



Superintendent's Report
Submitted by: Dr. Christine Perkins
February 2023



DREAM. BELIEVE. ACHIEVE.

Acknowledgement:

We are proud to live, work, play, and learn on the ancestral, unceded territory of the syilx people.

Mission:

We inspire and nurture students to thrive in their learning, relationships, and community.

Vision:

To become a community where all are respected, and each person is encouraged to develop their potential.



February Superintendent Report 2023

February is Black History month. SD 22 is celebrating

<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>

Indigenous Storytelling month. Celebrating the stories, the culture, the history.

<https://empoweringthespirit.ca/>

B.C. launches anti-racism action plan for K-12 students

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023ECC0003-000066>

2023 Skills Canada BC Regional Competition – Students compete in Olympic-style competitions in a variety of trades & technology categories. Please help promote - [Poster](#)

Assessment & Reporting - K-12 Student Reporting Policy Information for Families

The K-12 Student Reporting Policy Framework (“the framework”) is the result of extensive consultation and engagement with the education sector, including rightsholders, partners, teachers, parents, caregivers, students, and the public. The framework provides an overview of the upcoming changes to the Student Reporting Policy, set to be implemented in the 2023/24 school year.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/student-reporting-for-families>

What’s new:

- Student reporting practices that align with B.C.’s curriculum and provincial assessment system
- Ensuring timely and responsive feedback on student learning that parents can understand
- Provincial Proficiency Scale at Grades K-9
- Graduation status update at Grades 10-12
- Student self-assessment and goal setting in all grades in the 3 written reports
- Changing the “I” reporting symbol to “IE” to denote “insufficient evidence” of learning instead of “incomplete” learning
- All learners, including students with a disability or diverse ability, will receive regular communications of student learning in the same way as their peers in any other program

What’s the same:

- 5 communications of student learning; 3 written and 2 of flexible format
- Written descriptive feedback to accompany scale or letter grade/percentage
- Letter grades and percentages at Grades 10-12
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Learn more about the changes to student reporting by reading the [Student Reporting Policy Framework](#).

BC Partner Liaison Meeting – This is a joint meeting of BCSSA (Superintendents), BCASBO (Secretary-Treasurers) and BCSTA (Board Chairs). SD 22 was in attendance and had the opportunity to hear from new Minister of Education and Child Care, Hon. Rachna Singh, and Hon. Grace Lore, Minister of State for Child Care. Superintendents discussed: Next Steps for BC's Learning Transformation, The How Are We Doing Report (see below), Public Interest Disclosure Act, Children and Youth with Support Needs, Anti-Racism Action Plan, Dismantling Systemic Racism in Education, and Workforce Development in K-12 Education.

Budget – Thank you to all who have submitted your thoughts on our upcoming 2023-2024 budget via the recent survey. Your voice matters.

How Are We Doing Report: This is the 2021-2022 Report on Indigenous student data. [How Are We Doing?](#)

Jr. Fire Crew (BC Wildlife Service) - Every summer the Vernon Fire Zone hires 3 students from either grade 11 or 12 to work with us for the season. It's an opportunity for students to learn what it takes to be a wildland firefighter in BC. Career Coordinators will be running lunch hour information sessions during the last week of February. Jr. Fire Crew lunch hour presentations will happen on these dates:

- Feb 27 - Kal
- Feb 28 - VSS
- Mar 1 - Seaton
- Mar 2 - ALP
- Mar 3 - Fulton
- Mar 7 - Bloom

Okanagan Indian Band – Thank you to all who celebrated the signing of our new Local Education Agreement (LEA). We would especially like to thank the staff and students from Ecole Beirsto and Alexis Park Elementary.

SD22 Programs of Choice and Academies

Information sessions for each Program of Choice have been communicated out to all SD22 families and posted on our district website. Please refer to <https://sd22.bc.ca/programs-of-choice/> and the principal of the programs school should you have any questions. The Academy information session for all academies will be held at Fulton Secondary Feb. 22 starting at 6:00 pm.

February 2023

Black History Month

Indigenous Storytelling month

- 1 RCMP Appreciation Day
- 1 World Read Aloud Day
- 2 Groundhog Day
- 2 Global School Play Day
- 2 World Wetlands Day
- 4 National Ice Cream for Breakfast Day
- 7 Send a Card to a Friend Day
- 9 National Pizza Day
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 Regular Public Board Meeting
- 17 ProD – no school in session
- 17 Random Act of Kindness Day
- 20 Family Day – no school in session
- 20 World Day of Social Justice
- 20 Louis Riel Day
- 22 Pink Shirt Day



Share the Love

Seaton Family of Schools:



Alexis Park Elementary

Mrs. Rayburn's grade 2/3 class followed the Metis tradition of making mittens for loved ones, they *shared the love* with their mittens and showed their creativity!



Global School Play Day

"Play energizes us and enlivens us. It eases our burdens. It renews our natural sense of optimism and opens us up to new possibilities."
~ Stuart Brown, MD

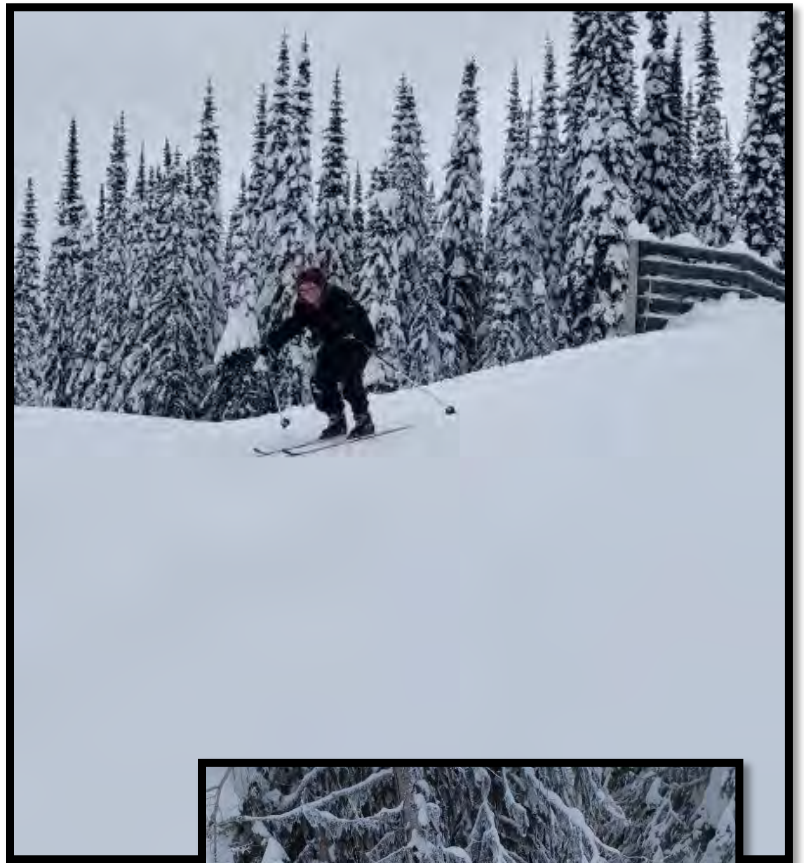
At Alexis Park we agree that play is children's way of learning, and we wanted to honor this through our participation with Global School Play Day on February 1st.

