



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 15th, with students returning on Monday, April 1st. 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 even a big dump of snow in there this year. 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 was 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 12th at 6:00 pm. Child minding is available for our PAC meetings.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART UPDATE

Many, many thanks to Mrs. Fraser, Ms. Hooyberg, and Mrs. Wicks for organizing our Jump Rope for Heart 'skipping day' and fundraising 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 \$8000 for the Heart & Stroke Foundation this year - wow! Many thanks to such a generous community!

SPRING CONCERT - SAVE THE DATE!!

The Frank Ney student population will have the wonderful opportunity to showcase their Spring Concert on the Port Theatre stage. Full details will come home in the coming weeks and months, but in the meantime, please be sure to mark **Wednesday, May 8th** on your calendar. We will have a rehearsal during the day and an evening performance that night. Please be sure to set this day aside as we are hoping all our students will be able to come out and shine.



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 the following question, you will register through the new online registration process:

- Do I have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2019?

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.

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

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 2019 - 20 school year.

TRAFFIC SAFETY-PARKING LOT

Anyone driving children to Frank Ney is well aware of our daily traffic challenges. Drivers are urged to exercise extreme caution at all times in the parking lot as well as the drop off/pick up area. Congestion at peak times (arrival, dismissal) means there are many children out and about. Please be extra vigilant when pulling in, backing out or driving through. We have many new youngsters and families using our parking lot this year. This is becoming a major issue both in front of the school and in the parking lot. Please note the upper section of the parking lot is for staff parking only and the upper loop is now clearly designated as "Bus Drop Off and Pick Up". Vehicles cannot stop in this area, and if you do end up behind the bus, please wait patiently and do not attempt to pass it or back up while it is parked.



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.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER



March

- March 7 Ready, Set, Learn event - Frank Ney gym
- March 8 PAC Movie Night - doors open 6:00 pm
- March 12 PAC mtg - Library; 6:00 pm
- March 13 White Hatter parent night - at Pleasant Valley Elementary - 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- March 14 Talent Show - 1:30 pm
- March 15 Talent Show - 1:30 pm
- March 15 Last day of classes before Spring Break

April

- Mon., Apr. 1 First day back after Spring Break**
- Tues., Apr. 16 PAC mtg - Library; 6:00 pm
- Fri., Apr. 19 Good Friday - schools closed
- Mon., Apr. 22 Easter Monday - schools closed
- Thurs., Apr. 25 School Track & Field Meet
- Tues., Apr. 30 April Gathering - 1:00 pm