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From the Principal and Vice Principal

PRINCIPAL JAY DIXON

Gilakas'la & Happy Holidays!

I continue to be impressed and proud of the many different talents and positive energy that our students bring to North Island Secondary School. Since September there has been a wide variety of learning activities throughout the school and many guests from our communities that have come in to share their knowledge.

We invite parents and all students to join us for our annual "Holiday Breakfast" on Friday, December 22 beginning at 8:00 am. Come in to enjoy a pancake breakfast on the last day before our holidays!

I would like to pass on the sincere wishes on behalf of North Island Secondary School that everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season. I look forward to seeing everyone return well rested when school resumes on Tuesday, January 9.

Thank you once again for all of your support in "Bringing Learning to Life" at North Island Secondary School during 2017.

-Mr. J. Dixon, Principal

VICE PRINCIPAL STACIA JOHNSON

Gilakas'la, Bonjour, Konnichi wa

I would like to start by thanking the NISS community for working together on the day that the ferry was delayed due to high seas and extremely windy weather. We had parents checking in, staff organizing dinner and activities, the community offering supports and the district making sure late busses were in place. In the end, the ferry did run and students were able to return home by 9:00 p.m. Thanks to all who made that happen!

On another note, Grad fundraising is well under way. We have a raffle happening right now for a Christmas box full of seasonal goodies, including a \$100 Visa card donated by Vancity. The full worth of the items is over \$300. Grads and their parents are busy selling the tickets for this raffle until Dec. 20. Please help them out by purchasing tickets. \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

The grads will also be raising funds by gift-wrapping on December 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at The Clothes Inn (thanks Adline for the donated space). Hope

to see you there!

As we approach the holidays, I encourage students to stay focused on their schoolwork and as always be on time and respectful. Maya'xala

I wish everyone a restful and fun holiday.

SCENT FREE POLICY

NISS has students and staff with severe allergies to scented products.

Please refrain from using scented products when entering our building for the safety of others.



ATTENDANCE POLICY

School District No. 85 has developed a new student attendance policy. To view it, please visit: <http://www.sd85.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/2-312-Oct.-17.pdf>

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 22

Last Day of Classes
Pancake Breakfast for students

December 25—January 5

Christmas Break

January 8

Pro D Day—No School

January 9

School Reopens

January 10

PAC Meeting
5:30 p.m.
Learning Commons

January 16

Grad 2018 Meeting
5:30 p.m.
Learning Commons

January 25

English 12
Provincial Exam

January 26

Communications 12
Provincial Exam



NISS Information

ABORIGINAL ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT

NISS works very diligently at reaching the goals as outlined in the district's Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement. As soon as you enter the school, you will be surrounded by Aboriginal displays. Kwak'wala signage is on rooms throughout the school and posters referring to the territories and First Peoples' Principles of Learning are in classrooms. Students can be seen reading Aboriginal content novels in our classrooms. In addition, students are able to participate in the following: assemblies with First Nations' Role Models such as Ms. Spencer (Canadian champion snowboarder from Alert Bay); Culture Club; totem pole carving; button blanket designing, and painting designs around the school.

Staff contact parents about success and concerns. We travel to Alert Bay for meet and greet dinner with the families and to Sointula for a meet and greet dinner with the families. We work as a team (School Based Team, Learning Assistance Teachers, Child and Youth Care Worker, First Nations Support Worker, First Nation Connections Worker, and the counsellor) to support students who are struggling. Many of us are excited to be learning the language and including Kwak'wala words in our monthly newsletter. We are advocates of Maya'xala-respect of self, of others and of property. To see the goals of the Aboriginal Education Enhance-

ment Agreement, please visit <http://www.sd85.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/EA-Goals-2012-2017.pdf>

To view Aboriginal Education Enhancement Reports, please visit:

http://www.sd85.bc.ca/?page_id=4860

KWAK'WALA ROOM LABELLING

Liam Nelson has been adding Kwak'wala signs to our rooms throughout North Island Secondary School. As part of his Skills Exploration 10-12 class, Liam has learned how to use the school CNC router to help promote language throughout the school. He and others around the school have been working with staff, community members, and elders to help with the appropriate translations and spelling.



has been a fun student and staff project that has already led to many students learning Kwak'wala. When they are finished making North Island Secondary bilingual with Kwak'wala they plan on making these types of name plaques available for purchase for other schools in the region with all funds raised supporting student projects within our trades classes.