Children spent the day discovering and showing the value of play both indoors and out. They shared their love, their passions resulting in joy with their peers and teachers.



Alexis Park **extends its love** to Sky at Spirit North, a charitable organization that uses land-based activities with Indigenous youth empowering them to become unstoppable! We feel so much gratitude for this wonderful opportunity!

Students snowshoed and cross-country skied, going up and down hills and through the forest discovering new knowledge and skills, increased stamina and resilience and joy for this new experience!





Beairsto Elementary

These are pics from our library and the some SOGI books and bulletin board - along with our flag hanging in the window.



We held a quick door decorating contest organized by Mme. Lypchuk for winter carnival in vernon with the tv theme and spread some fun throughout the school! Rebecca Barton and Brian Martin were able to come and be our judges 😊







Harwood Elementary

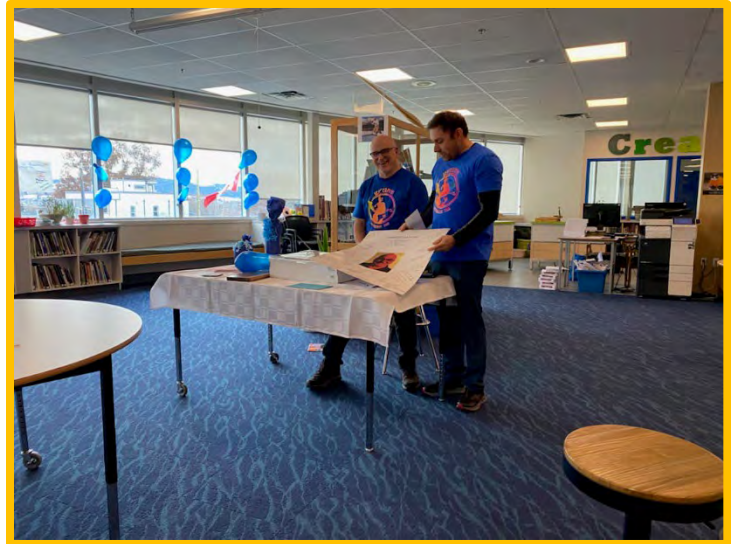
Here is Harwood showing the love for Vernon! We had students participate in the Winter Carnival 1 Mile Run prior to kick off of the Winter Carnival. We have also had classes showing love for the outdoors with some skiing, snowshoeing and winter fun at Sovereign Lake. We are also encouraging showing love for others by practicing **Random Acts of Caring**.



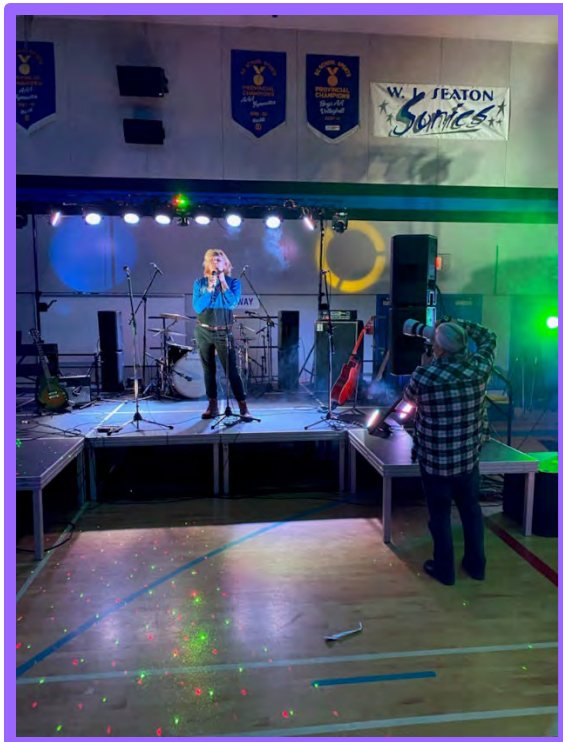


W.L. Seaton Secondary

Mr. Leverman
retires from
teaching at
WL Seaton.



Sonic Sound Fest was a capstone project and a huge success.



More amazing capstone projects...



Vernon Family of Schools



VLearn

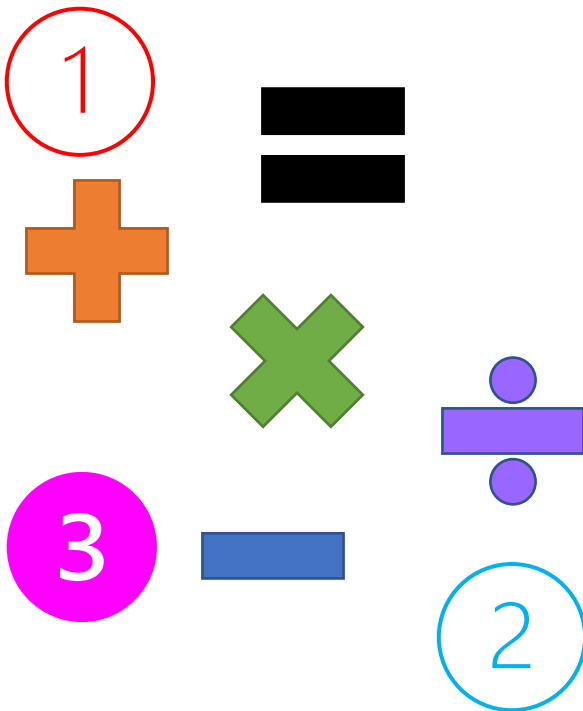
VLearn teachers were Volleyball Academy students for a day. Thank you, students, for coming in on your day off to run us through skills and drills!



