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Principal’s Message



We hope everyone is having a very enjoyable month of February. It’s a leap year which means we have an extra day to enjoy this year.

Wednesday February 26th is the official Pink Shirt Day; Island ConnectEd

will also be celebrating it on Thursday, February 27. Pink Shirt Day is a reminder that it takes a community to stand up to unhealthy and hurtful behaviours such as name calling, bullying and prejudice. It is a message we should think about and practice every day. As noted on our school’s pink shirts, at Island ConnectEd “We Believe in Kindness”.

February also marks the beginning of the second half of the school year. Students are strongly encouraged to invest time setting educational goals to help ensure they are on target to complete their studies in a timely manner. Please connect with your teacher if you need help in your course or with setting completion goals. Our staff has made it a school goal to help support our students in (a) feeling ConnectEd and (b) being successful in their studies.

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

Sincerely,
Patrick Young

Scent, Citrus & Nut Aware

Due to staff and student allergies, Island ConnectEd is a **Citrus, Scent, and Nut Aware** Site. Please help keep our learning environment safe for all by keeping our site free of these items!

Upcoming Dates Of Interest

Non-Instructional Day (ProD)	Monday February 24
Non-Instructional Day (ProD)	Tuesday, February 25
Pink Shirt Day - official	Wed., February 26
Pink Shirt Day/100 Days	Thursday, February 27
Discovery Days at VIU (Sign-up Mailed out)	Thursday, February 27
Guest Speaker - Shari Molchan - Mindset	Wednesday, March 4 @ 10am
Ready, Set Learn (at Coal Tyee)	Thursday, April 23
Grade 3 - Swim to Survive	Friday, March 6
Daylight Savings Time Begins	Sunday, March 8
PAC Meeting (March)	Monday, March 9
Pizza Sale and "Green Day"	Tues., March 10 (12pm)
School Yard Clean Up	Tues., March 10 @ 1pm
Guest Speaker - Ryan Smith	Wednesday, March 11
Grade 3 - Swim to Survive	Friday, March 13
Spring Break Begins	Saturday, March 14
Spring Break Ends	Sunday, March 29

Note: Our “[Year At A Glance](#)” calendar, located on our school website in the “Calendar” section, has a more extensive list of dates.

PAC Fundraisers

Our PAC has 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.

For any PAC-related inquiries, you may reach our PAC at ICEpac68@gmail.com

Report Cards & Progress Reports

A reminder that report cards were made available earlier this month for all grades. Our mid-year K-9 progress reports may be picked up at the school office. Grade 10-12 Report Cards are available through the MyEd parent portal; please email "IC-FamilyPortalQuestions@sd68.bc.ca" if you need assistance logging onto the parent portal.

School Registration 2020-2021

For families who are looking to change schools for next year, registration for the 2020-2021 school year opened on Wednesday, January 8th. Information from the district about (a) regular school registration, (b) Late French Immersion, and (c) School District Academies may be found on the district's website: <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/>

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.

Pink Shirt Day

Remember to wear your pink shirts on February 26th and 27th to help spread the message of "Kindness" and "Anti-bullying".

If you are curious about the history of Pink Shirt day and what inspired two Canadian teens to spread this important message, information may be found here:

<https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/the-feed/what-is-pink-shirt-day>

PAC Sponsored: Family Ice Skating (Concluded)

Our PAC sponsored Ice Skating has officially finished for the year. A big thank you to our wonderful PAC for supporting this event and allowing our students and families to "Connect on the ICE".

Grade 4 – Vancouver Island Symphony



On January 21, grade 4 students from across our district attend a student-friendly performance by our Vancouver Island Symphony at the Port Theatre. Those in attendance had a wonderful time while being exposed to the talented musicians of our local symphony.

Swim to Survive (Grade 3 & 7)



Our school district and Nanaimo Parks and Recreation have partnered up again to offer the Swim to Survive program to our grade 3s and grade 7s. The grade 3 program just recently started. Families may still participate – please check your email for information about the program.

The grade 7 program begins on Friday, April 6th. 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.

Childhood Stress & Anxiety: Building Resilience Presentation (FREE)

Chase River Elementary is hosting a FREE "Childhood Stress & Anxiety: Building Resilience" presentation on Wednesday, March 4, from 6-8 PM, by Julie-Anne Richards. This presentation is tailored for parents, caregivers, and educators supporting children ages 5-11 experiencing stress and anxiety. The presentation will include a question and answer period.

While the event is free, registration is required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-parent-presentation-on-childhood-anxiety-building-resilience-tickets-88981228249>

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