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**Mar. 5th—K-8 Report Card writing, no classes**  
**Mar. 5th—High School interim reports issued.**  
**Mar. 12th—K- 8 Report Cards issued**  
**Mar. 22-Apr. 5th—Spring Break**  
**Apr. 6th—classes resume**  
**Apr. 16th—High School Report Card writing, no classes**  
**Apr. 16th-Grandparents/ grandfriends day**

**Re-Registration Form**

The Re-registration forms and deposit for the 2010/11 school year are now due in the office. If you have not completed this form and returned it along with your post dated cheque(\$100/ student) would you please do so this week. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

# The Eagle's Nest

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**Teamwork**

Two weeks ago countries from all over the world crossed Canadian borders to join together for a most spectacular Olympic experience. In the same way we too at NCS crossed classroom borders to participate in a cross-graded Olympic experience of our own. Children waved flags high during our opening ceremonies, a symbol of a week of cultural exploration and experience ahead of them. From Kindergarten to Grade 8 the students were divided into groups representing the colourful countries of the world. During our Olympic block times classrooms and hallways were alive with creativity, participation and hands on learning. Activities were numerous, flags were painted, cultural foods were made and enjoyed, music and songs played, stories read, and a few apt foreign language sentences learnt. Students enjoyed both Skype interviews with friends in different countries and in classroom guests who shared their cultures. We concluded on Friday with our own Olympic events from hockey, and Wii ski jumping to our modified biathlon and many others. Not a quiet hall way could be found! The grand finale, the closing ceremony, marked off a week rich in team work, cooperation, leadership and a building of a stronger school community.

It has been a privilege to work with a team of teachers who are willing to put their classroom agendas aside and create a highlight of a learning experience. I know that I will always remember the NCS 2010 Olympic Games!

Kim Tarby

The annual calendar, approved by the board, provides for a two week, Easter break this spring. The NCS holiday has the school closing date on Friday, March 19 and opens again on Tuesday, April 6. This was decided upon for the reasons of a more balanced schedule with fairly equal number of weeks before and after the holiday, getting most of term three in high school completed and giving students and staff a rest closer to the end of the year. We are aware that some families may make use of recreational and sports programs that operate during the public school holiday. Therefore, if you are one such family please note our holiday change so that you may make necessary plans for childcare and activities. Thank you for your attention and consideration of this change from the status quo.

**NCS Open House**

If anyone has family, friends or neighbours that may be interested in information about enrolling their children at NCS please join us on Wednesday, March 10th at 1 pm. in Building B lower level. More info contact Dawna Ferris at 754-4512 or [inquiries.ncs@shaw.ca](mailto:inquiries.ncs@shaw.ca)

Parents, families and friends are invited to join us for our K- 8 Easter Assembly on March 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:45-9:20 am in the school gymnasium. This will be a chance to see your children up on stage as each grade will be participating. We hope you are able to join us as we celebrate this important holiday together.

Dear parents,

For those who haven't met me, my name is Miss Brunsting, the new senior drama teacher here at NCS. As some of you may know, the senior drama class is putting on *Anne of Green Gables* as our spring musical. Mr. Smith, Miss Platz and I are all confident that we have an incredibly talented bunch of students this year, and that we have the determination and passion to make this thing great, but we could use the help of some of you! The areas that may need volunteers are as follows:

Props- finding, as well as making

Costumes- finding, as well as making

Hair/Makeup- helping out during dress rehearsals and performances.

Set construction- helping build set, bringing it into gymnasium, as well as tearing down.

Our performance dates are June 2, 3, 4. Currently, our students are hard at work on "teams," assembling lists of props needed, costumes needed and much more, as well as beginning practices for this musical. Let's give them a hand!

If you are considering volunteering, please send me an email at [terribrunsting@hotmail.com](mailto:terribrunsting@hotmail.com).

Thanks so much for your time!

Terri Brunsting

#### **Middle School Year End Band and Science Trip**

Parents are invited to participate and chaperone the Middle School year end trip planned for June 9-11th. This year we are going to the Pacific Rim National Park. If you are interested in joining in the fun please contact Mr. Spyksma at: [middle.ncs@shaw.ca](mailto:middle.ncs@shaw.ca)

#### **Lost & Found**

Our bins are overflowing with lost and found articles. Would you please have your student(s) check the lost and found bins for anything that they may be missing. Clothing not claimed will be redistributed to community agencies at Spring Break.

Parents, please remember that it is school policy that cell phones should not be used during class time. In High School if a phone is found to be on (even in silent mode) or in use during class, the phone will be confiscated and taken to the office to be picked up after school by the student's parent. If it is important that you contact your child during class time please call the office and a message will be taken to them, otherwise cell phones can be checked for messages between classes or at lunch time. In middle and elementary school there is to be no use of cell phones during school hours.

#### ***Anna Barber Scholarship***

The Anna Barber scholarship was established in 2002 to honour the memory of Anna Barber, a former NCS Kindergarten teacher. Applications will soon be available for this year. It is hoped that the award can be given for 2 more years, as Anna's last class will graduate in 2011. If you would like to contribute to the fund so that we can continue to award it, please contact Donna Dick at 250-390-4068, [sigpaint@telus.net](mailto:sigpaint@telus.net) or through the school at 250-754-4512.

#### **Tutoring Support Available (K-7)**

B.C. certified, organized, and enthusiastic teaching professional with 8 years experience available for:

Homework Help

Early Reading Intervention

Support for Students with Special Needs

Summer Studies

Please call Mrs. Erin Doan at (250) 754-9971.