Celebrating kindness. Look at our beautiful cards for the residents at Creekside Care Home.



Mathematical thinking with Greater Gator.



ALP/Open Door/CrossRoads

Serving up some deliciousness....





BX Elementary



At BX our motto this month is '**We Rise by Lifting others!**' Every student wrote on and colored a small balloon to be put in a large balloon in our foyer (see below). It is a beautiful board that is filled with positive messages on how we can spread love by being kind.







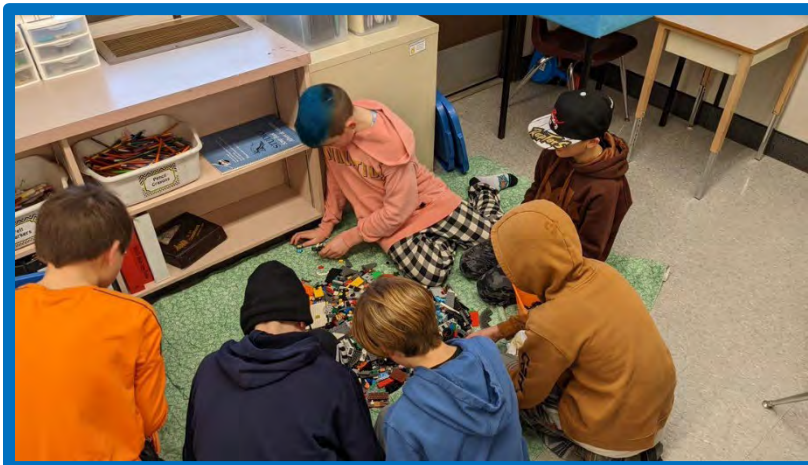
Hillview Elementary



Several classes at Hillview participated in the Global Play Day on Wednesday, February 1 at <https://www.globalschoolplayday.com>.

Students shared the following reflections about participating in a day of unstructured exploration:

- "I learned that I don't need electronics to have fun",
- "We actually played with toys and communicated with each other instead of looking at screens", and
- "I learned that my mind is creative".





Buddy classes are also getting ready for Valentine's Day! We look forward to celebrating the month of love at Hillview by focusing on Random Acts of Kindness!



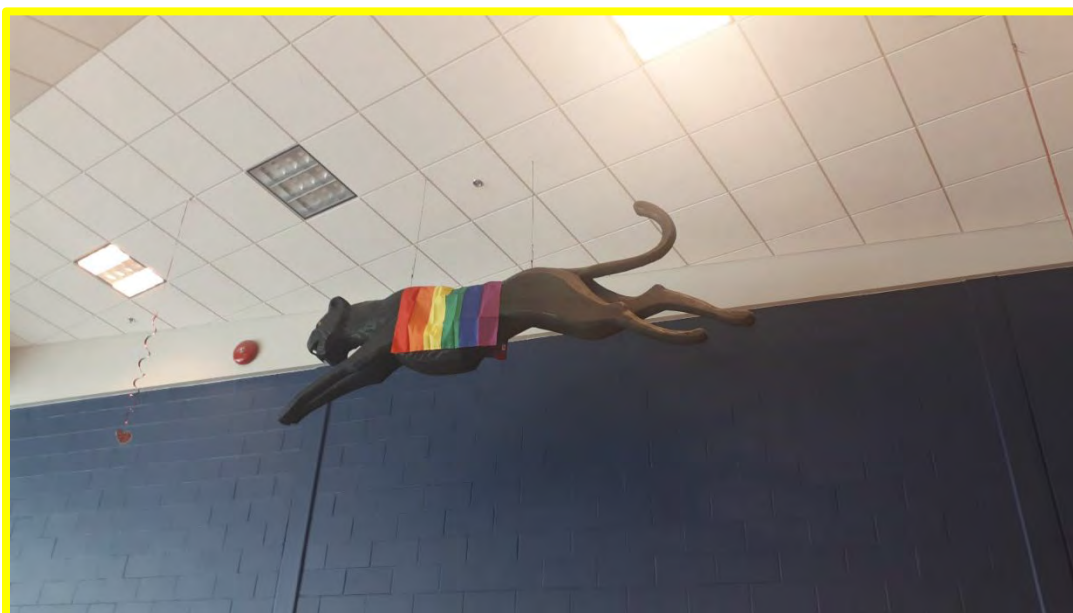
Kindergarten in creative play





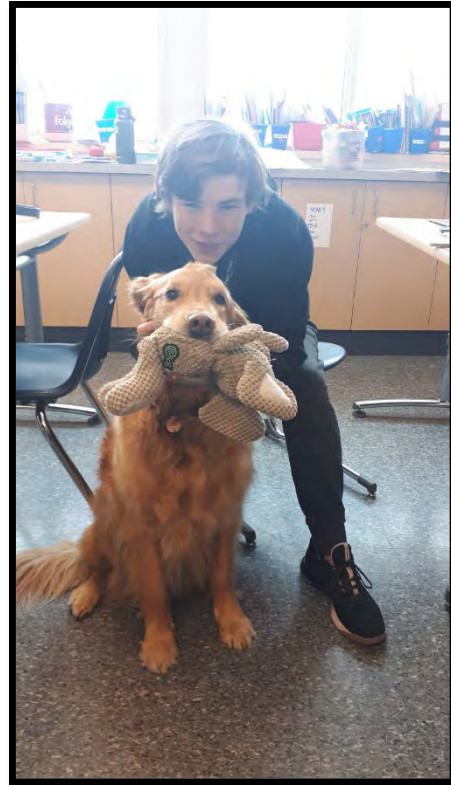
Vernon Secondary School

Panther "Pride" Week at VSS Kiosk will be open in commons at breaks and lunch the week of February 6th. SOGI group will be selling 2SLBGTO+ pins and giving out information pamphlets and info for support. There will be a movie night as well.





VSS is very fortunate to have an emotional support dog in our Summit program to give extra love to our students. Our Summit students work very hard to make very healthy “dog treats” which are sold to very happy dog owners.



VSS Grad 2023 hoodies have arrived and our graduates are wearing them proudly.



Fulton Family of Schools



Ellison Elementary



Ellison students showed Mr. Doerksen lots of love on his 40th birthday. Staff surprised him with gifts and a scooter to ride for the day, while students wore hats during the day in support for Mr. Doerksen's love for his Raptors hat.



