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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello all:

May is here and things are as busy as ever.

In the last month, we've finalized our new logo and have school clothing ready to go. We've had a fantastic talent show. Our grade 7's painted banners that will be seen all over Nanaimo this summer. They've also had numerous activities with Dover Bay to help make the transition and even had a spelling bee! Our after school science programs wrapped up for both older and younger students. Science World has been in to speak to most of our students. (And we still have more presentations coming from them). We welcomed our new youngest students at Welcome to Kindergarten. We had a spring dance. We took a huge team to Splash and Dash and the sun actually shone for us! All of our many basketball teams finished successful seasons and we had fantastic weather for our School Track meet. Intramural Team Handball has been successful at the grade 4 and 5 level. Our first Math Games night was a huge success. Caine's arcade showed off our grade 4's inventiveness. We had our first ever entry into the Canadian Hackergals competition and broke open our Earthquake kiosk to actually practice for an emergency. Our teachers trained in how to incorporate more movement into the school day to help increase health outcomes. We also fundraised for a local school and a local family. Lots going on besides reading, writing and arithmetic.

We will maintain the pace for the last 6 weeks of school (yikes)! We have the Trades Trailer coming for the older students next week, while the younger ones have HealthAmongUs. We are a community hub for improving immunization rates in Nanaimo. We have an author visit during Book Fest week, followed up by Bike to School Week. Our band concert happens at the end of May, followed by our PAC Fun Fair on the 31st and School Fun Day in June. We have Parent Appreciation Muffin Morning in June, when field trip season (including the grade 7's Capernwray trip) really takes off. Our new school clothing will be on our students by mid-June. Track and Field finishes up in early June and we have three social justice initiatives still to come- one more fundraiser for our local family, one fun one for clean water in India and involvement in Nanaimo Pride Week.

Lots going on. These last two months always fly by and I'm sure will again.
Have a wonderful Mother's Day weekend.

Mr. Brick

PARENTAL REQUESTS FOR STUDENT PLACEMENT 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

We are in the process of planning the next academic year. It is important you trust the teachers and administration to build classes, which suit the students' both academic and social needs. We take a lot of care in doing classroom composition for each grade. We make up each class list in a way that maximizes the quality of teaching and learning conditions for all students. The decision for placement is based on many factors, such as: balancing academic ability, levels of independence, learning styles, social/emotional maturity, previous placement, and maximizing the positive learning environment for the whole class. The classroom composition for each grade has to reflect the acceptance of all individuals within an inclusive school as we attempt to provide appropriate educational programming to all children. If you have specific educational reasons/concerns, you would like us to consider about your child, **please contact Mr. Brick (in writing or email) as soon as possible, but no later than May 31st**. We do consider these requests along with all other pertinent information provided by classroom teachers and support staff. Please note your request will be considered, but we do not guarantee it can be honored. It does become an important part of our planning process. As teachers may change schools and grade groupings are dependent on our enrolment numbers and balancing learning needs, *please describe optimal learning environments without referring to specific teachers. We are not able to take requests for individual teachers.*

ARE YOU MOVING IN OR OUT OF THE AREA?

If you are moving (and your child is changing schools) please advise the office as soon as possible. Your co-operation greatly assists us in determining our numbers and school organization for the upcoming school year. Please also ensure you have registered your child at your new catchment area school as well. If you know of a family moving into our school community (or has already moved in), encourage them to come in to register before June 14 as this is the district deadline for guaranteed placement in our school. After that date, we can still accept students from within our community providing we have room for them, but we may not be able to confirm this until September.



ERASE BULLYING WEBSITE

If you have not already checked it out, there is a great website that provides lots of information regarding bullying. The information is for parents, youth etc... The website link is: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>



ZONE TRACK MEET GRADES 3-7 WEDNESDAY MAY 22

Eligible students in Grade 3-7 will be participating in our Zone track & field meet on **Wednesday, May 22** at the Rotary Bowl (behind NDSS). Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately and arrives to school on time as the buses leave for the Rotary Bowl around 8:55 am. **Some students in select events will need parent drivers.** Even though the sun may be out it can get quite cold at the Rotary Bowl. **All students should have a jacket, hat and pants in their backpacks, available to wear when needed.**

Students will ride on school buses for the return trip back to Randerson Ridge as well (approx 2:20). Please note parking is an issue around the Rotary Bowl; there is pay parking beside the baseball field. You will also want to send your child with a packed lunch/extra snacks and lots of water. A permission slip will be sent home with students in Grades 3-7 who qualified from our school meet. Thank you to Ms. East for organizing this for our students. The district meet is on Thursday June 6th for those that qualify from the zones.

School Clothing

Thank you to those of you who have ordered school clothing. We will have the hoodies, t-shirts (both performance and cotton) and shorts on display May 9th and May 15th at the end of the day and May 13th at the PAC meeting (7:00 pm). All in the front foyer. Ordering closes on May 17th. We can accept cheques made out to SD 68 or cash.

Order Sheet (for hoodies, t-shirts and shorts)- [Clothing Order Sheet](#)

Sample Silver Athletic T-shirt (which you can personalize with your child's name so they don't get lost)! [Silver shirt](#)

Randerson Ridge Fun Fair - May 31st from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

The annual Randerson Ridge Fun Fair is a month away. The Fun Fair Committee and PAC are working really hard to make this a fun and successful event for the students and the school!

This year, funds raised from the event will be allocated to new school sport uniforms, robotics products, and trades kits. All of these items contribute to our students' overall schooling experience!

Many great events and activities are being planned for this year's fair! Fair favourites such as the Cake Walk, Bottle Draw, and Balloon POP will be returning. Plus, there will be new activities such as Stuffie Riders and the Wrecking Ball from Inflatfun.

