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March 2018 Everything sprouting time k'wik'wa'lanx

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## From the Principal and Vice Principal

### PRINCIPAL JAY DIXON

We hope that you all have a restful Spring Break and that everyone is able to relax and get ready for the last few months of the school year. By the time school resumes on Monday, March 26th, hopefully the cold weather will be finally behind us and the sun will begin warming up the North Island.

We are proud of the many students who have worked hard and made the semester one Honour Roll and Vice Principal's list that will be posted at the end of the month. With only a few months left this school year, it is very important that students are on time and focusing on learning at school.

Once again, we would like to thank the many community members, businesses and organizations that support learning at North Island Secondary School.

Together, we are continuing to make a positive impact with the youth on the North Island.

Enjoy your Spring Break!

~Mr. Jay Dixon

### NISS 'NAMYUT (FAMILY) HOME OF LEARNING POLE PROJECT UPDATE

'Namyut (family) is a strong theme at North Island Secondary School. Our totem pole is quickly taking shape. This semester students will be working with local artists, Don Svanvik and Mervin Child, finishing our totem and learning more about Kwakwaka'wakw culture.



On May 17, 2018 we intend to celebrate the completion of our totem.

### VICE PRINCIPAL STACIA JOHNSON

Gilakas'la, Bonjour, Konnichi wa, Hello

Semester 2 has started off well. We have many exciting opportunities underway for students which include: cedar weaving and totem pole carving with community members, guitar experts visiting, digital citizenship workshops, and field trips for sports, outdoor pursuits and careers to name a few.

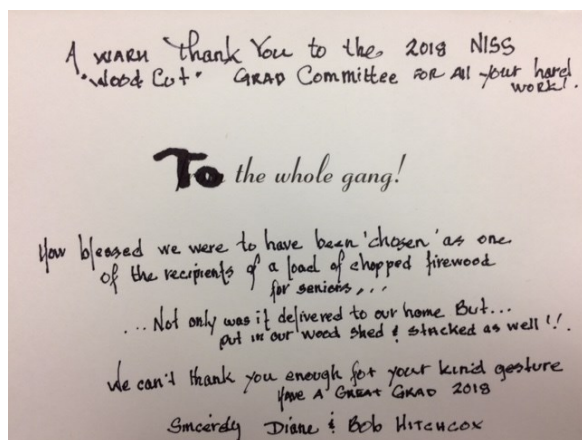
First interim reports are being sent home this week and we encourage parents and students to have dialogue around these. We expect all students to be working to their best ability and if they are requiring extra supports we have a team of staff providing various supports throughout the semester.

I wish everyone a fun and safe Spring Break!

~Ms. Stacia Johnson

## GRADS AND FUNDRAISING

So far the grads are on track with fundraising for the extras at their grad events on June 9, 2018. The grads and their parents have worked hard at raffles, a wood-cut, Facebook bingo, and various other activities. In addition to fundraising, they worked at giving back to the community by choosing some seniors in the community who had dedicated their time in the past to NISS. One of the ways they have given back is by dropping off a load of firewood and stacking it. These recipients are very grateful and have sent thank you cards to the grads. Here is one of the cards:



## ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATIONS

We encourage parents to keep the school updated if your contact information changes especially your email address. If you receive an attendance notification email and wish to respond to it, you can just reply to the email. Emails are read every morning and through-out the day.

## CONNECTIONS

Thank you to the Sointula Bakery, Sointula Museum, and Karsten Construction, the Regional District of Mount Waddington, and Community Futures, for their support of the Connections Program. On Wednesday, April 4, many students will be bussed to the Port Hardy Civic Centre for a large Education and Career Fair. Students interested in attending can ask Ms. Johnson for more details.

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# Connections

## Workplace Awareness Activities

Bringing employers and students together

Do it      Get out there      Try what it's really like

The opportunity...

- Try it out
- Find an employer
- Find an employee
- Promote your business

Funding available to help students get in the field, on-site, or to a business

## Make the Connection!

In the field      On-site      At a business

## BRINGING LEARNING TO LIFE

### Employers and Students contact:



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## APPLIED DESIGN SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGIES 9 GYM DEPARTMENT



Emily and Callista working on their Skills Exploration wiring project.



Grade nine Design and Skills class. Structures project. Spaghetti Bridges. Bridge must free stand, span a meter, consist solely of spaghetti and glue, weighing less than 1 Kg.

### WALL MURAL UPDATE



Nicole Dawson has been busy during her Independent Block working on her mural. A giant Thunderbird greets all who walk up the ramp to the gym. It will look awesome when it is completed.

Hi NISS community,

The P.E. department has two teams at the moment, Junior and Senior Girls Soccer Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-5:00. The Climbing wall is be open for drop-in on Mondays from 6:00-10:00. The gym is open at lunch Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 12:30-1:05 for intramurals or free play. Come somewhere fun to participate, or watch fun activities.

