

# 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

**DON'T FORGET...**

**TIME CHANGE ~ Saturday at midnight all clocks go back one hour.**

### **Multicultural Assembly:**

1:00 with our Pearson College students. We will also be having a *special Student Halloween Performance* for everyone to enjoy. Parents welcome.

### **Haunted Halloween Walk:**

Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:15 to 9:30 pm **All Nanoose Bay Families are welcome!** Please email your RSVP to [spookynight09@live.com](mailto:spookynight09@live.com) with which night you will attend and the number of family members attending. The address is 2525 Northwest Bay Road. Donations to the NBES PAC gratefully accepted. This is a **spooktacular** event so don't miss it!

### **OLYMPIC TORCH CEREMONY!!**

**This Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at Nanoose Place. The celebration begins at 8:00 a.m. in the community hall. Then, the torch will leave Nanoose Place at 8:39 and head up Northwest Bay Road to the Ozero Farm.**

**Our school choir is performing as part of this celebration and** students who are performing need to wear black pants and white shirt (see below).

**Remembrance Day Assembly:** Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm Parents are welcome to attend.

## **WE ARE HAVING A WONDERFUL WEEK WITH PEARSON COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS !!**

Our six special visitors from Pearson College began the week by participating in a Grade 5 Leadership retreat. All of the Grade 5 students as well as the Pearson students were bussed to Beach Acres resort where they spent the day doing team building activities together and learning about leadership. Watch for the beautiful new leadership banner to be unveiled later this week.

For the rest of the week the Pearson students have been teaching multicultural lessons to classrooms throughout the school. Our students have been learning about the cultures and traditions from countries around the world. On Friday, at 1:00 pm we will be hosting a special Pearson College assembly where the international students will highlight some aspects of their respective cultures. Our Pearson students are:

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

**Anthony Sanchez (Costa Rica)**  
**Thao Tran (Vietnam)**  
**Boat Suksuwan (Thailand)**

## **HALLOWEEN AT NBES**



On **Friday, October 30**, NBES students and staff will be celebrating Halloween by wearing costumes (no weapons or masks) and participating in special activities. We will also be having a multi-cultural assembly at 1:00 with our Pearson College students. This assembly will include special Halloween Dance from our Grade 4/5 students! **Parents are welcome to attend.**

## H1N1 Facts

As we are all aware, the H1N1 virus is now present in the mid-Island region and immunizations are being administered on a priority basis by VIHA.

For the most current information on immunizations and comprehensive tips on how to protect yourself, please visit the VIHA website and follow the links for H1N1 Info. At school we are following the same procedures that we use for seasonal flu. Regular, **thorough washing of hands and sneezing and coughing into the sleeve are the best ways to control the spread of viral infection.** For their own comfort, and to help maintain a healthy environment, students who are sick or contagious should not be at school. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Teacher Professional Development Days

Last Thursday and Friday were non-instructional days set aside for teacher professional development. In recent years our district has, on the advice of parents, tried to group professional days together in an attempt to make these less disruptive. In this time of rapid implementation of new curriculum, changes to assessment and reporting, and increased accountability around student achievement, Professional Days are vitally important to ensure that teachers remain current in their practice. Last Thursday our staff worked with a district Math facilitator to gain an overview of changes in the Math curriculum. On Friday, many staff members attended provincial conferences on a variety of topics relevant to their work with children.

### NBES Website ~ Great News...

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

### PAC NEWS

Next PAC Meeting is **November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** This meeting will feature a special presentation on **'Preventing Bullying'** from two gentlemen from *Creating Solutions*. Parents will learn about the causes of bullying and practical ways to prevent it.

### Olympic Torch Ceremony ~ Sunday, November 1, 2009 at Nanoose Place



The celebration begins at **8:00 a.m. in the community hall.** Then, the torch will leave Nanoose Place at 8:39 and head up Northwest Bay Road to the Ozero Farm.

As part of this celebration the **Nanoose Bay Lions** will be serving a **pancake breakfast** at 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 in Nanoose Place.

Students from the Nanoose Bay choir will be singing O'Canada and other songs at the Olympic Torch Ceremony. Choir students need to be there by 8:00 am at the latest. The Nanoose Bay Lions will be serving pancake breakfast starting at 7:00 a.m. so go early for some pancakes! If you are bringing your child to sing in the choir, please dress him/her in black pants/skirt and a white shirt.

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**Return this tear-off portion to the office or teacher by Friday** so that we can confirm the number of students planning to attend. Thank you!

My daughter/son \_\_\_\_\_ will be performing at the Olympic Torch Ceremony at Nanoose Place on **Sunday morning, November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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Parent signature

Room Number \_\_\_\_\_