

NMS Has Talent

Talent Show



On Friday, May 15th, the students of Neill Middle School will be treated to a number of amazing student performances at our annual Talent Show. Students are busy working on their acts and auditioning for our organizing committee - Mrs. Homan, Mrs. Henri, and Ms. Lenormand.

Band Concert—May 27th

Our Band Program is ready to embark on a busy performance schedule that will take them into June. On May 13th, our Grade 6 Band will be performing for Gill

Elementary students, and on the 20th, our Grade 8 Band will perform for Howitt students. The Grade 7 Band will also perform for students at Alberni Elementary on the 21st. Grade 7 and 8 bands will head to the West Coast in June for performances. Thanks to Mr. Redlin for organizing these performances and allowing our students to share their talents!

On May 27th, our Band Program will host an evening concert from 7:00-8:30 pm. We invite all parents and interested members of the community to attend and share in an evening of fine music.

Neill Wrestlers Shine

Congratulations to all of our wrestlers who were recognized for their

achievement this season at the annual Alberni Wrestling banquet on April 29th at the Echo Centre. A huge thank-you to Mrs. Anker, Grant Coates and ADSS Wrestler Brandon Coates for coaching our athletes this season.

Special congratulations to Caden Smith-Stephens for being recognized as the "Coaches' Choice" wrestler, Danika Geddes for being recognized as the top junior wrestler combining athletics and academics, and to Jordan Wagner, Jesse Wagner, and Rhea Wing for being recognized as the Most Outstanding Junior wrestlers. Congratulations to our Grade 8 wrestlers who will be leaving our program this year - good luck at ADSS.

Earth Day 2009

On April 22nd, Neill staff and students took part in the district Water Relay organized by Social Responsibility coordinator, Scott Elias. The district goal was to raise enough money to help purchase a water pump for a third world village. Students collected

plastic, recyclable containers to gather and carry water to help develop an appreciation and understanding of the difficulty many children have in obtaining clean water. Teachers used this opportunity to engage students with lessons around the topic of world water shortages. The Neill community would like to thank the students from Gill, Howitt,

and Alberni for being part of this Relay with them. In the end, we raised over \$250 to contribute to Unicef. Way to go staff and students.



School Supplies for Next Year

By now, Grade 6 and 7 students should have brought home their school supply order form for next year. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please return the completed form and a cheque made out to the Ink Spot **by Friday, May 8th.**



Important Dates:

- May 7 - Class Photos
- May 8 - Grade 7 Olympics
- May 11 - Professional Day (no classes)
- May 15 - Talent Show
- May 21 - Grade 6 Celebration of Learning
- May 27 - Spring Band Concert 7:00 pm
- June 1 - PAC Meeting 7:00 pm

What's Happening at Neill

Rugby



Rugby has begun another season at Neill with a number of students learning the sport in Phys. Ed. classes. We would like to thank the

Black Sheep Rugby Club for providing this opportunity to our students, and to Mrs. Densmore for organizing the schedule. We invite all interested students to join our rugby team that begins practice this week on Monday and Wednesday after school. Thanks to Mr. Musato for sponsoring our team!

Grade 6 Celebration of Learning

On May 21st, our Grade 6 students

will be sharing some of their learning with parents, students, and other community members. Classes will display their Science projects, their Vow of Silence successes, and other demonstrations of learning. We invite all parents to join us in this celebration from 11:00-12:00 in the gym on the 21st.

On May 8th, our Grade 6 students will be conducting a mock election as a culminating activity to their study of the electoral process. Students from each class have been busy learning about party platforms and will hear speeches from student party leaders before making their



decision. All local candidates have been invited to speak to students about local issues and governance. We are pleased that local MLA Scott Fraser will visit students on Wednesday, May 6th at 11:30.

Grade 8 Fundraising

Grade 8 classes are busy fundraising for their year end trip to Vancouver. There will be a Hot Dog sale on the 19th and 29th of May, and an upcoming car wash - date TBA. The PAC is also helping out by assisting with popcorn sales on Tuesdays and slushee sales on Wednesday.



Neill Talons Soar

We are

Safe

Organized and on time

Active Learners

Respectful and Responsible

Fun with Science



Students have been busy in Grade 8 Science classes. Some students have been doing dissections in Science, while others have been investigating flight in Rocketry class.

Attention Bike Riders and Skateboarders:

No bikes or skateboards are to be ridden at the front of the school (including bus loop) due to traffic. No students are allowed to walk or ride through the back parking lot before, during or after school for safety reasons. We have had several near misses as cars enter the parking lot or back up. We want all students to be safe! Please remember that helmets are mandatory.



Get Involved in Wrestling

Volunteer Opportunities:

- desk moving - June 26th
- parking for Graduation - June 27th
- takedown Dry Grad - June 8th
- Kids Camp Grades 3-7 - July 7-9th
- Salmon Fest - Sept. 5-7th
- Fall Fair parking - Sept. 9-13th
- Toy Run dance - Sept. 19-20th

Summer Camp

July 12-14th

Cost - \$100

