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Calendar of Events

Mar. 6th—K-8 Report Card Writing, no classes

Mar. 7th—Fundraising Gala @ VI Conference Centre @ 6:00 pm.

Mar. 13th—K-8 Report Cards Issued

Mar. 16-27th—Spring Break, no classes

Apr. 10-13th—Easter Break

May 15th—Grandparents/ Grandfriends day

May 18th—Victoria Day, no classes

May 19th—Class Photo's

Kids Club

We have spaces available for March-June. For more information stop by the pre-school/ Kindergarten room in building A on a Monday or Wednesday morning or call Shelley Yates at 250-667-4222

Lost & Found items will be on display in Building A from Mar. 10-13th. Anything not claimed will be sent to the Salvation Army during Spring Break.

The Eagle's Nest

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"I'm the little boy with glasses, the one they call a geek. A little girl who never smiles, 'cause I have braces on my teeth. And I know how it feels to cry myself to sleep. Don't laugh at me, don't call me names. Don't get your pleasure from my pain. In God's eyes we're all the same. Someday we'll all have perfect wings. Don't laugh at me.

These are some of the words from a powerful book called "Don't Laugh At Me" by Steve Seskin and Allen Shamblin. I read this book for elementary chapel to introduce our virtue of the month: Empathy. Empathy is a strong emotion and one that is sometimes hard to put into practice. Empathy should lead us to come alongside others and provide support and assistance. However, sometimes it is easier to just walk on.

Jesus calls us to 'LOVE OUR NEIGHBOUR AS OUR SELF'. Showing empathy is part of this. Understanding that though we may all be different, we are all connected in some way, is one of the most important things we can teach our children. For one of the greatest examples of empathy being shown was Christ himself. He became one of us (John 1:14). Because He did, He understands our struggles and weaknesses (Heb. 4:15). Jesus knows what we are going through, for He endured this life Himself. As we receive His grace in our time of need, we are better able to come alongside others.

To learn to not judge others, to pray for others, and to "walk a mile" in someone else's shoes is a hard concept to learn. But with Christ as our example, we can become a people who does these things more willingly.

Michelle Whitehead

Five Days Left to Purchase Gala Tickets!

If you haven't already purchased your tickets for our awesome gala event taking place at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre, you have 5 days left to do so. Tickets are available at the front office at both \$35 and \$50 tickets per person. Come and see your student perform and fellowship with the NCS family.

Amazing Silent Auction Items Available!

Items Include:

Digital Grand Piano

2 sets of Canucks Hockey Tickets

Weekend at Poets Cove Resort

Laser and Skin Care Treatments

Gourmet Dinner for 4 in Your Home

Hiking and Picnicking with Mr. Reems

2 yards of garden blend soil plus delivery

And Much More!

Chemainus Theatre Festival Tickets

Nanaimo Theatre Tickets

Spa Treatments

Gallery 223 Artwork

Fishing with Mr. Spyksma

Prime Reserved Parking Stall at NCS

Gift Baskets