



NANOOSE BAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Important Dates to Remember

February 26 th	Pink Shirt Day
March 7 th	District Professional Day – students do not attend
March 14 th	Last Day before Spring Break
March 31 st	School Re-Opens

District Skills Day – HUGE SUCCESS!!!

On Friday, February 7, 250 students from 5 different elementary schools came together at Oceanside Elementary to compete in one of six Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies (ADST) challenges: Keva Plank building, Woodworking, Spaghetti Bridge building, Gravity Car Racing, Potential Energy Vehicle Racing, and Wind Turbine design. Forty-eight Nanoose Bay students competed in Keva Plank challenges, Spaghetti Bridge building, Potential Energy Vehicles or Wind Turbine design. It was exciting for students to take the skills that they had been developing at the school level and see how they held up when competing with students from around the district! And, students also had the benefit of learning from each other by coming together at this event. Four of the events are Junior Skills Canada events and our district winners will go on to compete at the Regional event being held in Campbell River on February 28. Nine teams from NBES will be moving on to the Regional event. How will you improve your design before competing at the next level?

Congratulations to.....

Keva Plank building challenges

1st= Ben V, George S and Daniel R.

Spaghetti Bridge Building

1st = Charlee B., Hannah T. and Avery T.

2nd = Alivia B. and Sophia K.

3rd = Maelle B., Abby A., and Avry M.



Potential Energy Vehicles:

1st = Charlie S., Ansel H., and Connor D.

2nd = Rio D., Bowen S., and Alex R.

3rd = Stella S., Kailey S., Kiara C. and Ever E.

Wind Turbine Design

2nd = Rachel H. and Grace D.

3rd = Ronin H., Joshua P. and Jack S.



Congratulations to everyone who participated!

Still looking for NBES Homestays!!

NBES is excited to welcome students from a Chinese international school in early April (tentative schedule below) as part of their educational tour of Canada. To support this exciting opportunity, we are seeking NBES families who are willing to open their homes to these students. Hosting a student in your home will provide them with a unique chance to experience our local community and gain a deeper understanding of our school environment. Your participation would make a meaningful impact on their visit and help create lasting memories.

If you are interested in hosting or would like more information, please open the link below.

[NBES Homestays 2025](#)

Learning Corner

Hul'q'umi'num' Highlight: 'Uy' kw'unus 'i lumnamu - It is good to see you

Literacy Tips

While reading together, notice interesting words. Think about Homonyms (words that are spelled the same but are used and pronounced differently – the *wind* is making the trees shake / *wind* the cord up tight) and Homophones (words that sound the same, but are spelled differently – the *rain* is falling gently / hold the *rein* carefully / the *reign* of that kingdom was many years). Playing with words and language builds vocabulary and helps readers notice word patterns, and increases flexibility when solving new words.

Numeracy Game

CLOSE CALL

MATERIALS: A deck of cards. Ace = 1, Joker = 0 and all tens and other face cards are removed.

RULES:

- each player gets six cards
- Players use 4 of the cards to make two 2-digit numbers. The object is to make two numbers that when added together get as close to 100 without going over
- for each round the player who is closest to 100 gets a point.
- First player to 5 points wins
- VARIATIONS: Play with subtraction and the object is to get to zero

PINK SHIRT DAY – FEBRUARY 26TH

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration is still open – please contact the office for information.

Morning Supervision

Just a reminder that outside morning supervision at NBES starts at 7:50.

Families on the Move...

Please let the school office know if your family will be moving for the next school year. It is very helpful if we are aware of students that will not be attending NBES in September.