



Forest Park School News

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Where has the time gone! It honestly feels like I was just writing the welcome back newsletter. The students have been busy this past month with our school track and field meet, swimming, camping, and lots of learning in the classroom on a daily basis. It has been great to see the students continue to grow in all areas - academic, physical, and social to name a few.

While the end of the school year is approximately one month away, planning for the next is well underway. Kindergarten registrations and telephone messages from families moving to our neighbourhood all help us prepare for September. Parents and teachers have long agreed that the first few days of every school year are extremely important. They set the tone for the year and provide many students with their lasting impressions of school. It is important that these first days provide a warm welcome and minimize stress and anxiety. You can assist us with this challenge by making sure you advise us of your plans for September. Unless you advise us otherwise, we will assume your child will be returning to Forest Park. While we know that some families will change their plans during the summer months and will be unable to notify the school, if you know you will not be returning to Forest Park, letting us know is much appreciated.

Looking forward to a fabulous June.

Larry Dean
Principal



INFORMATION ABOUT KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

A New Way to Register For School

To register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized registration will begin on January 10, 2018 at 8:00 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:

Applications must be received by June 15, 2018 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.

- 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, 2017?
- Do I want to register my child in French Immersion?
- Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion?
- Do I want to register my child at Departure Bay Eco-School?
- Do I want to register my child in secondary academies? (Hockey, Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Lacrosse, Baseball, Performing Arts or Jazz)
- Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)?

Before you begin, you will need the following:

1. A valid email address
2. Photo or scan showing proof of citizenship (ie. Birth certificate)
3. 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](http://www.sd68.bc.ca) or by emailing ereq@sd68.bc.ca.

FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION

Bonjour! Have you ever wished your child were fluent in both official languages? Over half a million Canadians have achieved functional bilingualism through French Immersion. In our school district, one student in 10 is enrolled in French Immersion and will graduate ready to pursue a bilingual career or post-secondary studies in French. Over the past 40 years, thousands of students in our district have had great success in Early French Immersion (EFI), which starts in Kindergarten or Grade 1.

In response to a number of expressions of interest from parents and in accordance with recommendations from the recent French Immersion Review, Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools introduced a Late French Immersion (LFI) program beginning in September 2014.

If your child is entering Grade 6 in September 2018, they are eligible to enroll in LFI and join those graduating from secondary school with bilingual Dogwood certificates. LFI is a fully funded public education program with no additional costs. **Late French Immersion Registration still Open** There are still spots available in our 2018/2019 class. If you would like to register or need more information, please have them contact Mike Lundine @ 250-754-6845

YEAR END ASSEMBLIES

On Wednesday, June 27th the school is preparing for two assemblies. The first assembly will begin at 10:40 am with the focus on the Primary students featuring a 'Year in Review Slide Show'. A second assembly will commence at 1:00 pm focusing on the Intermediate students only. This assembly will be approximately one hour in duration. We will recognize Gr. 7 students and have a 'Year in Review Slide Show'. Parents are welcome to attend both assemblies!

OUR NEW GARDENS ARE THRIVING

On April 20th, we had the official opening of our **Indigenous Plant garden**. I am happy to announce that it is thriving and looks beautiful! It is a very peaceful place to be ☺. The garden is located by the Boys and Girls Club portable.

Some classes have also taken over the **planter boxes** that are located near the front office. They too have come alive and are looking spectacular!

It is nice to see the students getting so involved in the school projects. They are showing great enthusiasm and leadership!

ARE YOU MOVING?????

If you are planning to move away from the Forest Park area this summer, or are transferring your children to another school next year, please advise the office as soon as possible. Your cooperation greatly assists us in determining our numbers and school organization for the 2017-18 school year.

THE SEARCH IS ON

It is time to search around home to find overdue library books and school textbooks so they can be returned before year-end. All students' library books are due in to the library on or before June 13th. If a library book is lost or damaged, the student will be expected to bring money to cover the cost of replacement. We thank you in advance for assisting us in having school resources returned to school in a timely fashion. Your support is greatly appreciated.

TRACK AND FIELD

It was an incredible day for our school track meet on April 25th. The weather was great and we had a lot of fun! We had many great performances by our students. All students in Grades 3 - 7 had the opportunity to experience a track and field meet at Rotary Bowl and participate in several events of their choice.



Once again well done Forest Park and a special thank you to all those volunteer parents, grandparents, extended family, and friends who came out to help support this event and our athletes and cheer them on in such a positive manner!! The Zone meet was May 29th and we had some very strong performances. The District meet is on June 7th. Congratulations to all our great athletes!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

June

Wed., June 6th Welcome to Kindergarten (6pm)

Thurs., June 7th District Track & Field Meet

Tues., June 12th PAC mtg - 7 pm - Library

Thurs., June 21st Whole School Day at Rathtrevor

Wed., June 27th Year End Assemblies

** Primary Assembly at 10:40 am

** Intermediate Assembly at 1:00 pm

Thurs., June 28th Last Day of Classes

** Report Cards go home

**2018-2019 School Calendar -
Will be sent out by email**

