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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

WELCOME BACK AND BEST WISHES FOR 2010!!

*"I do the very best I know how—the very best I can; and
I mean to keep doing so until the end."*

Abraham Lincoln

The Virtues of Excellence and Perseverance

At Nanoose Bay we are bringing in the New Year by celebrating the virtues of Excellence and Perseverance. We believe that the upcoming **Winter Olympics** will help to illuminate these powerful virtues as we watch the world's best winter athletes compete in our own province! We are excited by all of the ongoing ways that our students have opportunities to show dedication and determination and to always do their best!

*"**Excellence** is giving your very best to any task you do or any relationship you have. Excellence is effort guided by a noble purpose. It is a way to demonstrate and celebrate some of your best qualities and achievements."*

*"**Perseverance** is sticking to something, staying committed, no matter how long it takes or what obstacles appear to stop you. It is being dependably and not giving up. When we persevere, we can be counted on to keep trying our hardest to achieve a goal."*

Educator's Virtues Guide (2000).

We encourage you to talk with your child about what it means to persevere and to practice excellence. At school there will continue to be chances for students to develop their special talents and to try new things. Watch for Independent Learning Projects and for our Spring Talent Show!

TWOONIES FOR ELVIS—HELP SUPPORT OUR GUATEMALAN FRIENDS!

For the past five years, as part of our social responsibility goal, NBES has been helping a family in Guatemala by supporting '**Mayan Families**', a local service organization. Two years ago, Nanoose Bay students and their families helped to build a house for an endearing Guatemalan boy named Elvis (and his family). For the last few years we have raised money to send Elvis and his two brothers to school. The cost of schooling is \$182 for each of these boys to attend school for a year. We need to raise **\$586.00** so that these boys can continue to go to school. Next week, from **Jan. 11th to 15th**, we are hoping all of our families at NBES can find two dollars to send in to support this worthwhile project. Thank you for helping our students learn how easy it is to help others.

NBES CALENDAR - DATES TO REMEMBER

Twoonies for Elvis	January 11 th to 15 th
Alice in Wonderland Play	Monday, January 18 th (Rooms 5, 7 & 11 travel to Ballenas)
Vancouver Island Symphony	Friday, January 22 nd (All Grade 3/4/5's travel to the Port Theatre)
Reporting Day	Friday, February 19 th (Students Do Not Attend)
District Pro D Day	Monday, February 22 nd (Students Do Not Attend)
Last Day Before Spring Break	Friday, March 5 th
Spring Break	March 6 th to 21 st
School Back in Session	Monday, March 22 nd

MOTHER GOOSE:



Mother Goose is in session again. All pre-schoolers and parents welcome Tuesday mornings at 8:30 in our library for this free literacy program.

The NBES 2010 SCHOOL CALENDARS ARE STILL FOR SALE!!

Come on in and check out the beautiful new NBES School Calendars!! We still have some calendars left so you can still place an order. Please return the tear off portion below with your cheque for \$15.00 made out to NBES PAC. Thank you! A few children didn't make the calendar and we are sorry! Special thanks to **Kris Walker** for all of her hard work on these special keepsakes!

NBES SCHOOL CALENDAR ORDER

We would like to order _____ NBES school calendars @ \$15.00 per calendar.

Total: _____

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____



TWOONIES FOR ELVIS– please donate a twoonie or two if you are able so we can help Elvis and his two brothers go to school. Thank you!