



FRANK J NEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Wow, here we are heading into March already, where have the days gone? The new mid-year progress reports went home a few weeks ago and ongoing communication of learning continues to be shared in various formats. Please take some time to reflect with your child on how their learning is progressing and on their goals for the rest of the year. Having two or three specific goals and a plan can make a real positive difference for students.

Over the past couple of months students have had their heads down and focused on their work for much of the time, it has been a great month to really focus in on the curriculum and make strides in their growth and development. We have also had some fun with basketball season starting; a high energy Jump Rope for Heart day, another Fine Arts day, and all the Grade 4's going to the Vancouver Island Symphony, just to name a few of the extra activities.

With us heading into the final stretch of the year after the break, activities at school do get even busier. As field trips and other school activities begin to increase, please be sure to check your son/daughter's planner on a regular basis for any notices and information that may come home, thanks.

Also, this is a reminder that Spring Break is just around the corner and that it is two weeks again this year. The last day of school prior to the break will be Friday, March 16th, with students returning on Tuesday, April 3rd. Enjoy the break!

Yours in education,

Mrs. Jacquie Poulin



DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER



Our weather has been quite inconsistent over the last few weeks with some days being quite warm and others quite cold. And just when we think we were escaping more snow, we got another blast this past week. We do appreciate it

when parents ensure that their child comes to school properly dressed for the West Coast type of climate. Students need, and many want, to be outdoors so that they can socialize, run, play and use up some of their excess energy after being indoors for long periods of time. They need boots, rain jackets, and a hood or umbrella. It would be helpful if their outdoor clothing were labeled as well. Thank you for your support in this regard.

PAC MEETINGS

These monthly meetings are open to all our parents of the Frank Ney School community. It is an excellent opportunity to provide your input and suggestions on matters concerning educational issues and provide support to the programs and activities at the school. The next meeting is on Tuesday, March 13th at 6:00 pm. Child minding is available for our PAC meetings.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART UPDATE

Many, many thanks to Mrs. Fraser for organizing our Jump Rope for Heart 'skipping day' and fundraising once again this year. It was great to see all the students showing off their great skipping skills while giving their hearts a great workout. To date, Frank Ney had raised over \$4000 for the Heart & Stroke Foundation this year - wow! Many thanks to such a generous community!

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 is **March 31, 2018**.

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

PARKING LOT CHALLENGES

Many thanks to everyone for taking the time to read through the long parking lot notice that went home last month. An even bigger thank you to everyone for trying hard to improve the pick-up and drop-off area. It has certainly been better, but please do remember that vehicles are not to be parked or even stopped for an extended period of time in that pick-up & drop-off lane.



TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

After Spring Break we will begin to participate in transition activities to welcome our new students coming from Rutherford for September 2018. This is an emotional time for many and we will be working to make it a positive and smooth transition for both Rutherford students and Frank Ney students. The goal of the activities will be to have students meet each other, begin to make (or extend upon) new connections, and become familiar with our school and school grounds. The dates for the transition activities are:

- Wed., April 11th - Gr. 5 & 6 students
- Wed., April 25th - Gr. 3 & 4 students
- Wed., May 2nd, - Kind., Gr. 1 & 2 students
- Wed. May 9th - Gr. 5 & 6 students
- Wed., May 23rd - Gr. 3 & 4 students
- Wed., May 30th - Kind., Gr. 1 & 2 students

We will also be offering a family evening/open house on Thursday, May 24th for families to come out, meet and mingle, and tour the school. More information will be coming out through the office and PAC newsletters in the coming months.

BASKETBALL SEASON

We are well into the next sport season which is basketball. Many thanks to the coaches and sponsors for volunteering with a team. The teams have been practicing hard and are getting into game shape. Good luck to all the players as they improve their skills and team play throughout the season



REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE

A friendly reminder to Parents/Guardians that if your child/children will be absent or late to please call the office at 250-729-8045.

If it is after office hours you can leave a message on the answering machine.

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.

CELL PHONES & OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

As technology continues to advance, we are seeing students at schools with cell phones, Gameboys, Ipods, digital cameras etc. If your child has any of these at school, please remind him/her that they are to be turned off and in his/her backpack throughout the school day. In particular, cell phones are not to be used at any time during the school day. If a student needs to use the phone for emergency issues, the school phone is accessible with permission from a staff member.

The other issue around technology that has become increasingly common at schools is the use of digital or cell phone cameras. For privacy issues, as well as personal safety issues, we ask that students do not bring or use personal cameras at school.

Also, the school will not be responsible for loss or damage to these items so care needs to be taken with putting them away securely. If a student needs to use the phone during the day, the student phone is available in the office area. If a parent needs to contact a student in an emergency, please call the office. Thank you for your support.

Fri., March 16 Last day of classes before Spring Break
March 17th - April 2nd Spring Break

April

Tues., Apr. 3 First day back after Spring Break

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| Tues., Apr. 10 | PAC mtg - 6:00 pm - Library |
| Fri., Apr. 13 | Class photo day |
| Mon., Apr. 16 | PAC Hot Lunch day |
| Fri., Apr. 20 | PAC Dance-a-thon |
| Mon., Apr. 23 | PAC Popcorn day |
| Tues., Apr. 24 | School track & field meet |
| Thurs., Apr. 26 | Gr. 2 - 7 Showcase of Learning |
| Mon., Apr. 30 | PAC Hot Lunch day |



DATES TO REMEMBER



March

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| Mon., March 5 | PAC Popcorn day |
| Mon., March 12 | PAC Hot Lunch day |
| Mon., March 12 - Fri., March 16 | Scholastic Book Fair - Library |
| Tues., March 13 | PAC mtg. - 6:00 pm - Library |
| Wed., March 14 | Kind. - Gr. 1 Family Math Night |
| Thurs., March 15 | Talent Show - part 1 |
| Fri., March 16 | Talent Show - part 2 |