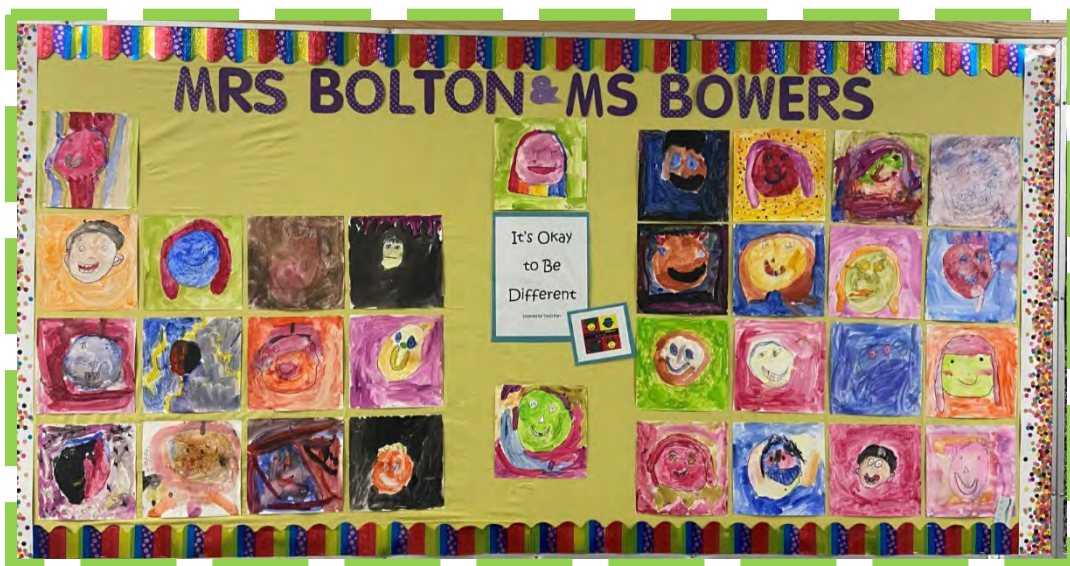


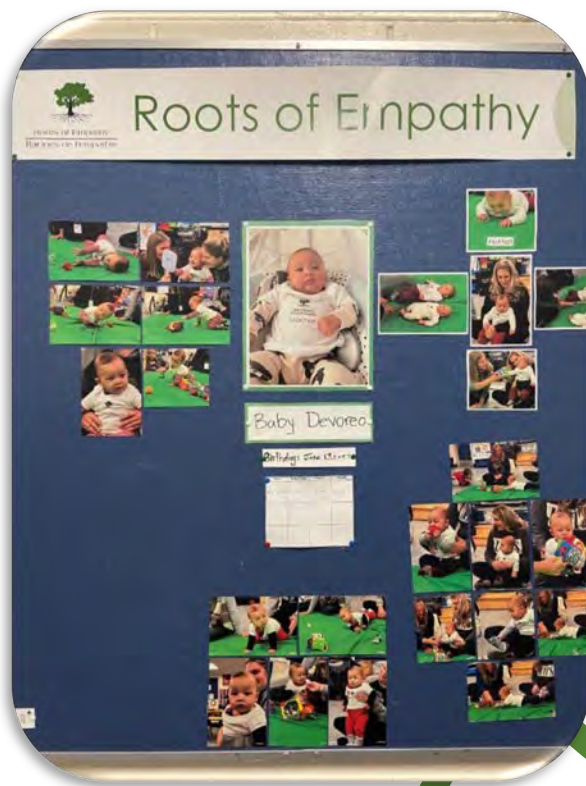
Mission Hill Elementary

The K / 1 class is working on connecting with the land. They are singing a song and tapping a beat/pattern about the bear's life cycle.



The Grade 3s are embracing their individuality and celebrating the acceptance of others. They have learned about different types of families, personalities, appearances, abilities, talents and so much more.





Our "Roots of Empathy" baby Devoreo is helping students build compassion, resiliency, and develop healthy tools for their well-being tool kit.



Okanagan Landing

The OKL students and staff came back from the winter holiday filled with energy and ready to take on 2023! To start the year off, we welcomed our new vice-principal, Mrs. Rogers to the school community. She has been a great addition to the OKL community!



Next, our classes have been busy enjoying the mild weather that we don't typically see and were able to enjoy skating at the outdoor centennial arena. We also had our whole school spirit day which caused us to be seeing double all day for twin day. Furthermore, basketball is up and running across the district. Our teams have been working hard with their coaches to learn the skills of the hardwood, while developing good sportsmanship skills, as they play against other schools.

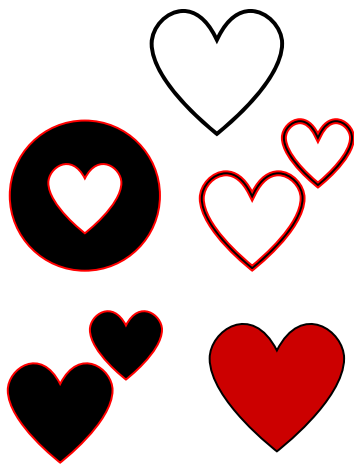


Also, our teacher-librarian hosted some grade one students with our Indigenous Support Worker to build mini-drums for the purpose of learning about community and how stick games build community. They had a wonderful time building their mini drums and learning a stick games song.

Lastly, all our primary classes have been focusing on learning about Lunar New Year, followed by a day of celebration which rang through the halls of the school. We were even treated to a group of intermediate students leading the way as our dragon to lead our parade. To finish their celebrations, they were all treated to a Chinese food feast in their classroom. Some students even tried using their newly acquired skills by choosing to use chopsticks to enjoy their meal.



