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## NANOOSE BAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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*"At Nanoose Bay Elementary, students, parents and staff  
are inspired with a passion for learning."*

### NBES School Goals

Literacy – To improve reading comprehension & writing | Social Responsibility – To develop active citizenship

## TWOONIES FOR ELVIS—Thank you for your wonderful support!

Our initiative to help Elvis and his two brothers, Walter and Eddie in Guatemala is gathering steam! You may recall that we are raising money to help these three young men attend school for a year. They are from a very poor Guatemalan village that is supported by a local service organization called *Mayan Families*.

This week at our school assembly one of our students, **Manuela**, read letters (in Spanish) from Elvis, Eddie and Walter thanking everyone for their ongoing support. Then, two other students, **Claire and Monique**, read the English translations of the letters. Here is a sample of what the boys had to say:

*"I am giving you a hug and I wish you a nice day and may god bless you." Elvis*

*"Thank you for the things you have given us." Walter*

*"Thank you because you are giving me things. Thank you for my studies. I wish you a good day. Thank you." Eddie*

The cost of schooling is \$182 for each of these boys to attend school for a year. We are trying to raise **\$586.00** so that these boys can continue to go to school. We have already raised more than **\$200.00** and thank you for your kind support. Any more twoonies or donations will be gratefully accepted.

## BUILDING RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS—PLEASE DON'T BE LATE TO SCHOOL!

Lately, we have been noticing that a number of students are habitually late to school. We understand that occasionally someone may 'sleep in' or have a problem making it to school in the morning. However, we believe that students who are late on a regular basis are creating a problem for themselves as well as for their teachers and classmates.

At NBES school begins at **8:10 am** and there are a number of important routines and learning sequences that begin right away in the morning. Late students often miss important readiness skills or other parts of a lesson. It is often not possible to 'catch these students up', and so they get behind. Latecomers are also often disruptive to the learning environment and they may feel stressed about figuring out how to 'get on track' with the rest of the class.

We believe that school is one of the first places that students learn to make responsible choices and that being punctual is an important first step.

Thank you for helping your child to be diligent and **'on time'!**