Visit the Kwak'wala Welcome Page on the FirstVoices web page for more information: <http://www.firstvoices.com/en/Kwakwala/welcome>

ELDER IN RESIDENCE

Eva Dick visited NISS on December 6 to share her knowledge with students on Traditional Medicines. She did an amazing job. *Gilakas'la* Eva.



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NISS SCHOOL GARDEN

We had our first planning meeting for the school garden on Monday, December 4 at lunch. Mr. Muirhead's classes are keen to start getting the garden ready for a bee friendly flower garden box that they have designed. Ms. McCrae is looking at keeping a section of plants native to the North Island, including some salal, blackberries and salmon berries. We would like to label the plants with their Kwak'wala names.

We are also looking for donations of soil, especially sea soil. We would also appreciate any local botanists, foresters, etc. to come and help our students learn about the many aspects of sustaining a garden.

We plan to have monthly meetings on the first Monday of each month at lunch. In the case of January, we will meet on the first Tuesday at lunch, as Monday is an In-service day. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Ms. Johnson at sjohnson@sd85.bc.ca

MS. CASSON'S SOCIAL JUSTICE 12 CLASS



Ms. Casson's class visited Sunset Elementary to help students learn about patterns in math class.



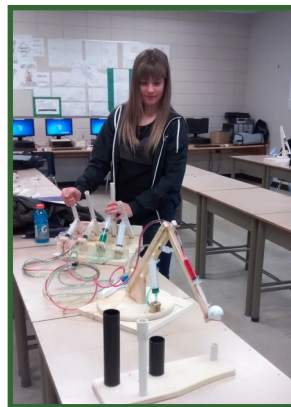
TOBACCO & VAPING INFORMATION VISIT

On November 29, Scott Ridell from the Vancouver Health Authority came to visit the Planning 10 class to present some facts about tobacco and vaping. Through a questioning roulette game and some powerful visuals, Scott gave an interesting and engaging presentation. Some of the take home messages included: the possible harmful health effects resulting from different types of tobacco use, vaping juices not being regulated, and the fire risk posed by some vaping devices. Thanks Scott for sharing this informative presentation with students at NISS.



SHOP CLASS

Ella Barrett giving her hydraulic arm a test run.



Grade 9 Applied Design and Skills Technology students designed, then built a hydraulic arm that would pick up the ball off one post and place it on another.

MS. MCCRAE'S CLASS



Tabeni Lighthouse is working on her independent study in costume design. Tabeni has operated the sewing machine and serger in this class; she started work from a standard pattern and is now drafting and using her own patterns. Several students have admired her projects and asked her to work on their clothes. Tabeni plans on making masks soon.

Ms. McCrae and her students would like to thank community members and PAC for the generous donations.

Thank-you from the foods room to those who have donated to us. Since September we have been the grateful recipients of containers such as yogurt tubs, food from the garden such as zucchini, and purchased pantry items such as flour and sugar, and a new freezer. Thank-you!

MS. OOSTEN'S BIOLOGY CLASS



Relating animal to plant life.

Afternoons with Primary Students

November was a month of volunteering for most students in Mrs. Casson's Social Justice 12 class. Four consecutive Wednesday afternoons were spent helping kids in two Kindergarten classes at Cheslakees and five Primary classes at Sunset School. Getting instructions from classroom teachers, student volunteers worked and helped students in Math, Science, Reading/Writing, PE/Outdoor Activities, and Art.

