



FRANK J NEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Welcome back to everyone! I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and having enjoyed the first month of the New Year. It was great to see everyone come back with so much energy. It was interesting to hear students share what they did over the break. And then, of course, we were quickly into our first big snow. Many thanks to all families for listening to school district messages on closure days and for calling in on days we were open but you weren't able to get your child to school.

This week the first progress reports will be coming home with our students. For the past couple of years, we have moved from a model of 'reporting to parents' to 'communicating student learning with parents' on an ongoing basis throughout the year. This Progress Report is another form of communicating your child's learning and is a snapshot of their progress to date in relation to their current grade level. As always, please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you would like further information about your child's learning.

Each year, in all reports, there are always suggestions of ways to support your child's learning. Here are a couple additional suggestions that I am sure many of you already have in place but are always good to mention again:

- reading to or with them each night and talking about the books they are reading
- making sure there is a place and time to do homework, and
- connecting with their classroom teacher if there are any questions.

Looking forward to a great second half of the year. Thank you again for all your support with your own child and within the Frank Ney community.

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. We appreciate when parents ensure that their child comes to school properly dressed for the West Coast 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 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. February's meeting is on Tuesday, February 18th at 6:00 pm. Child minding is available for our PAC meetings.

THANK YOU

A big thank you goes out to our whole community for their incredible generosity once again. Before Christmas, we held a food drive and collected a large amount of non-perishable items to donate to the local food bank. In addition, our community donated items for ten full Christmas dinners with all the trimmings. This amazing generosity ensured families had a wonderful dinner over the holidays.



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:

- Do I have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2020?

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

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.



DATES TO REMEMBER

February

Feb. 4	Fine Arts performance - 1:15 pm
Feb. 5	PAC Snack Shop
Feb. 6	Scholastic Book Fair - open before and after school
Feb. 7	Scholastic Book Fair - open before and after school; also during day for classes
Feb. 7	Jump Rope for Heart Day
Feb. 7	Special "Pizza Concession"
Feb. 7	Mid Year Progress Reports go home
Feb. 10	Staff vs Gr. 7 teams volleyball game
Feb. 12	PAC Munch-a-Lunch
Feb. 13	Fine Arts performance - 1:00 pm
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day
Feb. 17	Family Day - schools closed
Feb. 18	PAC mtg - Library; 6 pm
Feb. 19	PAC Snack Shop
Feb. 24	District Pro-d Day - students not in session
Feb. 25	School Based Pro-d Day - students not in session
Feb. 26	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 26	Monthly Gathering - 9 am
Feb. 26	PAC Munch-a-Lunch
Feb. 27	Ready, Set, Learn event - Frank Ney gym

March

March 6	PAC Movie Night??
March 9	Parent night - topic - Fears
March 10	PAC mtg - Library; 6 pm
March 12	Talent Show - 1:30 pm
March 13	Talent Show - 1:30 pm
March 13	Last day of classes before Spring Break

April

Mon., March 30th First day back after Spring Break

