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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We're grateful for the support of the NISS PAC and for the behind-the-scenes support of parents. You support the school by getting your son(s)/daughter(s) out of bed and out the door each morning after getting them into bed at a reasonable hour each night. You support the school by demonstrating to your son(s)/daughter(s) that education is important to you and to them, when you ask them about their day and check on their homework. Your support is shown when your children know that you expect them to be in each of their classes every day, and that a sunny Friday afternoon doesn't change that. It can be difficult to allow your son(s)/daughter(s) enough independence that they grow in maturity, while still guiding them in making good choices. We recognize that and thank you for the on-going role you play in your child's education.

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE VISITS

We are having visits from universities and colleges on October 17 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. This is for Grades 11 and 12.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MEDAL WINNER: SOLOMON MCMORRAN



For more than 125 years, the Governor General's Academic Medals have recognized the outstanding scholastic achievements of students in Canada. They are awarded to the student graduating with the highest average from a high school, as well as from approved college or university programs. Pierre Trudeau, Tommy Douglas, Kim Campbell, Robert Bourassa, Robert Stanfield and Gabrielle Roy are just some of the more than 50,000 people who have received the Governor General's Academic Medal as the start of a life of accomplishment. Today, the Governor General's Academic Medals are awarded at four distinct levels: Bronze at the secondary school level; Collegiate Bronze at the post-secondary, diploma level; Silver at the undergraduate level; and Gold at the graduate level. Medals are presented on behalf of the Governor General by participating educational institutions, along with personalized certificates signed by the Governor General. There is no monetary award associated with the Medal.

FRENCH 11

Ms. Deadman and Mr. Drysdale prepared crepes for Mr. Drysdale's French 11 class.



PASSPORT TO EDUCATION PROGRAM WINNERS

The Passport to Education Program was initiated to recognize and reward student achievement in Grades 10 to 12. The intent of the program is to motivate all students to study consistently during the years leading to graduation, and to encourage secondary school students to pursue further education through post-secondary institutions and job-training programs. Passport awards are used to assist students with tuition towards their post-secondary education and/or job training programs.

Stamp values for the 2010/2011 year are: Grade 10 - \$250, Grade 11 - \$250, Grade 12 - \$500. This year, our school was allocated fourteen (14) Grade 10 stamps, ten (10) Grade 11 stamps and fourteen (14) Grade 12 stamps.

Stamps are awarded to students based on their final marks, effort, work habits, citizenship and school/community involvement.

Our school retains the Passport to Education booklet until the student graduates or moves to another school.

We would like to congratulate the following students who have been awarded Passport to Education Stamps for their 2010/2011 school years.

Grade 10

Alyce Atchison
Alison Brown
Kim Cardwell
David Chow
Gillian Downey
Samantha Dutcyvich
Amber Hamlin
Trevor Harder
Teuvo Harkonen
Aidan Horgan
Tylar Koel
Jenna McMahon
Amy Parker
Michael Whitworth

Grade 11

Karina Cann
Maddy Chester
Alex Desrochers
Jessie Ehlert
Roland Johnson
Taylor Lingl
Hannah Mitchell
Breanna Podlasly
Meghan Trevor
Alysha Watt

Grade 12

Robbie Brittain
Oliver Brown
Susanna Chan
Win-Ken Chow
Adam Dalton
Sara Grant
Christine Gullstrom
Marieke Knierim
Solomon McMorrان
Ashley Parker
Chelsea Pineda
Caitlin Porter
Stephanie Rukin
Kendra Sharpe

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Island Foods for their donation of juice for Soup Day. Their generosity is appreciated.

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ LUNCH

Mr. Dixon's back to school BBQ lunch was enjoyed by students and staff.



STRENGTH IN DIVERSITY ACTION GROUP

Strength in Diversity Action Group is a "Culture Rich" group of students and staff at North Island Secondary School. This is an action group that will foster leadership roles among members and reach out to other students in order to address inclusive understanding of diversity. The first meeting will be held at lunchtime on Thursday, October 27th in room 110. Please contact Ms. Casson for further information.
(ncasson@sd85.bc.ca)

NISS TRAVEL CLUB

The NISS Travel Club will be going to Peru during Spring Break 2012. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to travel safely to another country. The cost is approximately \$3000. This cost covers airfare,

accommodation, breakfasts, dinners, 24 hour tour guide, all entry fees for activities and sightseeing and a private tour bus. This trip is available to students in grades 10 to 12. Younger students may participate if accompanied by a parent. The next three students to enrol will be given an incentive. To register your son or daughter or to get more information, go to www.eftours.ca (tour # 1008157 and the group leader is Joy Zwicker). More information can also be obtained from Joy Zwicker at 250 956 3929 or Kathy Mitchell at 250 956 2375.

FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Foster Parent Appreciation Month! Many foster families in our community provide care, compassion and unselfish commitment for children and youth who are temporarily unable to live with their families. Fostering is a community responsibility and provides rewarding opportunities to community members to contribute to the support of children and youth in our neighbourhoods. If you have considered being a foster family, we would like to hear from you! Please call 250-949-8011 or 1-800-663-9999 to discuss how you can become a foster family for children in your community today!

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

A breakfast of toast, bagels, juice and healthy snacks is available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in the Multi-purpose room from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. This is FREE to all students. *Volunteers are needed to help Mr. Bramham on Monday mornings.*

GRAD 2012 INFORMATION

The first grad meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. There will be a student Grad meeting held at lunch on Tuesday October 20th.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEWS

The NISS PAC meets at 3:30 in the school library on the first Tuesday of every month. NISS students and staff are grateful for the work they have done to get the concession up and running every Tuesday and Thursday. They have put in many extra hours, and they're doing so because they want the students to have a place in the school where they can purchase a healthy lunch. Our concession/lunch room has been approved by the Department of Health and the parents involved have had their Food Safe training. Now that they have concessions lunches in place two days of the week, they are looking at ways of getting the students to stay in our beautiful, large, bright multi-purpose room to eat their lunches. PAC is sponsoring a "Name the Multi-Purpose Room" contest, with a prize for the winner. The school purchased new tables last year and we have plenty of chairs. Activities are being planned, one of them being a hot dog lunch on Monday Oct. 31, 2011. For \$2.00 students can purchase a hotdog and drink. Students are asked to sign

up at the office if they are purchasing the lunch, so that PAC knows how much to prepare.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

We have an enthusiastic group of students this school year. They are having a grade on grade competition that will run all year. The grade with the most points receives a big prize at the end of the year. There will be a costume contest. Students will also be involved in a "Fear Factor" themed assembly.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 17 th	Grade 8 Elective Rotation Start University/College Visits
Oct. 20 th	Grad Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 21 st	Pro D Day - no classes
Nov 10 th	Report Cards Mailed Home
Nov 11 th	Remembrance Day
Nov 17 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Nov 18 th	School Based Pro D Day