



Kidston Elementary School News

May 2018

Growing Together ...

Caring, Capable Citizens in a
Changing World

April in Review

Our grades 4-7 students have been working hard at their track and field skills and are gearing up for the school meet May 22 at Okanagan College track facility. We had about 140 K-7 students participate in the X-country Runs this year. Chess players competed at the district chess tournament at the end of April and represented our school well. The beginning of May also saw us saying goodbye to the salmon that Mrs. Strichuk's and Mrs. Vranesic's classes had been raising. The classes released them at Kingfisher on May 9th. Thank you to everyone that participated in Jeans Day. Over \$3000 was raised for BC Children's Hospital.

Student Placement information letter for the 2018-2019 school year has been emailed to parents. Letters or emails are due back to Mrs. Cullum by June 1, 2018.

Natures Fare Receipts

Please drop off your Nature's Fare receipts in the marked box in the foyer. We receive 3% back from total sales made at the store.

PAC MEETING May 14

The next PAC meeting will be held on Monday, May 14th at 6:30 in the library. Also, there are a few vacant positions still on the PAC executive and anyone interested can email Chere' Lane (PAC President) at clane@obgc.ca

PHASE ONE OF THE KIDSTON DISCOVERY GARDEN BLITZ DAY

On April 28 the Kidston School Community came together to make phase one of the garden project come alive. THANK YOU to everyone that volunteered. Existing garden boxes were moved and new beds were built. Tons of soil was moved by hand. Irrigation is now in place and planting will start soon. Stop by the school and check out the new location of the school garden. Use this link to see and hear all of the action from the Garden Blitz Day:

[Garden Blitz Day April 28](#)

PAC Happenings...

Hot lunch information: kidston.hotlunches.net

If you have not registered this year: go to kidston.hotlunches.net

1. Click on "Click Here to Register" and enter **Access Code KHL**

There is extra cookie dough for sale. Have you run out of cookie dough? We still have flavors left. Please call or text Avalon at 250-306-0444 or stop by the office if you would like to restock your freezer!

Upcoming Events:

- May 18 – PRO-D day No school for students
- May 21 – Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL
- May 22 – School Track&Field meet @ college
- May 23 – Book Battle in the gym 1:00
- May 25 – Spirit Day Mindcraft
- May 25 – Volunteer Tea 1:00pm
- May 25 – Hot Dog/ Dilly Bar day
- June 1 – Track&Field zones @ the college
- June 7 - Track&Field Districts @ the college
- June 8 - Hot Dog/ Dilly Bar day

Kidston Garden News

Ways to stay updated on garden news:

<http://www.kidstongarden.com/>



**The Giving Tree donations total:
\$1000.50**

If you have not made a donation yet please consider making one. Every bit counts.

Two of the garden beds have been purchased and named too!! One garden bed name was purchased by a Kidston School neighbourhood. They are challenging other Kidston School neighbourhoods to come together and do the same!

Farm Bound Produce Delivery service is continuing to offer to us their great referral program. During their Thursday warehouse sale 12-7 mention you are from Kidston and your purchase totals will be added to the Kidston punch card. For every \$500 in sales, \$25 in free groceries is given back to us; the best ingredients for our healthy smoothies and hot lunch offerings!

Visit their website for info on their home delivery service at www.farmbound.ca . Also visit them on Facebook for updates on Thursday sale items and specials.

KIDSTON DISCOVERY GARDENS...Growing Together

We have some really fun things happening this year and we are so thrilled to share.

As a PAC and Garden Committee, we believe that children learn in a variety of ways and environments. Offering an outdoor space where students can explore with their senses and cultivate confidence through growing gardens and discovery has been a long dream at Kidston Elementary. That dream came to life in 2015, with the implementation of 10 raised garden beds. In 2016, PAC and the Kidston School Garden Committee decided to join hands as the request for more garden space had grown from classes and more gardens were needed for our amazing Grandma D's garden to plate hot lunch program. That combined with a desire to develop an area to meet the wishes of Kidston students lead us to this...a plan to build a space consisting of biodiverse and veggie gardens, an outdoor classroom and an adventure forest...a true outdoor learning legacy!

Last year we got the ball rolling and we ended the school year by choosing a name for these gardens from the excellent classroom suggestions.

Garden grounds will start breaking Spring 2018 and our goal is work together this year to raise the funds, collect in-kind donations, volunteer time and get this project completed!

Thank you kindly for all your interest and support with this important project for Kidston students, teachers and our community.

For any additional questions please contact us at kidstongarden@gmail.com or check out www.kidstongardens.com

Kidston PAC & Garden Committee