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Ladysmith Intermediate News

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Principal's Message

Thank you to all parents/guardians who participated in the Parent Teacher Conferences and who attended the information session on new reporting. We are pleased to be working closely with you to ensure that your children are receiving the best support and education in order for them to be successful. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you.

Book Fair!

Thank you to Linneaea Wiseman, our Librarian, and all of the parents and students who helped make the book fair a great success. We raised over \$3000.00 this year. ☺

Save the Date!

Nov. 1- ~~Picture Retake Day~~ Will be rescheduled
Nov. 2- District Cross Country Meet
Nov. 7- Curling -Teneycke
Nov. 9- Jersey Day
Nov. 10- Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45am
Nov. 11- Remembrance Day No School
Nov. 14- Curling -Teneycke

Nov. 17- PAC Meeting
Nov. 21- Curling -Teneycke
Nov. 23- School Colour Day (Blue/White)
Nov. 24- Ladysmith Light Up, Gr. 5 Chemainus Theatre, Science World-Cosens
Nov. 25- PJ Day

Christmas Concert Assembly



Play auditions for "Jingle Bell Hill" have been completed and roles have been assigned. A copy of these results can be found outside the Fine Arts room door.

Schedules for rehearsals and costume suggestion guides can also be found outside the Fine Arts room door. Please remind your child to pick one up if they have not already. The date of the Christmas play is December 22nd @ 7:00 p.m. with a 1:00 p.m. dress rehearsal.

Also, if anyone is interested in creating parts of a village scene as the set, please see Ms. Furlan.

School Closures

If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be made on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM, WAVE 102.3 FM, and 91.7 COAST FM) by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis.

In addition, the district will post the information on the district's website, Twitter, Facebook, and mobile app. Please keep in mind, however, that there may be situations where this is not always possible, for example, power outages or technical problems. The most reliable method is to listen to the local radio stations.

ERASE Bullying



Every child deserves an education free from discrimination, bullying, harassment, intimidation and violence. The ERASE (Expect Respect and A Safe Education) Bullying strategy is part of the Province of British Columbia's efforts to personalize learning and supports for all students. Please visit the ERASE Bullying website or click on the logo on our school website. If your child is being bullied, please let the teacher or the principal know. We can't help, if we aren't aware.

Poinsettia Sales

Division 7, Mrs. Cavers' Class, will be selling poinsettias from October 26th to November 16th. If anyone is interested in purchasing plants, you can contact either a student from Division 7 or Mrs. Cavers.

Christmas Hampers

Christmas is just around the corner. Mrs. Teneycke's class will be in charge of the Food Hamper donations this year. They will start collecting boxes now and they will go out just before Ladysmith Light Up at the end of November. If you would like to donate food and toys for children and families in need, our School Ambassadors will be collecting these goods. The truck will be arriving at the school mid-December to pick up donations. Thank you in advance for your support.

Cross Country Meet

On October 27th our Cross Country Running team attended the meet. Congratulations to all who participated. The District Meet will be Nov. 2nd. Winners will be announced in the upcoming newsletter.

Generosity Fund

The PAC of Ladysmith Intermediate School is happy to announce that they will be introducing the 'Generosity Fund'. The intention of the Generosity Fund is to provide opportunities for children to: attend field trips, access school supplies, and snacks and lunches. These funds will be provided for children who come from families who may face challenges which make it difficult to purchase these resources themselves. Families needing to access the generosity fund for financial assistance can talk to your child's teacher or Mrs. Young directly.

"One in five children under the age of six is living in poverty" (October 28, 2015, Nanaimo Daily News). As a school, LIS is taking this opportunity to address the issue of poverty head on by developing the 'Generosity Fund'. For more information specific to the needs of children in Ladysmith, please check out this article posted on the BC Local News website, originally published by Nanaimo Daily News:

<http://www.bclocalnews.com/news/337635421.html>

PAC Concerns

A big 'Thank You!' to those parents/grandparents and guardians who have taken the initiative to join the PAC! We appreciate your time and input. Please note that all guardians of students at LIS are members of the PAC (unless you opt out), whether you attend meetings or not and your input into PAC decisions is very valuable to us.

Feel free to attend meetings whenever you are able, or if you wish, you can put your questions or concerns in writing (anonymously if you'd prefer). You may leave letters addressed to PAC at the main office, or email the PAC Chair, Kari Rose, at ladysmithintermediatepac@hotmail.com.

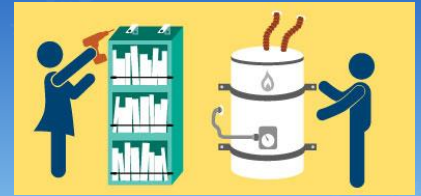
Earthquake Drill

LIS joined all of Canada in the Great Canadian Shake Down on October 20th. Students were well behaved and made it out of the school in record time. Please take the time to read the information below and develop and share your earthquake plans with your family.

Earthquake Safety

Step 1:

[Secure your space](#) by identifying hazards and securing moveable items.



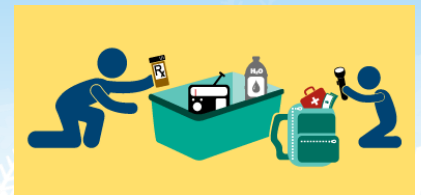
Step 2:

[Plan to be safe](#) by creating a disaster plan and deciding how you will communicate in an emergency.



Step 3:

[Organize disaster supplies](#) in convenient locations.



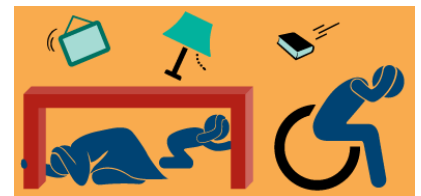
Step 4:

[Minimize financial hardship](#) by organizing important documents, strengthening your property, and considering insurance.



Step 5:

[Drop, Cover, and Hold On](#) when the earth shakes.



Step 6:

[Improve safety](#) after earthquakes by evacuating if necessary, helping the injured, and preventing further injuries or damage.



Step 7:

[Reconnect and Restore](#)

Restore daily life by reconnecting with others, repairing damage, and rebuilding community.

