the club's website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/nanaimowrestlingclub/>. If you have ever been curious about wrestling, you are encouraged to drop by a practice to check it out!

Grade 8-12 Teacher Availability

If visiting the school site to meet with one of our Gr. 8-12 teachers, please quickly check our "Grade 8-12 Teacher Availability Schedule". It is located 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.

School Photos & Student Cards



Picture Day!

Our student photo day is **Tuesday, October 29**, at approximately 12:30 PM in the gym. Our goal is to be up and running as quickly as possible so that our grade K-7 students may have photos after our onsite lessons.

For grade 8-12 students, you need to have your photo taken in order to have a student card.

Learn68: Student Accounts

All Island ConnectEd students are eligible to receive a Learn68 google account which gives access to both email and unlimited storage space for school files. If you are interested in having an account and don't already have one, please request and complete "Student Information Consent" form from our main school office.

We have created most of the new accounts and will be emailing out the information shortly. Families can contact the office if they need the account sooner or if they have an account but require the password to be reset.

Food Safe

Island ConnectEd is hosting FoodSafe Level 1 on December 4th. We are offering this class for a reduced rate of \$60. The course takes all day and will go from 8:40 – 4pm. Anyone (students and parents) over the age of 15 are welcome to attend.

If interested, please complete this google form: <https://forms.gle/EGEZ6Eq7kW9rFBRf7> or email Kirsten Doucette for more information. kdoucette@sd68.bc.ca

Travelling Yeti



Our school mascot, the Yeti, enjoys travelling with our students, staff and families on their trips. We have several fuzzy “Travelling Yetis” that may be signed out through the main office to accompany our students on trips and to pose in travel photos.

The next time you are at the Island ConnectEd (ICE) site, be sure to check out our travelling Yeti bulletin board. Our yeti has become a real world traveller – Victoria, Disneyland, Great Wall of China, Iceland, Bali, Niagara Falls, Jamaica, etc. Consider bringing him along on your next family excursion whether it is a visit to some place on Vancouver Island or an international location.

PAC Helpers

Our PAC is hoping to have more parent volunteers to assist at school and PAC sponsored events. Many hands make for easy work at these events. The PAC goal is to have a list of several people who may help setup and support school events.

If you are willing to be one of our amazing Parent helpers, please complete this amazingly quick volunteer contact form: <https://forms.gle/zQrPuaa47BYEiWB6>

Thanks in advance for helping to support our PAC and students by being a parent Volunteer. If wanting to contact our PAC directly, please email icepac68@gmail.com.

PAC Fundraisers

Our PAC would like to remind families of our two ongoing PAC fundraisers.

- *Cobbs Bakery*: 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.
- *Country Grocer*: if you shop at the Country Grocer, please save and submit your receipts in the envelop on the PAC board in the hallway outside of the school’s main office.

Bottle Drive

Our Leadership Team is holding a Bottle Drive this upcoming Saturday, October 26th from 10 AM to 2 PM in our school’s parking lot. Proceeds will support future spirit activities and our year-end Capernway trip.



If you have any empty beverage containers, please drop them off at Island ConnectEd: 4355 Jingle Pot Road. Pick-ups may be arranged ahead of time. Please email kdoucette@sd68.bc.ca

Thanks for supporting our students and the leadership team.