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ERASE Bullying

A confidential and anonymous, online reporting tool for students.

Online parent resources at:
www.erasebullying.ca

The School Newsletter is available to students and parents to view on-line, on the Dover Bay website: www.doverbay.ca
It will also be emailed to parents/guardians through MyEdBc. If you would like a paper copy, please have your child pick it up from the office.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Oct 20 | Early Dismissal @ 1:50 pm PAC – virtual - meeting 6:30 pm |
| Oct 22 | Parent/Teacher Telephone Conferences 4-5:30 pm |
| Oct 23 | PSA Day – Students do not attend |
| Nov 2-6 | Numeracy/Literacy Assessment |
| Nov 10 | Remembrance Day Ceremonies (virtual) |
| Nov 11 | No School - Remembrance Day |
| Nov 13 | Quarter 1 Ends |
| Nov 16 | Photo Retakes |
| Nov 20-22 | Grad Photos - Library |

QUARTERLY EARLY DISMISSAL and PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

There will be an early dismissal day on Tuesday, October 20th for Parent Teacher Conferences. **These conferences will be telephone conferences.** Please see the “Dover Bay October 22 Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up” email, which was sent out earlier today (Friday, October 19th).

The school booking software will be used as in previous years to book your appointments. Please stand by for further information. Please add these dates into your calendar:

October 20

**Early Dismissal 1:50pm
(Mid-Term Communication)**

October 22

Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-5:30pm

December 15

**Early Dismissal 1:50pm
(Mid-Term Communication)**

December 17

Parent/Teacher Telephone or Teams Conferences 4:00-5:30pm

March 9

**Early Dismissal 1:50pm
(Mid-Term Communication)**

March 11

Parent/Teacher Telephone or Teams Conferences 4:00-5:30pm

May 25

**Early Dismissal 1:50pm
(Mid-Term Communication)**

May 27

Parent/Teacher Telephone or Teams Conferences 4:00-5:30pm

PLEASE PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE

As part of those modifications, we are asking you to use our new online payment system (School Cash Online) to purchase school items when you can. Cash can play a significant role in virus transmission, and we are working toward following the World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations to use contactless payments to mitigate virus spread.

PAYING & SIGNING FORMS ONLINE IS FAST & EASY

Paying school fees and signing school forms online is fast and easy and can be done from any computer or smartphone.

Get setup in three simple steps:

1. **Create Your Profile:** Go to <https://nlps.schoolcashonline.com> and click on "Register" and fill in all appropriate fields.
2. **Confirm Your Email:** Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.
3. **Add a Student:** Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.

More information and instructions on how to sign up and use School Cash Online are available here <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/schoolcashonline/>.

Helping to Keep Everyone Safe

We want to thank you in advance for helping us implement these new processes. Together we can make a difference! Thank you!

PAC

Our next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 20th. This will also be our PAC Board Election Day. We are hoping, that by the end of our meeting we will have a new President & other newly elected PAC members.

Cheers!

Debbie - PAC Secretary

CAFETERIA UP AND RUNNING

The Cafeteria is up and running! Towards the end of September Island Health inspected the kitchen and went over our Covid plan for service. We were given permission to operate so we wasted no time having cafeteria punch cards printed (we are not accepting cash as part of the Covid plan) and sold through the office. We then moved forward by having Culinary students prepare and cook food for service each day. The food we cook covers a wide range including pre-made salads, vegetarian noodle boxes, a weekly sandwich, short order items, soups, baked goods and a variety of breads. Each day

shortly before lunch the culinary students bring all their food out to the lunch zones, set up their stations to ensure social distancing, wear masks and sell food to students and staff.

The way we operate this year is much different than how we'd normally operate. The culinary students have undergone a big learning curve as well as students and staff who are purchasing lunch. We ask that students remain in their cohort lunch areas and not wander into other areas to purchase lunch. We also ask that students respect the lines and stay back 6 feet from the culinary students and food.

ECHO CLUB

Dover Bay Eco Club

Think globally, act locally

Hi Dover Bay students!

As some of you may have heard from the announcements, the Eco-Club has started back up with some very exciting recurring activities including paper recycling, food forest, and school cleanup!



Join us every Tuesday for food forest activities, every Thursday for paper recycling, and every two weeks on Thursdays for school cleanup after school! Participate in these activities to gain helpful volunteer hours, make friends, carry out your environmental stewardship, and increase your chances in a draw for a chance to win fun prizes including a x\$ lunch ticket!

For more information on these activities and to sign up, please visit our google classroom. If you have any questions, feel free to email us at dbs.ecoclub@gmail.com or contact us through any of the following platforms.



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Dover Bay Eco Club Members Past and Present



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REIMAGINE NANAIMO



**What kind of City will Nanaimo be in 20+ years?
We want to hear from all ages!
Let's REIMAGINE our future – together.**

Our City, Our Voices.

REIMAGINE NANAIMO is our once-a-decade opportunity to create a collective vision and road map for our future City. As our population grows to 100,000 residents and beyond, we need to collectively imagine how we evolve and grow to better meet the needs of all in future.

