



Press Release/Photo Opportunity

Island Radio Gives Elementary Students the Opportunity to Play with Rhythm

\$2000 donation for Chase River Elementary Music Program

For Immediate Release - **Nanaimo, BC – January 30, 2012** Island Radio is committed to seeing more Nanaimo students enjoying and pursuing music and recently donated \$2,000 to the [Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation](http://www.nlsf.ca) in order for Chase River Elementary to expand its music program. Music teacher Kathy Wilson purchased 22 djembe drums and four sets of bells with the funds.

"The addition of the djembe drums allows students from every level and ability to participate in my class," said music teacher, Kathy Wilson. "The drums help students learn the fundamental skills required for any future musician, as rhythm is learned first and pitch come second. My students love the drums and we are very grateful to be the recipient of this donation."

This is the fifth year that Island Radio has supported local music programs through the Foundation.

"Island Radio, 102.3 The Wave and 106.9 The Wolf believe that music education and exposure to the arts at an early age is important and we never know where the next Canadian star will emerge from," said General Manager, Rob Bye. "Many of us know of the enjoyment that learning and playing music brings so we're very pleased once again to make this donation to the Foundation to support school music programs."

Donations from community groups to the Foundation help provide basic needs, but they also enable to students to pursue interests like music, sports, dance and art that are integral to their learning development.

The Nanaimo-Ladysmith School Foundation works with School District 68 to bring programs that better the lives of students, through support programs and scholarship programs. Supplies and programs that are not covered by the school board budget can be supplemented through the Foundation. To make a donation to the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation, please contact via www.nlsf.ca or (250) 753-4074.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Students from Chase River Elementary, located at 1503 Cranberry Avenue, will be using their new drums to explore sounds and rhythm with their teacher Kathy Wilson on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 31st at 10:30 a.m.** If you are interested in attending to take a photo, please contact Erin O'Reilly.

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