



FRANK J NEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Wow, here we are at the start of May already and heading into a busy last couple of months. On that Spring note, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for going outside for all types of weather as it can change many times in a single day from light rain to wind to sunshine. We do have inside days for the heavy downpours, but will have students go outside for some fresh air most days.

As mentioned above, only two months to go, this is often when field trips and other classroom activities increase in number. Please be sure to check backpacks and planners regularly for notices and messages of upcoming events in the school and your son/daughter's classroom. It is most helpful to the classroom teacher when forms are returned quickly as this allows them to organize rides and groups well in advance.

Many thanks to all the families who were able to come out to our Celebration of Learning. Our students put a lot of effort into creating their displays to show off a small portion of their learning. It was fabulous to see all the work and to visit with families who were able to come, hope you enjoyed it as well.

This is also the time of year when we 'formally reflect' on our school goals and begin discussions for the upcoming year. We will be working on developing a school plan that builds on the strategies that are working while stretching out to new strategies to make learning even more powerful. I look forward to having this dialogue with both staff at our PLC meetings and with parents at the PAC meetings in the coming weeks.

Looking forward to a fun and exciting May and June, thanks again for all your support of both your child's education and the school as a community.

Yours in education,
Mrs. Jacquie Poulin



YEAR END ASSEMBLIES

Please note that we will have a Primary and an Intermediate Year End Assembly on Wednesday, June 27th this year. The last day of classes is Thursday, June 28th. The Primary assembly will be in the morning and will mainly be a sharing of a whole school slide show and recognizing staff who will be leaving. The Intermediate assembly will be in the afternoon and will be longer with a focus on the Grade 7's as we celebrate the end of their elementary school years experience. Specific times will come out later this month.

BIKE AND WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

The week of May 28th to June 1st is Bike and Walk to Work and School Week. There will be several activities at school and in the community related to this event, so please watch for further information in the weeks to come.

ADULTS IN THE SCHOOL

This is a friendly reminder to please check in at the office before entering the school. For the safety of all our students, it is important we are aware who is in our building. Also, in the case of emergency, we use this sign-in system to know who is in our building and needs to be accounted for.

PAC MEETINGS

The PAC meetings are open to all parents of the Frank Ney School community. It is an excellent opportunity for parents to get involved in matters concerning educational issues and provide support to the programs and activities at the school. Parents new to the school community as well as parents who have not as yet become involved in this consultative committee process are encouraged to attend. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, May 8th starting at 6:00 p.m. in the library. We hope to see you there!

ARE YOU MOVING?????

If you are planning to move away from the Frank Ney area this summer, or are transferring your children to another school next year, please advise the office as soon as possible. Your cooperation greatly assists us in determining our numbers and school organization for the 2018-19 school year.

INFORMATION ABOUT KINDERGARTEN

REGISTRATION

The online process to register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools has begun.

The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you. If your answer is yes to any of the following questions, you will register through the new online registration process:

- Is my child new to Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools?
- Do I have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2018?
- Do I want to register my child in French Immersion?
- Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion?
- Do I want to register my child in secondary academies? (Hockey, Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Lacrosse, Baseball, Performing Arts or Jazz)
- Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)?

Before you begin, you will need the following:

1. A valid email address
2. Photo or scan showing proof of citizenship (ie. Birth certificate)
3. Photo or scan showing proof of Canadian residency (ie. Mortgage or bank statement, utility bill, driver's license, etc.)

Online registration is now open.

New Academy, Out-of-Catchment and Out of District student registrations will be prioritized by date and time submitted online. Deadline was **March 31, 2018**.

For more information please visit the district [website](#) or by emailing ereg@sd68.bc.ca



CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2018-2019

It is that time of year again when we begin to look at our needs for staffing of projected classes for the 2018-19 school year. Our anticipated student population for next year is significantly higher than this year with the closure of Rutherford Elementary. How classes are organized will depend on overall numbers as well as the numbers at each grade level. Therefore, it is very important to notify the school if your child(ren) will not be returning to Frank Ney next year.

Actual assignment of students to classes does not occur until the end of June or beginning of September, but it is not too early to remind parents that student placement is contingent upon a number of factors. The decision for placement is based primarily on the recommendation of the child's present teacher, the person most familiar with his/her educational needs. In arranging classes, we endeavour to achieve an optimal class composition by balancing such factors as ability, work habits, behaviour, learning styles, teaching styles, previous placements, gender, contractual obligations, and other social factors.



The process for parent input is as follows:

a) Parents are encouraged to communicate throughout the year with their child's classroom teacher. If parents are concerned about a particular educational issue for their child in the upcoming year, they are encouraged to speak with their child's current teacher as an advocate for their child.

b) Following a discussion with the teacher, parents may put their educational concerns in writing to the principal by Friday, June 15th, 2018 of the current school year.

c) Letters should focus on specific needs of the child, please do not make requests for placement with specific teachers. Parents need to realize that the process is a complex one and individual requests cannot always be met. **Please note, letters will be shared with the staff.**

Please note, we will take some time the first week of school in September to get to know all our students, current and new to Frank Ney. We will then work diligently as a joint staff to make our final placement decisions.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

As the weather becomes warmer, lighter clothing will be worn at school. Please take a moment to review the important dress code our District and School have in place.



Students will dress in an appropriate manner that is conducive to a positive and safe learning environment. Appropriate dress is:

- safe
- free of any reference to alcohol, drugs, gangs, hate, obscenity, profanity, discrimination or violence
- not disturbing or distracting to others
- **not displaying excessive amounts of skin - no halter tops, spaghetti straps, tube tops or backless tops**

Students arriving to school inappropriately dressed will be asked to phone home and change. Thank you for ensuring your child comes to school dressed accordingly.



DATES TO REMEMBER



May

- Thurs., May 3rd Welcome to Kindergarten
Mon., May 7th PAC Popcorn day
Tues., May 8th PAC meeting - 6 pm - Library
Thurs., May 10th Curriculum Implementation Day
(students not in session)
Fri., May 11th Pro-d Day (students not in session)
Mon., May 14th
- Fri., May 18th Healthamongus
Mon., May 21st Victoria Day - schools closed
Thurs., May 24th Parent Appreciation Celebration - am
Thurs., May 24th Rutherford Family Welcome and
Open House - 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Mon., May 28th
- Fri., June 1st Bike & Walk to Work Week
Tues., May 29th Zone Track & Field meet
Wed., May 30th Bike & Walk to Work Week -
Celebration Station - am

June

- Thurs., June 7th District Track & Field Meet
Mon., June 11th PAC Popcorn day
Tues., June 12th PAC mtg - 6 pm - Library
Thurs., June 21st International Aboriginal Day
Wed., June 27th Year End Assemblies
Thurs., June 29th Whole School Day at Rath Trevor
Thurs., June 29th Last Day of Classes
** Report Cards go home