This class project was a wonderful opportunity for high school students to give back, create a connection, show leadership skills, and most of all, be role models to young students. Thank you Ms. Cook, Mrs. Wadhams, Mrs. Bono, Ms. Soltau, Ms. May, Mrs. Janveau, and Ms. Lutz for having Social Justice 12 students in your classrooms.

As a culmination activity of a very successful Social Justice 12 Afternoons with Primary Student Project, Sunset and Cheslakees School students were invited to NISS for an afternoon of climbing wall experience. Students had a blast!

A huge Thank You goes out to Mr. Muirhead and his Outdoor Ed Class for making it all happen.



Connecting Youth to the Working World



Mr. Dixon brought students to 7 Mile Landfill Recycling on a Connections Trip



NISS staff and students were delighted to host Cheslakees kindergarten class at the Climbing Wall.



Ryland built a cart to store new notebooks

Mr. Mork & Mr. Muirhead—Gym Department

The PE department has two teams going at the moment, Boys Senior Basketball, Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-5:00 p.m. Mr. Mork is the acting coach, until Mr. Burrows starts. So far we have won our first two games. The NISS indoor soccer team won our first game but lost the second to PHSS. The deciding game is this week and it is for the North Island trophy currently held by PHSS. The climbing wall is open for drop in use on Mondays, from 6:00—9:00 p.m. for students and children and from 6:00—10:00 p.m. for adults. It is \$5 a night for children and \$10 for adults. Anyone under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.



NISS Indoor Soccer Team



NISS Senior Boys Basketball Team

The gym is open during lunch on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 12:30-1:10 p.m. for intramurals, or free play. Come somewhere fun to eat your lunch, and participate, or watch fun activities. Right now we are playing floor hockey on Monday and Wednesday, and Basketball on Tuesday and Thursday.

I want to say a big thank you to PAC for their donation towards skating again this year. All students who participate in skating must wear a helmet on the ice. Hockey, bicycle, or skiing helmets are great. This is a safety issue and we are all just interested in student safety, thank you. If you have any good quality exercise equipment you wish to donate to NISS please e-mail me at cmork@sd85.bc.ca (include a picture if you can). If any person is interested in coaching or helping out, the gym is always looking for volunteers. A criminal records check is required. Volunteer forms are available in the office.



Thanks for the donation of gym equipment CFI Fitness

New Curriculum Graduation Assessments

North Island Secondary School

MINISTRY GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

Grade 10 students will:	Follow the 2018 Graduation Program (Dogwood) requirements and take Planning 10 Write the Numeracy and Literacy Assessments before graduation
Grade 11 students will:	Follow the 2018 Graduation Program (Dogwood) requirements and take Planning 10 Write the Numeracy Assessment before graduation Write the English12/Communications 12 provincial exam before graduation
Grade 12 students will:	Finish all the 2004 Graduation Program (Dogwood) requirements Have completed a Math 10, English 10, Science 10 and have written associated provincial exams Take an English12/Communications 12 course and write the associated provincial exam Not write the new Numeracy or Literacy Assessments

Graduation assessments are changing to align with the new curriculum. As part of the updated graduation requirements, students in the **2018 Graduation Program** will have to complete two* provincial assessments. They will focus on the demonstration and application of **numeracy** and **literacy**.

The **numeracy** assessment will be introduced in the 2017/18 school year.

The **literacy** assessment will be introduced in the 2019/20 school year (all Language Arts 12 examinations will continue until that time, and then be phased out in the process). **See provincial exam transition and graduation details.**

A sample numeracy assessment is posted in the numeracy resource section below. The literacy assessment is still under development

2018 Graduation Program link: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/graduation-info>

Numeracy and Literacy Assessment Link: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial-assessment/graduation>

Provincial exam transition and graduation details link: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/graduation-info>