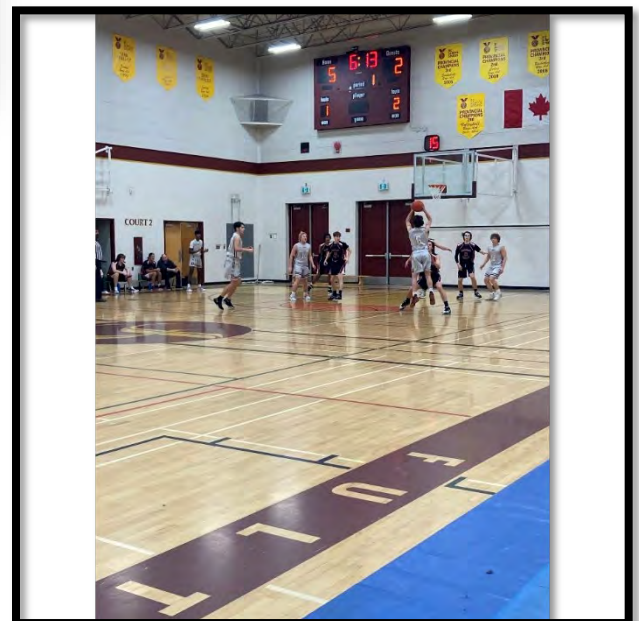
Clarence Fulton Secondary



For the love of learning...



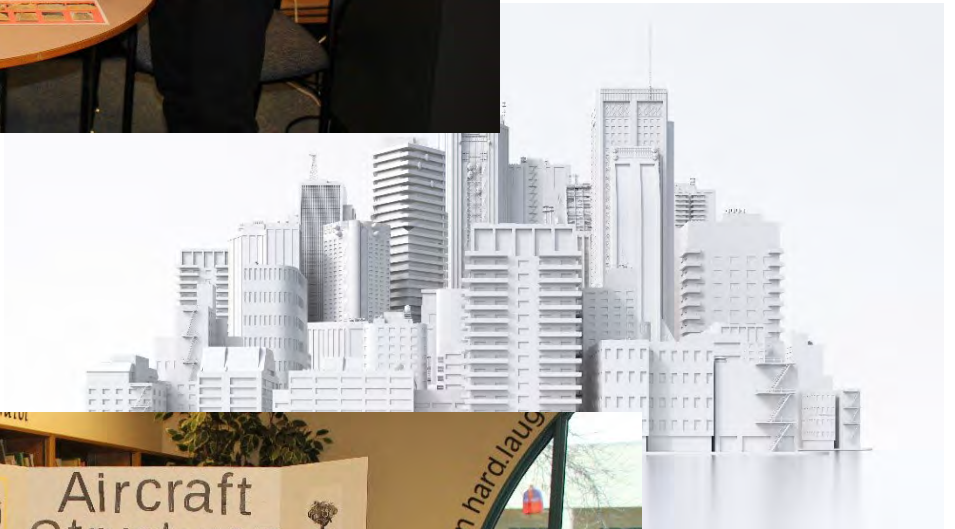
Great energy in the gym as basketball is in full swing.





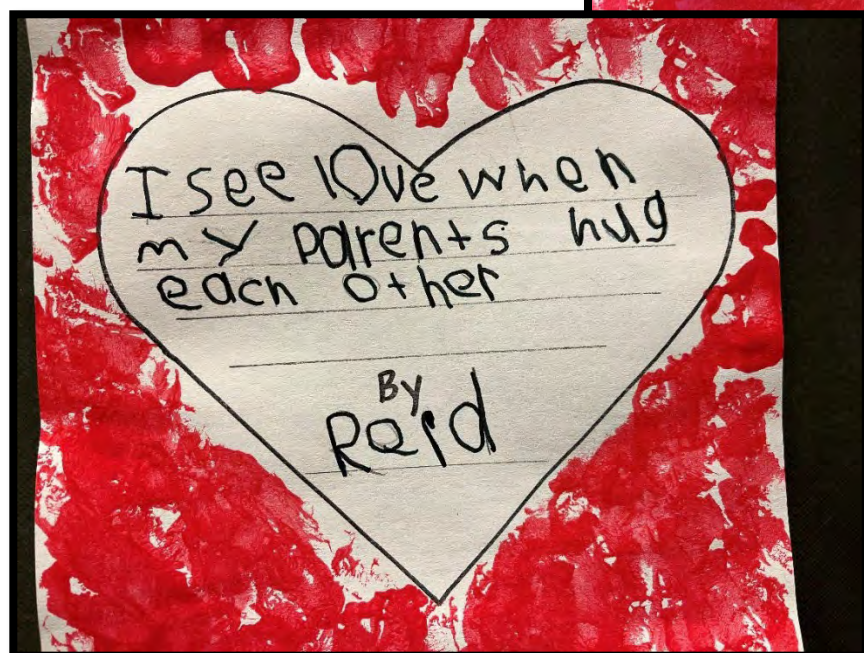
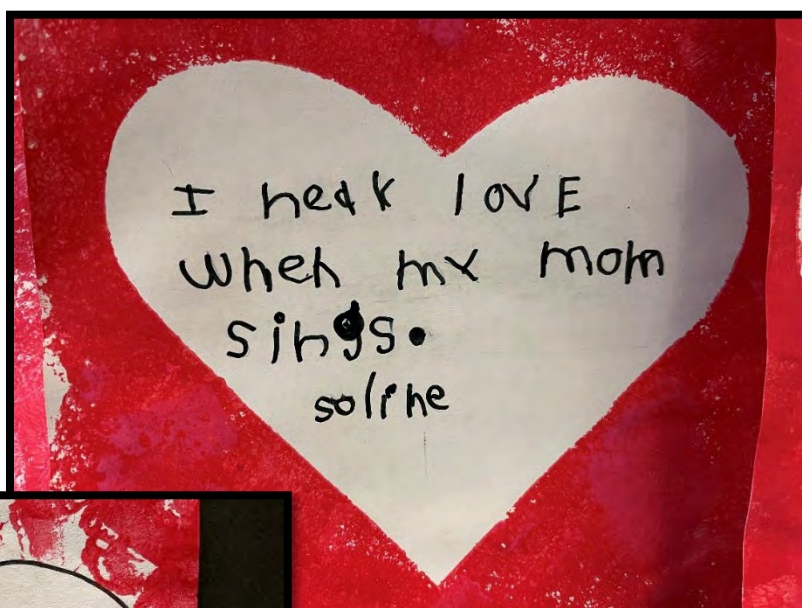
Grade 12's were very proud to show off their Capstone Projects.