However, to run the Fun Fair and for it to be a success, we need help! First and foremost, we require volunteers! In the next couple of weeks, a Volunteer Sign Up email will be sent out. We're asking parents, grandparents, and responsible teenagers (a great way to add some volunteer hours to your resume/graduation requirement) to please sign up for a shift! If we do not get enough volunteers, we won't be able to run all the events we have planned!

We are also looking to add to our prize pool. Any corporate donations, gift cards, and NEW gifts would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact k.flint@shaw.ca.

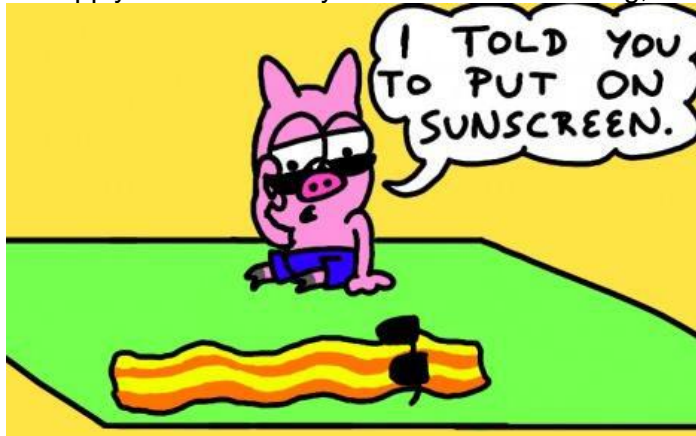
We will also need cakes and cupcakes for the Cake Walk and bottles for the Bottle Draw. More information on how you can contribute will be sent out soon!

Thank you and we look forward to seeing everyone on Friday, May 31st! [Fun Fair](#)

SUNSCREEN

Our yearly reminder:

--to apply sunscreen on your child in the morning, before heading off to school.



SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Students are allowed to wear anything they choose so long as it conforms with the school Code of Conduct requirements for the intended activity and does not promote drugs or alcohol, display offensive images or language, or encourage discrimination.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the wonderful parents/guardians for your generosity at the Staff Appreciation Lunch. You are wonderful and it is greatly appreciated!!!



IMPORTANT DATES/TIMES FOR MAY/JUNE

The **Randerson Ridge** on-line calendar of events is always up-to-date and is easily accessible by logging in to our school web site at: <https://rr.schools.sd68.bc.ca/>

Monday, May 13	PAC meeting/ Whole School Photo
Wednesday, May 15	Grade 7's Swim to Survive at NAC Healthamongus – Ms. Uhlmann/Ms. Hooper/Ms. Welsh (9:00 – 12:00 pm) Science world visit – Grades K-3 9:00am, Grades 4-7 10:40am Trades Trailer visit – Div's 15 & 16
Thursday, May 16	Grade 6 Imm./ Trades Trailer visit – Div's 11 & 12 Grades K-4 “Measles Catch up Program” 2:45pm – 6:00pm
Friday, May 17	Healthamongus- Ms. Cornthwaite/Mrs. Noesgaard/Mrs. Rounis (9:00 am- 12:00 pm) Div 14 & 15 - Departure Bay Beach/Div's 5, 6, 7 – North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre Freezie Friday
Monday, May 20	Victoria Day – No school for students (all day)
Tuesday, May 21	Grade 7's Swim to Survive at NAC
Wednesday, May 22	Zone Track Meet/ Artist in the School – Div's 6 & 7
Thursday, May 23	Spell-a-thon for Lily/ Div's 3 & 4 Nanaimo Museum 9:10 – 1:20
Friday, May 24	Freezie Friday/“We Walk for Water” – Div's 14 – 17/Hot Lunch – Subway
Monday, May 27	Div's 1 & 2 – Swimming lessons at Bowen Kin Pool 10:30 – 12:45 Div 4 – Vancouver Island Regional Library 9:50 – 11:05
Thursday, May 30	Band Concert – 1:00 & 6:30
Friday, May 31	Author visit – Grade 2 to 7 10:40 – 11:30/ Fun Fair 5:00 – 8:00
Monday, June 3	Div's 1 & 2 – Swimming lessons at Bowen Kin Pool 10:30 – 12:45
Wednesday, June 5	Parent Appreciation Muffin Morning/ Grade 7's Swim to Survive at Westwood Lake 12:10
Thursday, June 6	District Track Meet/ Div's 10 & 11 Swimming at NAC 12:00 – 2:00
Friday, June 7	Freezie Friday/ Hot lunch – Pizza Hut
Monday, June 10	PAC Meeting – (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.)/Grade 7's to Camp Capernwray 12:45 Div's 1 & 2 – Swimming lessons at Bowen Kin Pool 10:30 – 12:45
Wednesday, June 12	Div 14 Victoria fieldtrip 7:30 – 4:00/ Grade 7's return from Camp Capernwray 3:00
Friday, June 14	Freezie Friday/Hot lunch – Pita Pit
Monday, June 17	Div's 1 & 2 – Swimming lessons at Bowen Kin Pool 10:30 – 12:45
Wednesday, June 19	Div 10 & 11 – Mini golf 9:20 – 1:45/Div 6 & 13 – Transfer Beach 9:00 – 2:00 Grade 6's Splitsville Bowling and NAC swimming 9:00 – 2:00
Thursday, June 20	Div's 6 & 9 Rath Trevor Beached and Riptide Mini golf 9:20 – 2:00
Friday, June 21	Fun Day/Freezie Friday
Wednesday, June 26	Div 15 – Nanaimo Yacht Club – kayaks, SUP 9:15-12:45
Thursday, June 27	Last day of classes – report cards issued

