

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

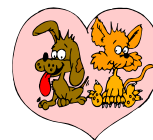
Literacy – To improve reading comprehension & writing | Social Responsibility – To develop active citizenship

TERRY FOX RUN: Thursday, September 24th at 1:00 pm (lower field) **Parents Welcome**
SCHOOL PLANNING DAY: Friday, September 25th (Students do not attend)
NEW PLAYGROUND INSTALLATION: September 23, 24, 25, 25 (see below!)
OPEN HOUSE/FAMILY DANCE: Mon, Oct. 5th 5:00 to 6:00; family dance 6:00 to 7:30
PHOTO DAY: Monday, October 5th
PIZZA DAY: Friday October 2nd

FRIENDLINESS: OUR 'SCHOOL OPENING' VIRTUE!!

The virtue we have selected to begin our year together is "**friendliness**". As we all come together to create a learning community, we have decided to focus on being friendly and kind to one another. The following information on this important virtue is summarized from the "*Virtues Educators Guide*" which is a resource we use to help to shape our school's virtues program:

FRIENDLINESS: *Friendliness is being a friend. It is taking an interest in other people. It is going out of your way to make others feel welcome or to make a new person feel at home. When you are friendly, you happily share your belongings, time, ideas and feelings. You share the good times and the bad times together. Friendliness is the best cure for loneliness.*



TERRY FOX RUN on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

"I guess that one of the most important things I've learned is that nothing is ever completely bad. Even cancer. It's made me a better person. It's given me courage and a sense of purpose I never had before. But you don't have to do like I did... wait until you lose a leg or get some awful disease before you take the time to find out what kind of stuff you're really made of. You can start now. Anybody can."

Terry Fox

This year is the **29th** anniversary of the Terry Fox Run! Almost every public school in Canada will participate in this event to celebrate the remarkable achievements of this courageous young hero. At next week's assembly, students will watch a DVD of Terry Fox as he made his remarkable attempt to run across Canada. On Thursday we will continue with our tradition of having students running or walking laps around the field and having their cards stamped as they come around. (Each lap will represent a Province of Canada). If you have a few minutes between **1:00 and 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 24th** to assist, please contact your child's teacher.

If you would like to participate in our annual "**Coins for Cancer**" campaign which is our school's fundraiser for Terry Fox, please return the attached tear-off with your donation to your child's teacher. You may also donate online to this worthwhile cause at: www.terryfoxrun.org

Thank you for helping us to commemorate this remarkable young man, by talking about him with your child and by supporting your child's participation in the 29th Annual Terry Fox Run!

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"Coins for Cancer" 26th Annual Terry Fox Run

Please attach your coins below and return to your child's teacher.

(any amount is welcome)

OUR NEW, AMAZING, 'ACCESSIBLE' PLAYGROUND: ALMOST A REALITY!

Ready...Set... ACTION! Your help is needed for getting the playground in the ground next week! Read the outline below and sign up by telling **Cynthia Pollak** which task suits you and when you can attend: 468-5467, cpollak@shaw.ca. Come for an hour, come for the day or two: **Many hands make light work!!** Ideas welcome. Tool list at the end.

Timing and tasks:

Wednesday the 23rd: Playground shipment arrives just as school is dismissed, around 2pm. Able volunteers needed to help wrangle heavy equipment into the school for safekeeping. Light tasks: a few people to check off items, tally, categorize, label, or direct items into the spaces available. Tools: Dollies of various sorts would be handy!

Thursday the 24th: Installation supervisory crew arrives from an early ferry. Further sorting, checking, or labeling of equipment may be needed.

Construction safety barrier (plastic fencing) must be erected. Main task is laser-level surveying, marking and digging 85 post holes (an auger will be used for the heavy work, but holes need to be cleaned up and depths adjusted). Construction of retainer box (using 2x10 lumber) for rubber tile area may be started and/or positioned today. The Terry Fox Run will take place today as well; parents are welcome to break for the race.

Friday the 25th: The Big Day! Playground pieces must be carried from classrooms, erected and bolted together. Concrete will be poured after posts are erected: Each "dose" must be wheeled to its hole. Landscape fabric will be rolled out and seams glued. Rubber tile containment box will be finished, filled, and topped. School district may work on swing/sand containment boxes as well. Surfacing chips may be delivered this afternoon (or Sat. AM) and will need to be spread. **A dozen able bodies** are needed, plus others for light tasks (holding small parts, coordinating supplies and action, washing posts). It is a Pro-D Day: Please, capable, older siblings (and light-duty parents!) are invited to assist both with installation and supervising parents' children while they work. In case of rain, the Gym is offered for kids' use.

Saturday the 19th: If the chips are delivered this morning or need more distribution, they will be spread. We may have "overflow" tasks like piling pea gravel into classic swing area, wiping concrete residues from posts and/or touching up scratches. The presence of even a few workers, or parents bringing kids to the Adventure Playground, will also discourage premature use of the play area. The concrete must be undisturbed until at least Monday!

Sunday: Hopefully, a day of well-earned rest and time for concrete to cure. Please watch out for "playspace invaders" if you happen to be driving by! Same for night-time passers-by: Call the RCMP to report suspicious activity.

Monday the 21st: Students arrive to see their new playground! JUST EYE-CANDY until Mr. Hamilton gives the go-ahead. Some district finishing work may still happen this week.