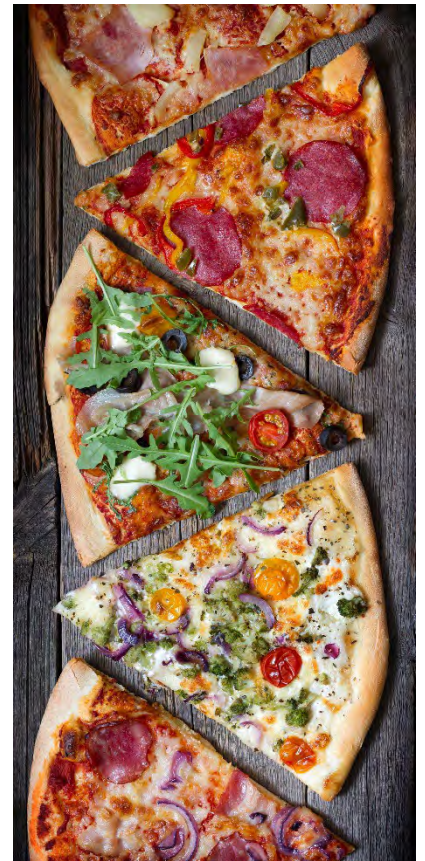
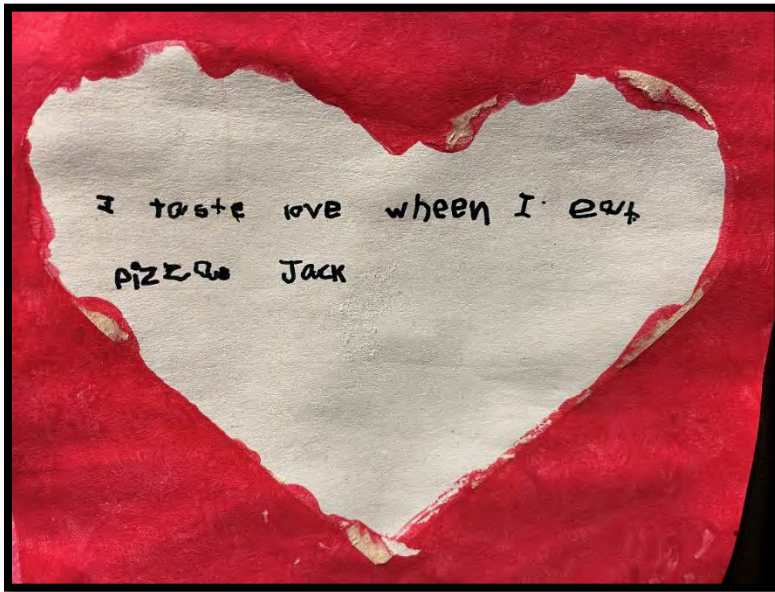
They LOVE being one step closer to graduation.



A vibrant display with a blue background. At the top, the text "LEAVING BULLYING OUT TO DRY!" is written in large, colorful letters. Two rows of t-shirts hang on a white line. The shirts feature various anti-bullying messages, including "BE KIND", "don't say Be Kind", "Don't Bully", and "Will I see my shadow on February 29th?". A smiling sun is in the top right corner, and two cartoon bears holding "SPRING" and "WINTER" signs are at the bottom.







Kidston Elementary



Spreading Kidston Kindness in our community by creating Valentine cards to be delivered to seniors at Coldstream Meadows.



Grade 5 students in Ms. O'Brien's class promoting a "Plastic Free Valentine's" at Kidston.



Even in the Winter students can't help but make hearts out of the leaves on the playground to spread happiness.



Lavington Elementary

Lavington Elementary focuses on learning how to respect oneself in order to respect others.

Our goal of improving our social, emotional, physical, and mental well-being fits perfectly into this month's theme of 'sharing the love'.

Please know that we have integrated this theme into our day-to-day practice which supports ourselves, each other, and our greater school community.







Kalamalka Secondary

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Basketball season is well underway, with Kal's teams playing well, with the Senior girls now ranked 9th in the province! Next up are zones – go Lakers go!



Kal staff enjoyed a variety of delicious homemade soups on their January Pro-D day – who knew Kal had so many incredible cooks!



Mr. Garlick doing Mr. Garlick things in science – here he is capturing hydrogen to demo a chemical reaction.





Kal's music students put on a terrific holiday concert prior to the break. They played a variety of festive songs, including a very well performed medley of Christmas.

Kal's Social Justice students put together heartwarming care packages for families in need prior to the holiday break. Thanks to Mr. Winston and his students for the wonderful initiative!



Bloom Family of Schools



Charles Bloom Secondary



Grade 12 students completed their Capstone Projects on January 20th. The results are students able to show their passion, love, and interests.

Podcast Emma's love of writing and drawing.





Keenan's Go-Kart



Cheyenne's table and chairs made from wood from her Great Great Grandfather's cabin.



Tansy and her horse. So much love between these two.

Annies' bags that she sewed and made the design. The message-Love Them Anyways



Cherryville Elementary



Two of our classes went skating at the Pat Duke Memorial arena in Lumby. They not only worked on their skating skills but they also had a chance to connect with each other.

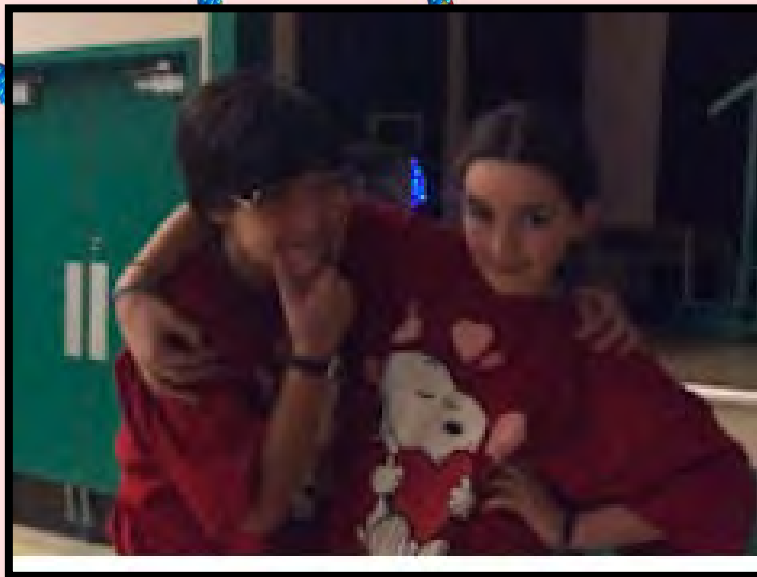


Classes are joining together to play zigzag ball from Play is the Way. The games in the program work on self-regulation, communication and perseverance.



Whole school assembly finished off with “whole school skipping”. Staff turn the ropes and students take turns jumping in. The music is going and some choose to dance.

