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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

An assembly supported by ICBC on April 14th was well received by NISS students. The message about safe driving and safe choices was very timely. The warmer weather that is starting can result in more of our students being out with friends more often. We want them to stay safe, healthy and happy. Our students are an amazing group of young people. We want every one of them to reach their goals.

INFINITUS PERFORMANCE



Students enjoying musical guest Infinitus on April 14th

Infinitus consists of three award-winning musicians from Canada and the United States. Rather than emphasize various composers, technique, or the music of different eras, Infinitus stresses listening skills: the identical

but distinct parts of a canon, the differences yet similarity in the movements of a theme and variations, the imagery and mood of a Scottish lament. In this way, the performance is geared toward enhancing cognitive skills and musical appreciation for a general audience.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Report cards were mailed out on April 14th. Parents are encouraged to phone or e-mail their son's/daughter's teachers with any concerns or needs for clarification about the progress of their son/daughter.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be on Tuesday, April 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Appointments are not necessary. **Students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. on April 19th.**

GUITAR CLASS

The Guitar class will be performing on June 10th at 7:00 p.m. They have been working hard to learn how to read music, and have been learning lots of songs. The concert will include some selections from Aerosmith, Metallica, Beethoven, (and everything in between). There will be some serious performances as well as some fun ones, and we expect it will be an enjoyable evening.

Ms. Beatty and her students hope you will join them!

DUAL ENTRY CLASSES

On April 19th, Bob Thompson, from North Island College will be at the school promoting dual entry courses that senior students can take. These courses give students first year college credits as well as Grade 12 credits. Mr. Thompson will be at NISS in the afternoon and meet with interested students from Grades 11 & 12. He will also be available at parent-teacher interviews beginning at 6:30 pm that same day should you have any questions.

WILLIE MITCHELL CLASSIC FUNDING

In 2004 the *Willie Mitchell Classic* was founded from Willie Mitchell's desire to give back to the island community that supported him in his youth. His goals are to encourage others to succeed and to present opportunities for youth to live their dreams. For more information and to apply contact: williemitchellclassic@hotmail.com.

REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

The Regional Science Fair was held on April 7th at Sunset Elementary School. All schools in the district sent their top students to compete. Grade 10 student Trevor Harder did an excellent job representing NISS. Trevor's project on the Electrolysis of Water not only won first place in the Grade 9/Grade 10 experimental project category, judges also selected his experiment as top project of the science fair. As the winner of the Port McNeill Science Fair, Trevor will be representing our region at the Canada-Wide Science Fair which

will be held in Toronto during the week of May 14-21.

The Science Fair Foundation of BC also makes available several cash awards to each regional science fair in BC. Students are selected to win these awards based on a specific set of criteria set by the foundation. Trevor was chosen to receive the BCIC Award and the Chevron Canada Award and the Association of Professional Biology Award.

Congratulation Trevor on your achievement and good luck in Toronto!

EARTH MONTH

NISS students will take part in an Earth Month Cleanup on April 21st. The Rotary Club will be hosting a BBQ for the whole school at lunchtime.



CONCESSION UPDATE

The concession kitchen is now officially completed and the final inspection has been done. The NISS Café is now open for lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students and Staff will be able to enjoy pizza, chicken strips, chicken caesar wraps, veggies and dip and strawberry smoothies. PAC volunteers filled 35 orders on opening day. Everything is well organized and runs quite smoothly. Students

are asked to have their completed order forms in by 10:15 a.m. and payment is to be made when the food is picked up. For your convenience we have attached a sheet of order forms.

Do you have a couple of hours Tuesdays or Thursdays that you can use to support the concession? The PAC group welcomes anyone who can help out. Adults who can volunteer to help out on a few Tuesdays or Thursdays should contact Pita Rosback at pita5@telus.net, or 250-956-3775.



Opening day at Café NISS.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

The next PAC meeting will be held Wednesday, May 4th at 5:30 pm in the Library. Please come out and join us. It takes your input to help our school run smoothly.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Grade 12 Youth Leaders, Marieke Knierim and Christine Gullstrom organized a drug and alcohol awareness workshop on March 28th. VIHA's Peter Carter was guest speaker and the workshop was well received by the Grade 9 students.

GRAD 2011

Grads are currently selling raffle tickets with prizes of an Apple I pad, a Dump Truck Load of Sea Soil and Auto Detailing. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the draw will take place on May 15th. **If you would like to support this year's Dry Grad celebration by purchasing tickets please contact any member of the Grad class.**

Students are reminded to return their sold raffle tickets and money to Mr. Dixon in the office.

Students are also reminded that their \$50.00 Grad fee is now due and can be paid at the office.

B.C. Ferries has adjusted the final sailings on Grad night as follows:

Ferry to Sointula only: 10:00 p.m.

Ferry to Alert Bay only: 11:00 p.m.

Full minutes of grad meetings and updates will be posted on NISS website (www.niss.sd85.bc.ca).

Grad photo retakes will be done on May 26th. Please sign up in the office.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 201 at NISS. All grad parents are encouraged to attend as lots of help is needed as June 4th draws near.

Next week Grad families will be receiving an informational package in the mail. This package should answer your questions regarding timelines and expectations. Should you have any questions, please contact the office.

2012 GRADS

This year's Grade 11 students and parents will be hired by Grad 2011 to clean up the school on Sunday June 5th and also the Arena during the day or evening on Monday June 6th. Please mark the dates on your calendars. This will be your first fundraising event. You will be contacted in May to confirm."



DATES TO REMEMBER

Apr 19	Parent Teacher Interviews 6:30 p.m. in the Gym
Apr 22	Good Friday
Apr 25	Easter Monday
May 13	Pro D Day
May 23	Victoria Day
June 4	School Leaving Ceremony