TOOL LIST. Let Cynthia know if you can operate one of your own or loan out any (please label components):

Dollies and handcarts, Laser level w/ tripod & survey stick, Plumb bobs and mason's lines, 4 spade type shovels, smaller shovels or trowels, 3 wheel barrows, 4 complete socket sets (9/16", 5/8", 5/16", 1/4", 3/4"), 3 complete ratchet sets (torque bits provided), 4 drills w/ 1/2" bit for drilling wood (borders) and 1/2" bit for drilling metal - attachable sockets/ratchets for these are great, Staple guns, 3 medium Crescent wrenches, Extension cords (but mostly cordless drills will be fine), Hoses, 2 Pry/digging bars, Black sharpie pens, Heavy-duty utility knives and scissors, 2 Medium sledge hammers, Buckets and rags, Sturdy rakes for wood chip and gravel, Electric saw.

***THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP! WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!
Please call or e-mail Cynthia to confirm your commitment! This volunteer labour is saving us thousands of dollars!***

OPEN HOUSE – FAMILY DANCE - Monday, October 5

We invite you to our 'Open House' which will run from 5:00 to 6:00 on Monday, Please join us for food, meet your child's teacher (and see their classroom) and enjoy the company of parents, students and staff in our school community.

'Shakewood Annie' Family Dance, Monday, October 5th

This year as part of our 'Open House—Meet the Teacher Night' we are pleased to announce that 'Shakewood Annie', two renowned entertainers from Enderby who specialize in family dances, will be here at NBES to help launch our new school year! Our Open House will run from 5:00 to 6:00 and then 'Shakewood Annie' will fire up in the gym and encourage kids and folks of all ages to '**get up and have some fun!**' (6:00 to 7:30)



Hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. This will give parents a chance to meet our staff and catch up with other families after the summer!

VERIFICATION SHEETS AND EMERGENCY RELEASE FORMS

If you haven't done so already, please check and make changes to your verification sheets, complete the emergency release forms and return them as soon as possible to your son or daughter's teacher.

2009-10 PAC MEMBERS were elected yesterday.

We have an enthusiastic group of parents excited about the coming year. Special thanks to:

Chair/Co-Chair	Debbie Kuhn and Cynthia Pollak
Secretary	Allison McKenzie
Treasurer	Margariet Hall
Emergency Prep	
Fundraising Committee	pending
DPAC	Patricia Plumley

Our Parent Advisory Council meets the first Wednesday of every month. All parents are welcome to join this group and participate in a major support network for the students and programs at NBES.

COME JOIN MOTHER GOOSE IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY!



(For children 1 to 5 yrs. and parents) Come and share some songs, stories and rhymes. This is a free drop-in program and requires no prior registration. Sessions at NBES are **Tuesday mornings from 8:30 to 9:00 am starting September 15th** and run until the end of May. Meet some friends, take out a library book and have some fun! Join us weekly and develop a pocketful of strategies that will help to "Grow Your Child's Brain"! See you there!

UPDATED BUSSING INFORMATION

Thank you to all the parents who have made application for bus passes for their children. The goal was to have all applications in by September 11, 2009 and to first assign seats for all the eligible riders. Once that was done, remaining available seats would be assigned to courtesy riders and those parents/guardians would be contacted, informing them of their eligibility. The intent was to have this process completed by September 18th. As most applications have been made in the last week and to ensure the information is correct and children are properly accommodated, the process should now be completed by September 25th.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL BE CONTACTED DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21 – 25, 2009 IF THERE IS A COURTESY PASS AVAILABLE FOR THEIR CHILD. PASSES WILL BE ISSUED UPON PAYMENT.

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW THEIR PASS TO THE DRIVER, STARTING SEPTEMBER 28, 2009.

BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS TO HELP STUDENTS SUCCEED (from the Ministry of Education)

Developing good study habits early plays a factor in student achievement. Parents can help their children study by:

- Letting your children see you read and setting aside time each day for family reading.
- Setting up a homework area away from the TV with adequate supplies and lighting.
- Keeping an assignment calendar on the fridge for quick reference of due dates, exams and how they fit in with other activities.

Parents play an active role in the school year by keeping students safe and healthy. Some ways to achieve this are:

- Make it easy. Keep nutritional snacks, such as cut-up fruit and vegetables, pretzels, cheese sticks, low-fat yogurt and butter-free popcorn, on hand.
- Schedule regular medical and dental checkups.
- Ensure that backpacks are no more than 10 to 20 percent of the student's body weight and that they use both shoulder straps.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Check the Community News and Events link (second tab on the left side) of the School District website. www.sd69.bc.ca

Oceanside Navy League Cadets (ages 9 – 12) and Sea Cadets (ages 12-18)

Fun, Adventure and a Challenge - **DRILL TEAM, FIRST AID TEAM, CORPS OF DRUMS, GUARD, OUTDOOR ADVENTURE TRAINING, SAILING AND ON THE WATER TRAINING, SPORTS, MAKING NEW FRIENDS, BE A PART OF A TEAM, LEADERSHIP and much more.** Navy League Cadets meet every Monday from 6:15 pm- 8:45 pm and Sea Cadets meet every Wednesday from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm at Parksville Elementary School. For more information contact the Oceanside Navy League Office at 250-248-2677.