Fridays are fun at Cherryville!





J.W. Inglis Elementary

Cross Country skiing at Sovereign Lake - getting healthy by strengthening our heart!



A group of grade 4 students taking a break from snowshoeing while on the 'Trapline' trail at Sovereign Lake. That too was a wonderful workout for our hearts!



Students were having fun with the new reggio materials (to help visualize math concepts).

Sharing and friendship make everyone feel good.

Indigenous Programs

Sheryl Newton teaches beading in Cassandra Larson's Math 8 class.



At the Local Education Agreement ceremony at the Bluebird Building at OKIB students from Alexis Park and Beairsto Elementary share the OKIB Role Model Posters with community members and Elders.



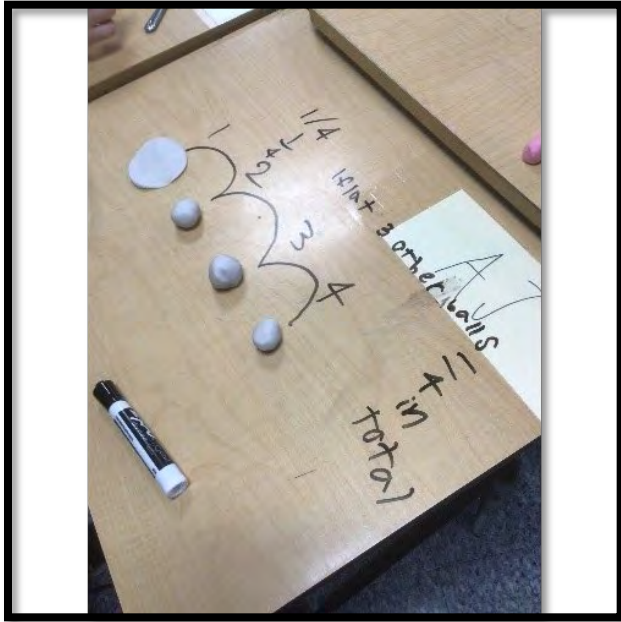
Human Resources

Thank you to our new Health and Safety Manager Rob Bacon, for hosting a training for all new OH&S site committee members on January 18.

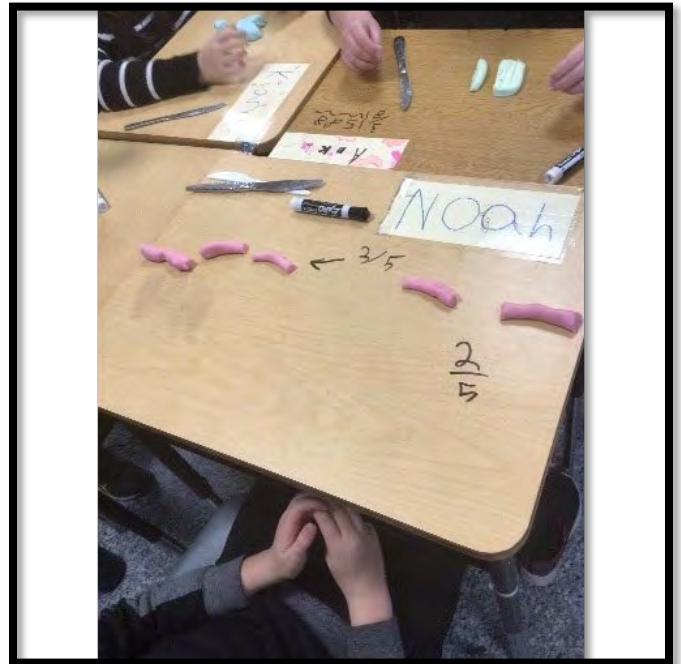
The Human Resources Department is looking forward to our new employee orientation session on February 16 when we will welcome and orientate all recent new hires to the district.

We are continuing our ongoing recruitment for vacant positions.

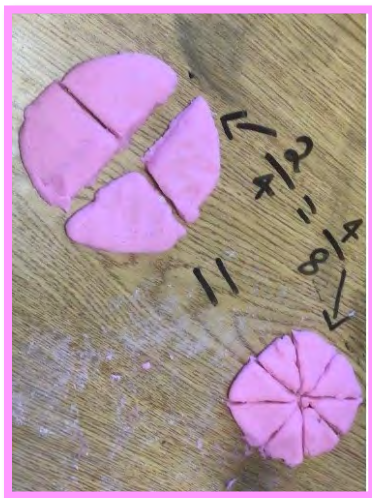
Student Learning



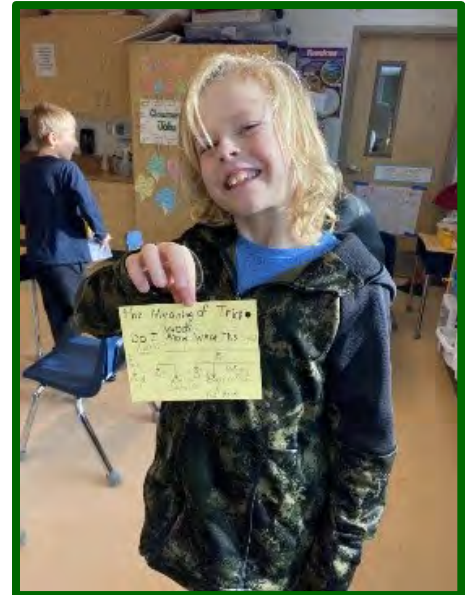
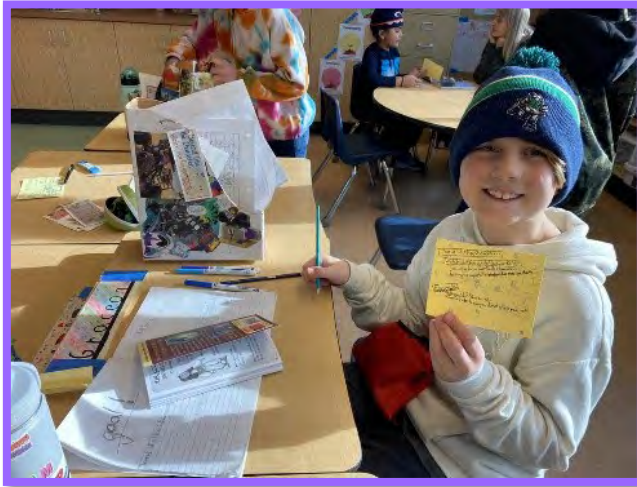
Students in grade 5/6 demonstrated their understanding of fractions/equivalent fractions with playdoh during a residency at OKL with Kim White and Jen Carter.



