

Dear NDSS Students and Families,

Here is the weekly update for Wednesday, March 8th, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Island Health Resilience and Safety Grant: Increasing Youth Resiliency

NDSS has just received a grant focused on improving resiliency among youth ages 13-19 who are in need of support. Our initiative is focused on creating and promoting healthy relationships with community partners to address mental health and substance abuse within our community. Our counsellors and CYFSWs are working on plan that will involve students, families and school staff. More information to come after Spring Break.

Family AFFORDABILITY FUND:

This is available to assist families with inflationary costs. Gift cards to grocery stores are available upon request. Please email georgia.barron@sd68.bc.ca if you would like more information or to make a request.

LEARNING SURVEY:

During the months of January to April, the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public School District is participating in the 2023 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province.

For 2023: Students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 complete the survey;
Parents/Guardians/Caregivers of Grade 4, 7, 10 and 12 Students complete the survey; and all Staff associated with a School complete the survey.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers of students currently enrolled in grades 10 and 12 are encouraged complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys **any time before 11:59 pm April 29th, 2023**, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
3. Under the Parent section- *Direct Access – no logon number required* select:
 - o District: the name of your child's district
 - o School: the name of your child's school
 - o Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".

6. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

Thank you for participating in this innovative project. If you need more information, please contact the school office.

Erase is all about building safe and caring school communities. This includes empowering students, parents, educators, and the community partners who support them to get help with challenges, report concerns to schools, and learn about complex issues facing students.

Along with the online reporting tool, there are a variety of other resources such as: online safety, mental health and well-being, racism, bullying, school safety, sexual orientation and gender identity, substance abuse, compassionate systems leadership, and gender-based violence.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Spring Break- March 11- March 26.

Classes resume Monday, March 27th.

On behalf of our staff, we wish you all a healthy and safe Spring Break.

Shawn Shahi

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