

January
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The Bayview Bulletin

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School-Wide Dates to Remember:

- Jan. 9—School Re-opens
- Jan. 11—2017/18 Registration Opens
- Jan. 17—PAC Meeting
- Jan. 18—JBSS Band Visit to Bayview
- Jan. 26—Pizza Day
- Jan. 26— Family Movie Night

Principal's Message

While many of us see January as a time of *new* commitments, *new* plans, and fresh starts, through the lens of a school, January has an entirely different feel. Students and staff return from a (hopefully restful) break to resume the deep learning that we've invested in since September. In Winter we feel like reading, discussing and learning together, and we have established the relationships that support this. Truly, January is a great time for learning!

Learning happens best when expectations are clear and the feedback is ongoing. If you see any ways in which we can further support your child's learning, we want to hear from you.

Here's to a great 2017!

Mr. Brand

WELCOME NEW STAFF

We are pleased to welcome three new staff members in January:

Pam Dawson—Secretary

Aileen Tuck—CYFSW

Kristan Vanden hoek—EA

Please join us in welcoming the new Bayview staff!

CHRISTMAS THANKS

We want to acknowledge, one final time, the amazing work done by staff, parents, students and community, to make the Christmas season special for every family at Bayview. We were able to provide gifts, food and supplies to several families and groups.

PAPERLESS INITIATIVE

In an effort to be environmentally friendly, we are distributing all newsletters electronically. As of January we will not send paper copies home. Instead we will share newsletters in 3 easy ways:

1. An email will be sent with the link to the electronic newsletter.
2. The newsletter will be posted on our school website on the first school day of every month.
3. The newsletter will be posted on the PAC Facebook site.

Please ensure that the school has your email address so we can send the newsletter link to you.

We will always have paper copies of the newsletter in the school office.

OTHER SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

NLPS Website:

<http://www.sd68.bc.ca/>

Bayview School Website:

<http://schoolsweb.sd68.bc.ca/bayview/>

The PAC Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/bayviewpac

The Strong Start Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/www.bayviewstrongstart.ca

Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/bayviewboxers>

A NEW WAY TO REGISTER FOR SCHOOL

A new convenient and streamlined process to register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools will begin on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 8 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

Before you begin, you will need the following:

- ◆ A valid email address
- ◆ Photo or scan showing proof of your child's age and citizenship (ie. Birth certificate)
- ◆ Photo or scan showing proof of BC residency (ie. Mortgage or bank statement, utility bill, driver's license, etc.)

Additional information will be shared in the near future, and at <http://www.sd68.bc.ca/>

Should you have additional questions, please email ereg@sd68.bc.ca.

Find us on Twitter!



@bayviewboxers

R.O.C.K.S.

Recognition

The grade 6/7 class for their amazing fund-raising for charity.



NEW YEAR LEARNING TIPS

January, February and March are rich months to focus on deeper learning. Students know the classroom routines and expectations and can really focus on their job as learners.

How can you help your child learn and build connections?

- Talk about what you are doing; ask your child to do the same. Ask questions that keep digging deeper!
- During discussions with your child, listen with your whole mind and body. Point out when you notice them doing the same with you.
- Read with your child each day – news, recipes, comics, stories and interesting facts – whatever you both enjoy!
- Notice your child's accomplishments and be specific with your praise.
- Share songs, crafts, stories, activities, interests.

Tips and info on reading with your child:

- Reading is fun; share the pleasure, read together!
- Just 20 minutes a day can grow to 2 million words a year!
- Make connections with other texts, with personal experiences and events happening in the world
- Read with expression! Take on the roles of the characters; act out the story.
- Relate to the texts by asking questions like: "How would you feel if...?" or "What would you do if...?"
- Children love hidden treasures and codes. Reading is a code we use to discover treasures.

If you are looking for specific types of books or specific levels, talk to your child's teacher or visit the librarian at Bayview on a Friday or the Nanaimo Regional Library.

Happy reading!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

We have a number of After School programs starting back up. Registration forms were sent home with interested students and are available from the office if you didn't receive one and are interested. Please contact the office or Ms. Swecera for more information.

BAYVIEW PAC

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 17 at 6:00pm in the library. Pizza and babysitting are available. Come see what PAC is about. Share your ideas and make a difference for our students.

CHANGES TO ASSESSMENT & REPORTING

As shared through email and the recent parent meeting, the Province of British Columbia and Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools are changing the way we assess learning and report to parents. Some of the significant changes include:

- Increased Ongoing Communication
- Increased Student Voice
- Increased focus on Core Competencies
- Reduction of Formal Report Cards from 3 to 2 per year, February and June

Join the discussion at: <http://www.sd68.bc.ca/>

HEAD LICE

This is the time of year when head lice begins to show up. Head lice are a nuisance. They do not carry disease and are not a health risk. Early detection and appropriate treatment will significantly limit the spread of head lice in our school. Please check your child's hair weekly and, if you detect head lice on your child, please notify the school and treat immediately.

ATTENDANCE

Please partner with us to reinforce for your child that their attendance at school is essential and valued by you. It is understood that some days are unavoidable due to illness. Encourage your child to eat well, wash hands often and get plenty of rest before school days. For your child to feel success and see themselves as a learner they need to have the opportunity for success.

Make sure you phone the office if your child will be late or absent.

A New Way to Register for School 2017/2018

A new convenient and streamlined **online** process to register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools

Online registration will begin Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 8 a.m. PST.

To register online you will need the following:

- A valid email address
- Snapshot or scan showing proof of your child's age and citizenship (ie. Birth certificate, passport, care card etc.)
- Snapshot or scan showing proof of BC residency (ie. Driver's license, utility bill, Mortgage document etc.)

Register @ www.sd68.bc.ca

For more information email: ereg@sd68.bc.ca

Registration is online only