Students could share their thinking in their own way while Kim and Jen were able to catch misconceptions and move learning forward through prompting questions and quick conversations.

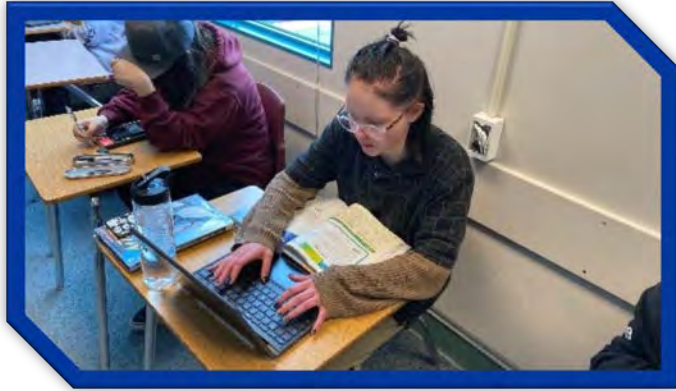


Thinking about equivalent fractions and modelling understanding with playdoh in Grades 5/6 at OKL. This visual, hands-on activity allowed Ms. Peterson and Ms. Carter to confer with students and inform learning goals and next steps. Awesome lesson idea Ms. Peterson!!



In a grade 3/4 residency at Coldstream with Lindsay Forrest, students get ready to teach their peers by creating strategy cards as teaching aids. Students first self-selected goals, conferred with their teacher and peers, applied their learning, and are now getting ready to teach others as they work on the curricular competency of *using a variety of comprehension strategies before, during, and after reading, listening, or viewing to deepen understanding of text.*





Over the six weeks leading up to winter break, Dan Curtis, from Fulton participated in a residency with Brad Ogasawara centered around using the Spaces digital portfolio within his Careers 9 class. The residency was focused on providing students with continued formative feedback within Spaces as they reflect on their growth in relation to specific curricular competencies.



In a residency with Kristin Beeby at BX, Sarah Kwantes' grade 6/7 students are practicing equivalent fractions while programming robots to bowl.



On January 18th 100 educators from across the district came together in families of schools at the Schubert Center to learn and discuss ways in which we can be responsive to Middle Years learners through structural innovation.



This evening session was facilitated by Dr. Leyton Schnellert who challenged us to think about school structures that support Middle Years philosophy and pedagogy and consider changes that can enhance the learning environment for students.

Dr. Schnellert will be back to talk with us about student agency on February 15th.

Career Programs



Amara styling hair and doing what she loves at the Hairstyling Program through PVSS.



Students from the Trade Sampler program wrapped up their program and are excited to look at furthering their Education in the Trades.





Gateway to Technology students learning to code at OC Vernon. The course is wrapped up February 8th and these students are now looking at their future in the Tech Industry.

Early Learning & Child Care



Children in the Seamless Day after-school child care program at Okanagan Landing Elementary draw and write about what makes their hearts full and what love means to them.



Playing with hearts in StrongStart!



The Early Years Fair saw hundreds of families visit on a Saturday morning. We loved playing with the young children and sharing all about SD22 ELCC programs with families.

Inclusive Education Department

These Comfort Kits are being created by several of our school counsellors. These kits contain a variety of objects to support a student as they cope with the impact of loss and/or trauma.

These kits are a wonderful opportunity for a counsellor to connect with and care for students in a gentle and non-intrusive way by providing thoughtful and empathetic support.

The boxes are designed to empower students to choose wellness activities that are easy to access and can be done individually or alongside another person. The boxes can easily be individualized to best fit each student's needs.



Thank you to Fulton Counsellor, Charlene Lau, for spearheading this initiative.



International

This time of year is always a busy time for the International Student Program. Many students have returned to Vernon after holidays back home, while others have just finished their first winter break in Canada. Further, the end of semester one means completion of classes, as well as the completion of quite a few of our student programs in Vernon.

It is a heart-felt time of goodbyes for these students, their host families, and friends they've made in Vernon. These students definitely feel the love when they leave.



This is also a time of new student arrival, with quite a number of international students starting their journey in Canada at the beginning of semester 2. For them, this is a time of feeling the love of welcomes from their new families, friends, and schools. The next few weeks will be filled with excitement and a bit of nervousness for these students.



International Program Students also recently had the chance to enjoy a day of skiing and snowboarding at Silver Star Mountain. This is always one of our students' favourite days of the year, and some of them felt the love of the slopes on their bodies, as they fell a bit more than they would have liked. Nonetheless, this was a terrific day for our students enjoying a true Canadian experience.



Finance Department

Please join me in welcoming Chelsea Franche to our District Finance Team! Chelsea will be working with all things accounting and is available to help with any questions regarding accounts receivable transactions, Visas, journal entries, school-based funds, banking, deposits, Woodlot and many other areas; so please don't hesitate to reach out to Chelsea!

Chelsea has a full spectrum of experience working in an office setting and prides herself in her organizational expertise and keen attention to detail.

Chelsea is the mother of two young daughters and enjoys spending her time exploring and adventuring with them throughout the BC interior.

Among her favourite pastimes, Chelsea enjoys participating in hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, skating, cycling, and paddleboarding. She is a former Albertan but now she calls Lake Country home.



February is not only share the love month, for the payroll team it is also T4 month! T4's will once again be distributed via the school mail bags for those working at the schools. You can expect to see your T4 arrive around the 24th of February but no later than the 28th 😊

Information Technology Department



IT has met with the BC Winter Games organizers to support their technology needs while they host the games in Vernon. Participants will have access to WIFI and will be connected throughout their stay at our Vernon schools.



The Technology Team has worked hard to implement the self-serve password reset and recovery process for students and staff in Office 365. The team is putting together some learning materials to help support this initiative and this will help users with their password management.

Adobe Licensing has been completed over the winter break and users that utilize this tool should be on the most up to date software.

As a part of our Chromebook Refurbishment, we have over 200+ refurbished Chromebooks currently available for families in need. These devices can be provided free of charge but with support no longer available from Google, or from the district. Have your schools contact the helpdesk for more information.



**REMEMBER TO
ALWAYS BE A
KIND HUMAN.**