

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

SCHOOL PLANNING DAY: Friday, September 25th (Students do not attend)

NEW PLAYGROUND INSTALLATION: September 24, 25, 26 (see below!)

OPEN HOUSE/FAMILY DANCE: Mon, Oct. 5th 5:00 to 6:00; Family Dance 6:00 to 7:30

PIZZA DAY: Friday October 2nd

PHOTO DAY: **** PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE ****

PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH



OPEN HOUSE – FAMILY DANCE - Monday, October 5th, 2009

We invite everyone to our 'Open House' which will run from **5:00 to 6:00 pm** 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. 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!

'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)



THE BOOKFAIR IS COMING ~ The week of October 26th to 30th

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 during the week of October 26th to 30th (specific times and dates to be announced) Volunteers are needed to help with sales during these times. Volunteers will also be needed on to help set up ahead of time. Please contact Tandy Gunn (librarian), Lisa Drury (library clerk), leave a message with the school secretary, or send a note to school, if and when you are able to help out. **We rely on volunteers to make this special event happen!**

TERRY FOX CONTINUES TO INSPIRE US!

Thank you for supporting the **Terry Fox Run!** Today, Nanoose Bay staff, students and parents captured the true spirit of Terry Fox as they walked, jogged and ran 'laps' around the lower field. Each 'lap' represented a province or territory in Canada and many students showed great determination as they pushed through lap after lap to achieve a personal best. A number of students made it 'all the way across Canada!' Well done! We raised have raised a total of **\$248.15** for the Terry Fox Foundation in our 'Coins for Cancer' campaign. Thanks for your support of this worthwhile cause.

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.

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.

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.

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.



PAC NEWS

Ready...Set... ACTION! Your help needed for getting the playground in the ground THIS WEEK! Read the outline below and come for an hour, or come for the day or two: Many hands make light work. Ideas welcome. Tool list at the end. Questions? Call Cynthia Pollak, 468-5467 (cell 951-9025), cpollak@shaw.ca.

Timing and tasks:

Wednesday the 23rd: Playground shipment arrived! Thanks for the help wrangling heavy equipment into the school for safekeeping. Even the kids were a great help, from carrying big stuff in teams, to cutting and stripping off the huge bags.

Thursday the 24th (TODAY): Installation supervisory crew will be on site at 8am. First task is laser-level surveying, marking and digging many post holes. A posthole auger will arrive at 10am for the heavy work, but holes need to be cleaned up and depths adjusted. Further sorting, checking, or labeling of equipment may be needed. A construction safety barrier (plastic fencing) must be erected.

After lunch, we need as many hands as possible: Building party begins! Playground pieces must be carried from classrooms, erected and bolted together. Construction of retainer box (using 2x10 lumber) for rubber tile area may be started and positioned today. The Terry Fox Run will take place today as well; parents are welcome to break for the race, or come up afterwards with kids to lend a hand for even a brief time.

Friday the 25th: THE BIG DAY! Building continues. 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. Surfacing chips will be delivered and 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 26th: Rubber tile containment box will be finished, filled, and topped; precise holes must be cut in the tiles for the posts. The chips and pea gravel will likely need more spreading. Light tasks may include 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 this weekend 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 28th: 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, Jigsaw, Angle grinder for metal tubing.

***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!***

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please check the Community News and events link (second tab on the left side) of the School District Website www.sd69.bc.ca for updated community news. Community activities and events will be added to this web link continually through the school year.

Girl Guides of Canada - Sparks (k – grade 1) meet Monday nights from 6 to 7 at Nanoose Community Centre (side door). **Brownies/Guides** (grades 2 – 6) meet Mondays from 6:15 to 7:30 at Nanoose Bay Elementary (Music Room) except for October 5 and 12. Come and check us out or call Shelley at 250-468-9710 for more information.