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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We ended February with Pink Shirt Day and a virtual assembly from Earth Rangers. At our Pink Shirt Day, we shared the importance of being aware of how we treat others. Students were encouraged to look for ways that they can show kindness at school and home.

The Earth Rangers assembly taught students about different animals and how important it is to protect their habitat. This was a fun interactive online assembly.

Classes started practicing for the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser which was held on March 3rd. We had a daily riddle on the morning announcements leading up to the day. Thank you to Mrs. Schlitz for all her efforts putting it together. Chase River raised \$13,565!!!! This is an amazing accomplishment. Thank you to all the families and students that participated and got donations. We have more than met our goal of \$5000.

You may have noticed a fence on our field. This is in preparation of the daycare and before/after school buildings that will be on our property for next year. These will be two different buildings and we can expect to see the first one delivered the first week of April. We will update families on timelines of this project as we get them.

Tomorrow is the last day before spring break. We know that families are limited on what they can do, but we wish all of our families a fun and safe time off.

Upon our return from spring break, we enter into the season known as Aprilmayjune because the time goes by very quickly. We look forward to the energy that comes with warmer weather and summer on the horizon. It's an exciting time for a lot of students and also an important time to remember to stay focused on year-end goals.

Don't forget daylight savings begins this Sunday, March 14th.

Sincerely,

David Cooper



Registration for 2020-2021

Student registration is done online: not at the school. Online registration began on **Monday, January 4, 2021 at 8 a.m.** Pacific Standard Time.

The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you. If your answer is yes to any of the following questions, you will register through the new online registration process:



Is my child new to Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools?

- ◆ **Do I have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2021? (ie new Kindergarten in September)** Applications must be received by June 15, 2021 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.
- ◆ Do I want to register my child in secondary academies? (Hockey, Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Lacrosse, Baseball, Performing Arts or Jazz). Applications will be received until March 1, 2021, at which time student selection will be determined either by lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified in May 2021. Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? Applications are due by March 31, 2021.

Before you begin, you will need the following:

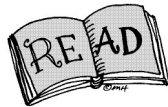
- ◆ A valid email address
- ◆ Photo or scan showing proof of citizenship (ie. Birth certificate)
- ◆ Photo or scan showing proof of Canadian residency (ie. Mortgage or bank statement, utility bill, driver's license, etc.)






FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE SD68.BC.CA OR EMAIL EREG@SD68.BC.CA

REPEATED READING TIPS

It's fun to read a favourite book many times, but there are lots of other benefits to repeated reading. It helps support reading fluency and sight word recognition, helps the reader recall what happened in the story, and provides opportunities for discussion about what was read. Each time a book is read, you can focus on a different skill that supports literacy.

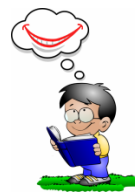
Examples of activities for repeated reading include:



<p>First Reading</p> 	<p>Before opening the book, read the cover and look at the illustration on the cover. Make predictions about what the story might be about. Read through the story.</p>
<p>Second Reading</p> 	<p>Reread the story. Have a conversation about the characters, the problem and resolution.</p>
<p>Third Reading</p> 	<p>Focus on new or interesting words to build vocabulary. Try to use the new vocabulary in conversation throughout the day.</p>
<p>Fourth Reading</p> 	<p>Have a word scavenger hunt. Can you find sight words? Can you find words that start with a particular sound or letter?</p>
<p>Fifth Reading</p> 	<p>Have a conversation about the characters experiences and feelings. Have you ever had the same experience or felt that way? Would you approach the situation differently?</p>

Try using these activities when reading with your child. They can be a great benefit to their reading development.

MONTH END ASSEMBLY



At our February virtual month end assembly we celebrated our Successful Learner Trait of being a Thoughtful learner. We shared some student reflections on how they have been thoughtful in their learning. It was great to see how many showed the skills of being observant and reflecting.

We also received an update on our school running goal. The goal this year is for each learning group to run across Canada. Here is an update how far they ran in February, their total distance, and where each one is:



Greenway/Preston – 697 - 4634 km – just outside Parry Sound, Ont

Ross/Eyres – 700 – 3200 km – Just outside Thunder Bay, Ont

Ducklow/Schlitz – 526 – 4334 km – Espanola, Ont

James/Lepage 701 - 3600 km– Terrace Bay, Ont

Armstrong/Phelan/Addison – 322 - 2611 km - Just past Brandon, Man

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEYS



A reminder to parents of grade 4 & 7 students that the parent survey to provide feedback is open until April 30th. We would like to see as many parents complete the survey as possible. An email with specific details was emailed to families on February 25th.

IMPORTANT DATES

These are key dates at this time. We will update families about events as they arise. Also check the school website regularly. Our calendar there is updated frequently.



Last Day before Spring Break	Fri. March 12
First Day Back after Spring Break	Mon. March 29
Good Friday	Fri. April 2
Easter Monday	Mon. April 5
Non-Instructional Day (Students do not attend)	Fri. May 7
Victoria Day (Students do not attend)	Mon. May 24
Summative Report Issued	Tues. June 29
Last Day of School (Dismissal at 2:15)	Tues. June 29
Administration Day	Wed. June 30



Moving Away

To help us with our planning for next year, please let us know if you will be moving out of the area. Also, if you are aware of any families moving into the Chase River catchment area with school aged children, please let us know.



Have a Wonderful Month and a great Spring Break