

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

INSPIRING HOPE: NBES student **Maya Cudney** is an **"AMAZING KID" !!**

Last year one of our students, Maya Cudney, started a fundraising campaign to sell bracelets for cancer research. She called her beautiful creations **"HOPE ROPES"**, and she raised over **\$2500.00** and donated it to the "Ride to Conquer Cancer." Recently Maya won the **Save-On Foods Amazing Kids Scholarship award of \$1000**. Yesterday she was interviewed at school by the 'A Channel News' and you can watch her at the **live presentation at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 22nd on the A-Channel (Channel 12)**.

Maya will be selling her bracelets again at the school in November. All proceeds will go towards cancer research. Also, watch for Maya's bracelets to be sold at the Milner Gardens gift shop. Finally, Maya will be doing a special project at Nanaimo Secondary spearheaded by one of our Nanoose Bay parents (and teacher) Debbie Keenleyside. Maya will be helping over 200 grade 8 students make "Hope Ropes" and those students will be undertaking a fundraising campaign to help Maya raise money for cancer research.

Congratulations Maya! Thank you for inspiring us all with your terrific acts of service.

"Betty Hoops" is coming to NBES (hula hoop world record holder)

On Tuesday, October 20th, we have a special visitor coming to school. Betty Hoops is an acclaimed 'hula hoop' performer who can do amazing tricks with one or more hula hoops! She will be presenting active 'hips on' workshops to our primary and intermediate students on Tuesday afternoon: Primary Assembly at 12:55 p.m. and Intermediate Assembly at 1:30 pm. Parents welcome!

DON'T FORGET...

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: Please phone Mrs. Barnatt in the office between 8:00 to 2:30 to book your appointment.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND: **School Based Professional Development Day**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD: **Provincial Professional Development Day**



NBES Website ~ Great News...

Our NBES website is now available on the school district portal. Just go to www.sd69.bc.ca locate our school and open it. The website is still under construction so please be patient. In the future our newsletters will be available on the internet rather than going home with students (unless requested).

WELCOME BACK PEARSON COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS !!

Again this year, Nanoose Bay Elementary is hosting some special visitors from around the globe. A group of six international students from Pearson College (near Victoria) is visiting our school for the week. These students are from all over the world and have been selected to attend Pearson College because of their **outstanding citizenship and exemplary academics**. They are 17 or 18 years old, usually speak several languages and are **amazing ambassadors** for their respective countries. Pearson students will spend the week teaching multicultural lessons to classrooms throughout the school, as well as helping with grade 5 team building and leadership activities. They will be billeted with NBES families for the week. The Pearson Students will be here from October 25 to November 1st. Welcome to:

Horascio Solis (Spain)
Pete Tanasarnsopaport (Thailand)
Antsa Randriamihaja (Madagascar)

Anthony Sanchez (Costa Rica)
Thao Tran (Vietnam)
Boat Sukswan (Thailand)

THE BOOKFAIR IS COMING! (October 24th to 26th ,)



Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will soon be here. This is a great way to pick up some extra reading material for your child and the NBES school library benefits greatly. We have planned for the fair to coincide with the week of parent conferences. The book fair will be held on Monday, October 26 (day and evening), Tuesday, October 27 (day and evening), and Wednesday, October 28 (day and evening).

We would like to send out a **HUGE** thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to help, the response has been wonderful. We are still in need of a couple of volunteers to help with sales. Sign up in the foyer or see Lisa in the library.

PAC NEWS

What's with the Wood Chips???

There have been a lot of questions about the choice of surfacing for the new playground. Here's a little insight:

The wood chips are "engineered wood fibre"; it is not bark mulch. It is chipped wood that contains a calculated mix of different-sized pieces. It has been produced in such a way that slivers won't be an issue. The wood does not compost very quickly, and will just need to be topped up about every four years.

When freshly applied, the wood chips are loose and fluffy on the ground. Over a few weeks, the chips will "knit" themselves into a thick springy mat, and with an average depth of twelve inches has excellent impact absorption. It is considered to be a fully accessible option by the industry, including the Rick Hansen Foundation (which gave us our biggest donation). Once the chips settle, a wheelchair user will be able to wheel on the surface without getting bogged down.

At first, you may find bits of wood in pockets and stuck to some fabrics, but the benefits of safety and accessibility far outweigh these small inconveniences.