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**Principal's Message**

Thanks everyone for a wonderful February. Pink Shirt Day is always a great reminder that we can all help make the world a kinder place. While we celebrate Pink Shirt Day once a year, we encourage everyone to help spread kindness everyday of the year. Our school created a "Sticky Note Wall of Kindness" that shares different acts of kindness students and staff have seen at our school.

We are excited to see our students developing new skills during the second half of the school year. This is evident in many of the amazing pieces of art that decorate our halls and classrooms.



"Eye" art by students in Division 15.

The Frank J. Ney Elementary staff wish everyone a very enjoyable and relaxing Spring Break. The break starts at the end of the school day on Friday, March 12, and reopens on Monday, March 29.

Sincerely,  
*Patrick Young & DJ Thompson*

**Nut Aware School**

Due to staff / student allergies, Frank J. Ney Elementary is a: **Nut Aware** Site. Please help keep our learning environment safe for all by keeping our site free of nuts and items containing nuts!

**Important Dates**

Following are some of our upcoming important dates. Please check out our ["Year At A Glance"](#) calendar under the "News & Calendar" section of our website. It already lists most of this year's events/dates and will be updated during the school year.

Spring Break Begins	Saturday, March 13
Daylight Savings Time Begins	Sunday, March 14
Spring Break Ends	Sunday, March 28
Class Photos	Thursday, April 1
Good Friday	Friday, April 2
Easter Monday	Monday, April 5
Artstart (Uzume Taiko: Virtual Drums)	Monday, April 19
PAC Meeting (April)	Tuesday, April 20
Non-Instructional Day (School-based)	Friday, May 7

- PAC meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 6 PM (Currently online.)

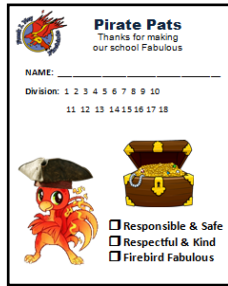
**Thanks & Welcome to PAC Members**

During our February PAC meeting, elections for our PAC executive were held. On behalf of our entire school, we would like to thank our amazing PAC executive members that have finished their current positions: Rachel P. (Chair); Sandy S. (Treasurer); and Jackie G. (Treasurer/Secretary).

We are also very pleased to welcome in our newest PAC executive members: Dylan B. (Chair); Shannon R. (Vice Chair); Olivia J. (Treasurer); Natasha T. (Treasurer); Mariko B. (Secretary); Madeline M. (Member at Large); and Sandy S. (Member at Large).

## "Pirate Pat" Draw Winners

We are very proud of our fabulous Firebirds who help to make our school great. We recently created our "Pirate Pats" certificates which are given to our Pirately Firebirds as "pats on their back" for doing things that make our school a wonderful place to learn, work and play. Winners get a fancy smancy, colour-changing FJN Firebird pencil and their names in our Newsletter. Our February and March draw winners were:



Div. 1	Bowan M.; Faith S.; Noah T.; Leen A.
Div. 2	Ellie T.; Jack C.; Mickey M.; Marlo M.
Div. 3	Everly S.; Elissa C.; Ezri D.; Hudson O.
Div. 4	Paul B.; Graeson m. ; Kaiden K.; Mazzie R.
Div. 5	Asher B.; Emma K.; Esme H.; Clayton R.
Div. 6	Graham C.; Kamlyn H.; Charlize B.; Armaan P.
Div. 7	Freya R.; Tony H. ; Alora S.; Graham S.
Div. 8	Grace S.; Kate R.; Layton S.; Madison F.
Div. 9	Ella N.; Yahia A.; Ezra V.; Ella T.; Emma O.; Payton E
Div. 10	Rocco G.; Noah W.; Finn R.; Ethan B.
Div. 11	Jane W.; Lily B.; Michael L.; Brooklyn P.
Div. 12	Lily M.; Gabe R.; Kaitlyn W; Chloe Z.
Div. 13	Noelle M.; Tyson H.; Liam M.; Isabella L.
Div. 14	Katie K.; Elena T. (x2); Bodin O.;
Div. 15	Joshua J.; Kai G.; Alyth F.; Eve S.
Div. 16	Desiree S.; Amy W.; Broden S.; Manraj P.
Div. 17	Helen X.; Jayden N.; Desiree P.; Kelzee M.
Div. 18	Sawyer K.; Kendra L.; Henry M.; Mallory K.

## 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 co-operation greatly assists us in determining our numbers and school organization for the next school year.

## Jump Rope for Heart

Our Jump Rope for Heart event was a bit different this year since we couldn't have a school-wide event. It was, however, great seeing students skipping during PE and recess. Thanks, Mrs. Fraser, for organizing the event and getting the online donation process in place. Not only has skipping made our students' hearts stronger, it has also raised money to help others who are dealing with heart disease. Thanks for making a difference!

## PAC Fundraiser

Our PAC has an ongoing fundraiser:

- *Cobbs Bakery*: if buying items from Cobb's Bakery, please mention "Frank J. Ney" and a portion of your purchase will be donated to our school's PAC.

Thanks to all of our parent volunteers who help to support our school and activities for our amazing Firebirds.

## Student's Wheeled Transportation



With the welcoming back of the sunlight and warm weather, we are happy to see students coming to school on wheeled items (bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc.). These items encourage physical activity which is incredibly important for our students.

Given the number of students at our school, we ask that students walk (bikes, scooters, skateboards) and remove (rollerblades and roller skates) once they arrive on the school site. They become a safety concern with so many bodies. If your child is coming to school with wheeled transportation, please continue to encourage the use of these "green" transportation items and remind them of the safe practices around them. We will also remind them on our end.

We also ask that our students be mindful and respectful of people using the public walkway that separates our school from Harry Wipper park. Please remind your child to “create adequate room” and/or dismount when approaching people who are walking on the pathways/trails.

### Student Learning Survey



With the completion of our FSAs, Information about our “Student Learning Survey” will be sent out to the parents/guardians of our grades 4 & 7 students. Each year, the Student Learning Survey provides grade 4 and 7 students, their guardians and our staff an opportunity “to tell us about their education experience” at our school. Students will be completing the survey upon their return from Spring Break.

Information gleaned from the survey helps guide our school discussions and goals. Thanks in advance for completing the survey.

### Baseball at School

With the excitement of the community baseball season in the air, many of our students have begun bringing baseball gloves, balls and bats to school. It is great seeing them active and throwing the ball around at recess.



Due to safety reasons, we only allow baseball bats when supervised by an adult. As such, students are asked to leave bats at home but may bring their gloves and baseballs.

### Registration

The online process to register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools began in January. This process is for (a) all new kindergarten students, (b) families new to the district, and (c) students changing schools.

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.)

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.

For more information, please visit the district [website](#) or email [ereg@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:ereg@sd68.bc.ca).

Have a Great...

