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WEDNESDAY MORNING MEMO

From the Desk of the Superintendent, Patricia Dooley . . .

Festival Nelson

The mountains are alive with the sound of music in School District #8. On Friday we open the doors for the 24th annual Festival Nelson. The music festival runs for two days, May 8th and May 9th, at L.V. Rogers Secondary, Trafalgar Middle School and the Nelson United Church. The Executive Committee, students, 130 adult volunteers and 25 student volunteers will welcome approximately 1800 students from 30 schools across British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Yukon.



The festival offers quality adjudication sessions, clinics, workshops and evening concerts to all participants. Festival Nelson was launched in 1986 by a dedicated group of teachers and parents. The idea was to create a non-competitive music festival that would provide a positive educational experience for music students in our schools. Students will learn from the adjudication of 8 fabulous adjudicators from all over B.C. and students will receive invaluable feedback from these skilled

people.

School District #8 welcomes the participating schools and encourages all students, parents, employees and community members to experience this once a year showcase. Daytime performances are free and change every 45 minutes starting at 8:00 am. For a more accurate schedule, please check the Thursday edition of the Nelson Daily News. Evening concerts occur each evening and tickets can be purchased through the School District #8 website, Festival Nelson site.



Bursaries will be given out on Saturday, May 9, and over one-half of these are from our community in support of Festival participants.

My congratulations to the 11 Festival Nelson Committee Members that are all volunteers who work about 1000 hours a year to make Festival Nelson the quality event that it is. Thank you to L.V. Rogers for hosting this event.

Lieutenant Governor Stephen Point to visit Nelson

In conjunction with a visit to the City of Nelson and time with Nelson City Council, **Lieutenant Governor Stephan Point** has requested that he visit two schools in the City. On Thursday, May 14, he will visit **Rosemont Elementary** and **L.V. Rogers Secondary**. Schools and students will have an opportunity to hear from the Honorable Steven Point, ask questions and provide a performance.

His Honour was appointed British Columbia's 28th Lieutenant Governor on October 1, 2007, and has a wonderful history of work within the aboriginal community. He was appointed Chief Commissioner of the British Columbia Treaty Commission. He served as elected Chief of the Skowkale First Nation for 1 years. He has served as the tribal chair of the Sto:lo National Government, and was honoured as Grand Chief by the Chiefs of the Sto:lo Tribal Council.

This is an incredible opportunity for our schools: Other school groups who would like to attend these visits should contact **Principals Deanna Holitzki** or **Mike McIndoe**.

The District Calendar: Looking 10 Days Forward . . .

Thought of the Week:

The future is something which everyone reaches at the rate of 60 minutes an hour, whatever he does, whoever he is.

. C.S. Lewis.

This part of the Wednesday morning bulletin will be used to share key district happenings for the 10 days following that edition of the bulletin.

- **Focus on Youth**, May 4—8, P.C.S.S.
- **Crawford Bay Coffee House**, Thursday, May 7 (6-8), Crawford Bay School
- **Festival Nelson**, May 8 & 9, L.V.R., Trafalgar, Nelson United Church
- **District Literacy Planning Committee**, Monday, May 11 (12:30-3:30), Board Office
- **Board Meeting**, Tuesday, May 12, Nelson
- **PROVINCIAL ELECTION**, Tuesday, May 12
- **BCSSA Regional Chapter Meeting**, May 12/13, St. Eugene Mission, Cranbrook
- **Lieutenant Governor Steven Point Visit**, Thursday, May 14
- **Children in Care Consortium**, Thursday, May 15/16, Heritage Inn, Cranbrook

District Response to Swine Flu

The 60 school districts in B.C. are taking direction related to the swine flu from our Deputy James Gorman and the Provincial Health Minister. There is a focus on consistent approaches and sharing of information across the province. Information about H1N1- Recognizing concern from students, parents and school authorities about the H1N1 virus outbreak and how it may affect schools, the Ministry of Education is providing a special edition of EdInfo Digest <<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/edinfo/archives/volume8/090501.pdf>> to inform you of the latest update. Please distribute it to students, parents and schools in your district.

For more information on this important issues, please visit the following websites:

* Province of British Columbia Human Swine Flu updates

<http://www.gov.bc.ca/govt/swine_flu.html>

* HealthLink BC <<http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/kbaltindex.asp>>

* Public Health Agency of Canada: Swine Influenza in Mexico

<<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/tmp-pmv/2009/hsf-mexico-090427-eng.php>>

* Public Health Agency of Canada: Human Swine Influenza in United States

<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/tmp-pmv/2009/swine_flu_cal-tex-090427-eng.ph

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* FightFlu.ca <<http://www.fightflu.ca/>>

Teacher Appreciation Week



Just as it takes a single spark to light a fire,
a teacher can provide the spark that lights a lifetime of learning.
This week is dedicated to teachers around the world.
A time to say thanks and acknowledge the effort and energy
that teachers put into their work with students.

Thanks to all S.D.8 teachers!