Also, if you have any good quality exercise equipment you wish to donate to NISS, please e-mail me at [cmork@sd85.bc.ca](mailto:cmork@sd85.bc.ca) (include a picture if you can). Please, if any person is interested in coaching or helping out, the gym is always looking for volunteers. A criminal record check is required, but obtaining one is pretty quick and painless. Just go to the local RCMP detachment and tell them you need a criminal record check for coaching at NISS.

With the bad weather still with us, students often get wet feet during P.E., so can you please remind gym students to bring extra socks to change into. We do go outside, and hikes will occur unless it is raining hard. We all love living in the North Island but it is wet, so please remind students to dress appropriately.



The senior Boys Basketball Team did well this year, but we were stopped at the North Islands in Gold River.



I want to send a big thank you to PAC and NISS, for paying for skating, and swimming 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.

Casey Mork and Barry Korven

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### March 19—23

Spring Break  
NO SCHOOL

### March 26

School Reopens

### March 27

Grad Photo Retakes  
1:00—3:25 p.m.  
Multi Purpose Room

### March 28

PAC Meeting 5:00 p.m.  
Learning Commons

### March 30

Good Friday  
NO SCHOOL

### April 2

Easter Monday  
NO SCHOOL

### April 3

Non-Instructional Day  
NO SCHOOL

### April 27

Midterm Reports Mailed Home

## SCENT FREE POLICY

Please respect that all School District No. 85 facilities are scent free environments.

There are students and staff with allergies to scents. Employees, students and visitors are asked to refrain from using scented products.

Students affected by scented products should tell their teacher, who will approach the person wearing the scent and ask them to switch to an unscented product.

Employees affected by scented products should approach the person wearing the scent and ask them to switch to an unscented product.

To see the policy, go to: [sd85-websrv2012.sd85.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/5-35.pdf](https://websrv2012.sd85.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/5-35.pdf)

If the person wearing a scented product refuses to switch to an unscented product, refer to the Principal.

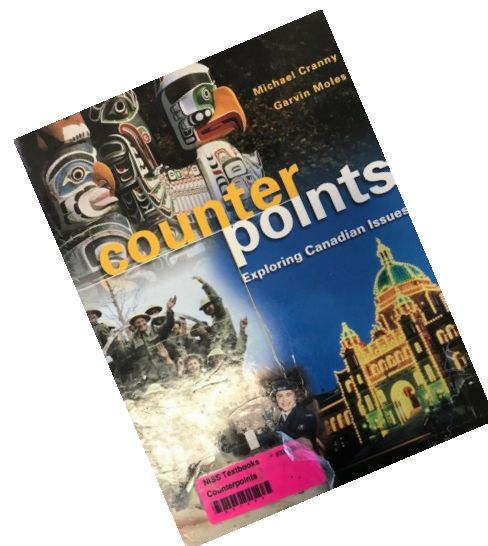
## HOME ECONOMICS

The Home Economics program has been quite busy this past month. The foods classes catered lunch for 125 people on the February Professional Development day to great reviews. Thank-you to the six Foods 9 students who came in that day to finish everything, set up tables, and clean-up afterwards – you are all awesome! Senior foods has worked on yeast breads and have prepared themselves a Chinese buffet. The junior foods have been working on batters as well as yeast. The textiles students are working on a variety of projects including knitting, crochet, pattern development, up-styling, basic patterns, and embroidery. Textiles students are also working on school district regalia that we will be able to use whenever requested for school based activities. Thank-you to everyone who has brought in containers and other supplies for these programs. Your donations are put to good use and greatly appreciated.



## MISSING TEXTBOOKS

With the end of Semester I, we still have some outstanding textbooks that have not been returned. If you see any textbooks with NISS labels, please return them to the school as soon as possible. Socials Studies 10 textbooks titled *Counter Points* are especially needed.



## DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

On March 8, grade 9 and 10 students had the opportunity to hear about digital citizenship from a RCMP officer, Gordon Hays, who works in the field. The importance of online safety, leaving a positive digital footprint and ways to protect your privacy online were reviewed.

## COURSE SELECTION

Students are currently participating in our course selection process. You should see your son or daughter bringing home course selection sheets and a course selection handbook. Please ensure that your son or daughters course selection sheet is signed and returned to the school office as soon as possible.

## PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next Parent Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 28th at 5:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons. Parent representation is encouraged and welcomed at NISS.



## OUTDOOR ED

Outdoor education classes have been having a blast this year. Students have participated in snowshoe trips, alpine skiing, trips, beachside hikes, forest hikes and the list goes on as we move into this second semester. Outdoor education courses explore our natural surroundings and foster environmental stewardship among youth. Students are about to embark on a geomorphology trip to San Joseph Bay followed by a forest and freshwater ecology trip to Elk Falls this week. Another major component to his classes is leadership training. Students play team building games and co-operative activities to help better understand how to be leaders in their community. As the weather gets nicer, the classes will be spending even more time outside and around the community exploring local trails and beaches. **If you see us out, give us a wave!**

