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Jenny Atkinson would like to pass on her grateful love and thanks to everyone for your overwhelming show of care and support

The Atkinson family lost their home and possessions to a devastating house fire last week. If anyone would still like to make a donation to the Atkinson family we will receive donations in the office until this Friday, Dec. 11th.

# The Eagle's Nest

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Christmas is an interesting time of year. The teachers are busy scurrying around getting plays and pageants ready for parents that are busy buying presents, and making Christmas goodies. The kids are wilder than normal in class, eager with excitement of the anticipating festivities to come. We bring one of the most positive messages in the Bible to light, and everyone is aglow from it. It is a time of proof positive that our Lord loves us.

Proof not just from promises, which we humans have corrupted giving little meaning to the word promise, but proof in the flesh. Jesus Christ has come to Earth and not to rule, but for me. Well not just for me, but for you too!

I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. ~Charles Dickens

Let's try and remember of how everyone can be willing and longing to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. Try and spread the message, even in the business, as their can be many receptive ears.

Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts. ~Janice Maeditere

Let's open our hearts to those around us. God Bless in this season of giving, remembering the birth of our Saviour and open hearts.

God's Mercy is with you all.

Chris Verveda

## The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

The middle school have been working hard in their preparation of the Christmas performance – The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson. Come and celebrate Christmas with us and support the middle school drama program. Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 7pm. Students participating in the pageant need to be at the school by 6:00 pm.

The six Herdman children are the terror of their town. When they take over the annual Christmas pageant, everyone rediscovers the true meaning of Christmas.

### K-8 Christmas Assembly

Dec. 17th from 8:45—9:45 am the K-8 classes will be having a Christmas assembly. The K-5 classes will be performing and everyone is welcome to attend.



### ODE (One December Evening) For Band.

Dec. 9th at 7pm.

St. Paul's Anglican Church located at 100 chapel Street.  
Middle & High School Christmas Band performance.

Education Committee is seeking out approval for **full day kindergarten (FDK)** for next year, 2010/11. The government is making funding available to independent schools to begin FDK by September 2010. As you may know, their plan is to move the whole province to a FDK program in the next two years with 50% funding going to approved schools in the first year (or half of the schools in BC). NCS currently operates kindergarten for three full days a week starting in October after there are student orientations on the third class day of the week in September. This feature has been in place at NCS for a number of years and exceeds the requirement by 10%, which amounts to an additional eighty or more hours per year. Schools have been invited to apply for funding based on the need and vulnerability of students entering into their first year. Our application was submitted last month and we await news of it being processed for approval. If not approved, then the FDK will be started with the remaining kindergarten classes in the province in September 2011. In making the application we are committing to the FDK should it be approved for next year. It will be generally recognized that some public schools in Nanaimo will start with FDK programs but, not all. Thanks for your attention and consideration in this matter.

### **Virtue and Artist of the Month for October**

**The Virtue of the Month is Gratitude.** *Quote of the month* – “This is the day, the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” *Psalm 118:24*

#### *Quotes:*

If the only prayer you say in life is thank you – it is enough. Meister Eckhart

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4

Return thanks for what God has bestowed on us. – St. Alphonsus Liguori

**Artist of the Month:** For any artist, it would be a dream-come true to be selected as one of the official artists for the Olympics. That dream is now a reality for Jesse Raudales, a North Hollywood based artist, who was selected among thousands of applicants to represent the 2006 Olympic Games, standing next to his fellow Olympians, Jane Seymore and Peter Maxx. His Olympic painting, “Peace for the Children of the World,” opened in California, toured to New York and then went on to the Olympic Games in Torino, Italy. Look for our versions of Roudales style this month on our Artist Board in the elementary hallway.

### CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS

Once again NCS is collecting non-perishable food items to make up food hampers for those families within our community who are in need this season. Part of what is collected will also be given to the Salvation Army in support of their “Hamperville” program. Each class will have a collection box in their room and the class that collects the most items per student will win a pizza party!! The food drive will begin immediately, and we will accept donations until the morning of Mon, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would benefit from an NCS food hamper please see me, Dawna Ferris and if you would like to register for the Salvation Army food hamper please see Corina Finlay in the office. Blessings to you all for giving this Christmas season!

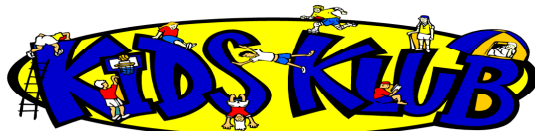
### **Lost & Found**

Please be sure to check the Lost and Found for any missing articles before Christmas Break.

Any items not collected by Dec.

18th will be given to the Salvation Army or Good Will.

Thank you!



**Kids Klub Preschool** at Nanaimo Christian School has a few openings and is accepting registrations for **January 2010 – June 2010**.

If you are interested in your child participating in a caring,

positive early educational experience in a

Christian environment please contact

Shelley Yates at 250-667-4222 or look us

on the Web at [www.kidsklub.ca](http://www.kidsklub.ca)

### Bus Families

The North, South and Central Bus routes will be running about 20 minutes late on December 18th (the last day of school before Christmas). This is due to the need for the buses for school activities that day. We will be sending a reminder email as well to all the bus families who have email addresses with the school. If you have changed your email or are not receiving the newsletter by email it could be because we don't have a correct email for you or we don't have one at all. If this is the case please call the office to advise of your correct email. 250-754-4512

Thank you!