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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

Electronic Newsletters are coming... "GO GREEN"

We have been posting our newsletters to the District Website this school year and are now able to offer you the opportunity to sign up to get an email notification when they are posted weekly. **This is your chance to help us to use LESS paper!**



To sign up for an NBES newsletter alert go to <http://nbes.sd69.bc.ca> and enter your email address to subscribe. Once you have signed up you will get an email when they are posted with a link that you simply click on and it will take you directly to the NBES website and newsletters.

When you have signed up you will be entered into a draw for a Mulberry Bush gift certificate. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to sign up for this great new service.

IMPORTANT PAC MEETING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH AT 9:00 AM

Please come and join us for an important PAC meeting on Thursday, February 4th at 9:00 am. **Eve Flynn, the Chair of the Qualicum School Board and Candice Morgan, the Superintendent of the Qualicum School District** will be here to discuss the upcoming school district budget challenges. We will also be addressing the regular agenda items and would like to invite all interested parents to come on out to support NBES!

SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET PRESENTATION TO PAC

As part of the development of the 2010-2011 Preliminary Operating Budget, a trustee from the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum), as well as a Senior Administrator, will be attending a meeting with each school's Parent Advisory Council during the month of February. It is hoped that parents in each school community would take the opportunity to attend.

If parents are unable to attend the scheduled meeting with PAC at their school, they are welcome to attend at another school. Please see the district web-site for the complete schedule.

At this meeting information about the budget process and preliminary indications of fiscal challenges the Board is anticipating will be provided, and participants will be invited to provide the Board with their ideas about priorities for district budget planning.

Budget deliberations will continue in a series of Public Budget Board meetings to be held on March 30, April 14, 21 and 27. These meetings will be held at the Forum in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre at 7:00 pm.

GRADE 5 'Knights of Columbus' Basketball Free Throw Competition

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the annual "Knights of Columbus" Free Throw Competition yesterday. In first place in the boys was **Mikey Sim**, while **Jarrold Dykstra** (a grade 4), placed second! **Jamie Verhaeghe** was first in the girls competition and **Hannah Cudney** was second. Our two Grade 5 girls and two of our Grade 5 boys (**Mikey Sim** and **Chris Jung**) have qualified for the District Free Throw Competition to be held on **Thursday, February 4th** at Errington Elementary School.

Students Enjoyed the Symphony at the Port Theatre

Many of our Grade 3 – 5 students enjoyed a special experience in learning more about the symphony last week at "The Orchestra Games" with guest narrator Bruce Williams. This show was a marathon between musicians, various musical sports and quizzes. Popular works performed include Olympic Fanfare and Theme by John Williams, theme songs from Chariots of Fire, Take me Out to the Ball Game and more. Students were well behaved and had a great time at this event. Thanks to Mrs. Dunfield for organizing this worthwhile event.

DPAC SPECIAL PRESENTATION - Our DPAC (District Parents Advisory Council) is hosting a presentation called **"Navigating Girl World: Effective Strategies for Parenting Girls"**. Speakers are Angela Slade & Kerri Isham. Half of the ticket sales will be given back to the PAC groups. **See poster on PAC Board across from the office.**



Date: Tuesday, February 9th

Location: Parksville Community and Conference Centre

Times: 11:30am-1:30pm or 6:30pm-8:30pm

Tickets: \$5 each (Advance available at NBES office), \$7 (Door)

DATES TO NOTE

Thursday, February 4th at 9:00 PAC Meeting ~ Everyone Welcome! (Eve Flynn/Candice Morgan)

Friday, February 19th NBES Reporting Day (students do not attend)

Monday, February 22nd District Professional Day (students do not attend)

Thursday, February 25th Celebration of Learning 5:30 to 7:00 in the gym

Friday, March 5th Last day of classes before Spring Break

Monday March 22nd School re-opens after Spring Break

Eat Well Get Moving Program

The School District and community, through the RDN Recreation and Parks, will be promoting Healthy Living again this year through their annual Eat Well, Get Moving Initiative! It will run for six weeks, starting January 18th through to February 27th and be tied into the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games. Students/staff from K-12 are encouraged to participate by adopting a healthy lifestyle through fitness and nutrition! Participation score cards are available at all District schools. Exercise regularly, eat healthy with 5-10 servings daily of fruit and vegetables, and keep track of your healthy lifestyle with your score card. Individual prizes will be awarded every second week and at the end of six weeks - for both students and class rewards. Participating students and their families will be invited to attend the **Opening Ceremonies of the Olympic Games** on the evening of Feb. 12th at the Parksville Community and Conference Center to celebrate the start of the Olympics and their participation in the EWGM program. Many more prizes and raffles will take place at this community event.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MAYAN FAMILIES

Tuesday, January 26th we had a special assembly highlighting our Mayan Families project. Robin Pawliuk one of the co-founders of this wonderful charity, was here to talk to students, staff and parents and told a very moving story about Elivis and his family. Thank you to everyone for helping our students to remember how fortunate they are and how small deeds can begin to change the world.

Helix and Friends Hearts for Haiti

With the support of School District 69 and Ballenas Secondary School, the new Helix Dance and Theatre Company invites you and your friends to join us on Friday, February 5th, BSS Theatre, at 7:30 pm, for an evening of music, dance, singing, and theatre, to help the people of Haiti. Admission is \$20.00. All proceeds will go to World Vision which has 600 workers on the ground in Haiti right now. Helix is a new youth dance company based in Parksville comprised of 9 incredible young dancers, 15 - 19 years old. Helix will be joined by local singer Rosalee Sullivan, BSS Drama Dept and several other local musicians to provide a wonderful evening of performing arts for Haiti.

Kindergarten Registration **For the Next School Year 2010-2011**

Nanoose Bay Elementary School
MARCH 1 – MARCH 5, 2010 (8: 30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.)

Children who become five years old on or before December 31, 2010 may enter Kindergarten in September 2010. Parents are advised that they must bring their child's BIRTH CERTIFICATE as registration cannot occur without it. Schools will also request to see your child's Medical Care Card. Please contact Public Health at 250-248-2044 to ensure that your child has received their Kindergarten Immunization.

Please register at your neighbourhood elementary school. Attendance boundary information is available at each school or by telephoning the School Board at 250-248-4241. Parents wishing to enroll their Kindergarten child at an **out-of catchment school** within the District are to make their request upon registration at their catchment school and complete a Student Transfer Request Form.

Community News

Please check the Community News and Events link (second tab on the left side) of the School District website, www.sd69.bc.ca for a comprehensive list of current events.