Two key ways you can participate in Phase 1 REIMAGINE NANAIMO:

1. [Ideas Questionnaire](#) – If you do anything, do this! Great prizes available
2. [Creative Community Contest](#) – Anyone can participate (kids too!). Express your ideas for Nanaimo's future through photo, drawing, collage, poetry & more!

Phase 1 opportunities are **open until November 30th**. Please take a few minutes to participate in planning Nanaimo's future! Visit getinvolvednanaimo.ca/reimagine-nanaimo for full details.

STUDENT COUNCIL

We are excited to be back to Student Council. We are working hard to bring events back to the students as our goal is to create an inclusive, fun, school culture.

Unfortunately, this year we couldn't host a Terry Fox run due to cohort restrictions but there is still a way to contribute to the cause. We have a link in instagram @doverstudentscouncil to donate to the Terry Fox Run! If you are able to, please donate to this great cause.

In October, we have decorated the school for fall and are going to decorate for halloween. The Halloween parade is going to look a little different this year, we will be having an instagram "parade"

where a prize will be drawn for each category. To enter, students can post an instagram story tagging @doverstudentscouncil. We will also be handing out candy to people at lunch who dress up on Friday the 30th for our school Halloween!

In November, we will be having some cozy spirit days to welcome in the colder weather. We are working on developing a fundraiser to help our local community, more details to come.

To keep up to date with everything we are doing, follow our instagram page @doverstudentscouncil!

COUNSELLING

Grade 11 and 12 students: Please make sure to join the Career Life Connections A (grade 11) and B (grade 12) Google Classroom. This course is required for graduation and is being taught by your counsellor.

Distance Learning classes through Island Connect Ed or other online institutions: Please be aware that for most DL courses, the expected completion time is one quarter of the school year (same as the quarter system as Dover Bay). We strongly encourage all students taking an online course to spend an average of 3 hours a day working on their DL course either in their DL support block or at home, undistracted. Take a look at the following advice from an online resource page: [Online Student's Manual for Success](#)

BC Dogwood Planner 2018 This Planner, produced by the Ministry of Education, answers questions about the new Graduation Program put in place since 2018. The document explains what's required to graduate and where there are choices. It also covers exams, scholarships, funding, and links to web sites with helpful information. It's your guide to three of the most important years of your education. Check it out on our website: sites.google.com/learn68.ca/doverbaycounselling/grade-12/graduation-requirement

Post-Secondary Institutes of BC (PSIBC) has shifted their information sessions to online sessions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All grade 12 students and all interested grade 11 students can check out their

website for different virtual events hosted by each institution. This is an excellent opportunity for students to collect information about programs, tuition, residences and to plan for post-secondary life. Event information can be found on the "For Students" page at: www.postsecondarybc.ca/for-students/

Nanaimo's Career Technical Centre (CTC) offers many programs to help youth transition from secondary school to post-secondary training programs and/or the workplace.

Students interested in one of the programs should review the program requirements with a parent, consult with a school counselor, and complete the online application form. After an application form has been submitted a Career Transition Coordinator will contact the student to arrange an interview. Check out the CTC website at:

www.ctc-careerpaths.ca

University Admissions: Universities are now accepting applications for September 2021. Students apply online through each university's website or Education Planner BC (EducationPlannerBC.ca). Deadlines for applications vary by institution and program. They range from early January to March. Also watch out for scholarship and residence deadlines. For some universities the early applications mean early conditional admission offers.

Language Challenge Exams Delta School District is once again offering Language Challenge Exams for Grade 11 and 12 language courses. This year they are offering Language Challenge Exams for the following: French 11/12, Japanese 11/12, Korean 11/12, Mandarin 11/12 (simplified and traditional), Punjabi 11/12 and Spanish 11/12. The exam dates are January 23 and 24, 2021, in Delta. If you are interested, please attend an information session in the library on Oct. 22 @ 3:15 for more information; the application is due on Thursday, October 29th.

ELL/ESD

Thanks from Dr. C, to the students and families of English Language Learners and English Skills Development for honouring her time with reading the parent letters that went home earlier this week

on My Ed. Dr. C has been meeting with your students and we are beginning the English learning journey together this year. She greatly appreciates the students who are sharing their home language and teaching her greetings in many languages. Please email her if you have any questions or need assistance with language requests.

schycoski@learn68.ca Dr. Sherilene M. Chycoski,
District ELL/ESD Specialist Teacher

GRAD 2020-21

My name is Trent and I was the chair for the 2020 Dry Grad Planning Committee. As you know, COVID-19 prevented the 2020 Dry grad from happening, and at this point I think it's too early to say whether there will or won't be a 2021 Dry Grad, so best to plan for it. My hope is to contact 2021 grad parents to see if there is enough interest in planning for a 2021 Dry grad, and if so, get parents to band together in a committee to plan for this huge event. Some members of the 2020 Dry Grad committee have agreed to stay on the committee, or at least serve as support for any new committee members as they figure out their roles and what is needed. So my ask of you to help with this is if you would be kind enough to place something in your school newsletter or info to grads and their parents about the Dry Grad committee. The best way to get information and get in contact with us is our Facebook site

<https://www.facebook.com/nanaimodrygrad>

or they can email me at:

chair@nanaimodrygrad.com (this goes for you as well :))

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask, and thank you in advance,

Trent Horwood