



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

November 2021

Submitted by: Dr. Christine Perkins, superintendent/CEO





Acknowledgement:

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

Mission:

To inspire and develop lifelong learners who can communicate, think creatively, problem-solve, collaborate, and understand their personal and social responsibilities.

Vision:

To create a safe, healthy, and respectful learning community that enables each student to build a bright future.

Seaton Family of Schools:



Alexis Park Elementary



The students and staff braved the rain on the Friday before Halloween to enjoy a costume parade. Students from grades K-7 dressed up and looked fantastic!

The day was a bit strange considering Principal Sutch was 'away' and a SHARK was sent as his replacement.

No one wanted to get sent to the Principal's office that day!



The school would like to thank all our families for sending students to school in appropriate and fun costumes that everyone could enjoy.



The Alexis Park students and staff were extremely excited to see our new stone seating arrive for our school garden. The large stones have been placed in the garden and create an outdoor learning space that students have already started to enjoy.

We would like to thank the Foord Family Foundation for their generosity and for making this possible.



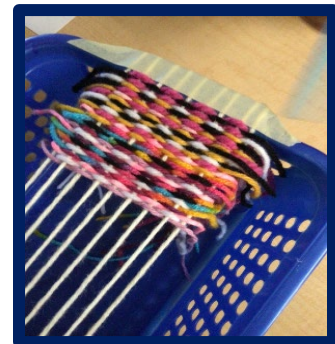
Beairsto Elementary



Beairsto got their school spirit planning group up and running. It started off with a great pumpkin activity where students could bring pre-carved pumpkins to the school and were placed on the stairs in the front foyer.

House points were also acquired for dressing up on Halloween as well as a costume parade throughout the school. It was great to have our grade 6-7 group leading the way!

Ensouling Our Schools conversation continued with presentations from staff on the different chapters - one group did a skit - one group did a song - others did PowerPoints - and there was even a group that had us do a cooperative weaving project during their presentation to bring all the learning together, including us all.



School sports have been back in session and kids have been very excited to participate along with families getting to be spectators.

Something else we are proud of is how our teachers share Indigenous learning in many ways throughout each day:





Harwood Elementary



Kindergarten Artwork:

One of our Kindergarten classes created some beautiful artwork showing leaves falling from trees.

They worked hard to rip the paper into the shape of the trunk, branches, leaves, and grass and carefully glue the pieces onto the paper. This activity really helped to develop fine motor skills.

Halloween Fun:

We had a lot of students dressed up for Halloween. There were tonnes of fabulous costumes ranging from scary witches and clowns to superheroes and giant blow-up dinosaurs. We even organized some costume races at recess time.

It was an awesome day!





W.L. Seaton Secondary

Seaton students are continuing to grow in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities. Students continued their learning journey with the indigenous map exercise with Carly Hills, Indigenous lead teacher.



Students also excelled on the volleyball court as the Sr. Girls are ranked 4th in the province and the Sr. Boys are ranked 6th.



Vernon Family of Schools



Alternative Programs ALP

ALP has their Food for Thought program up and running to support the students.



Thank you to Okanagan Learning Foundation.



Constable Horne
took on the ALP students in an exciting game of
Dodgeball!



ALP students enjoying an amazing Thanksgiving dinner put
on by staff. Smiles for pie and ice cream!

Open Door



The Open Door held a BBQ for staff and students on a beautiful October day! (Oct 6)

You always have access to healthy snacks while you learn at the Open Door (and maybe some Halloween candy too)



CrossRoads



Archery at Crossroads! **Keep your elbows high!**



Learning to crochet!

VLearn



Students enjoyed finding patterns in nature and an exciting game of Capture the Flag at the Pumpkin Patch.

On their outdoor learning adventure and scavenger hunt in Polson Park, students happened to meet some scientists capturing, counting, and studying the fish population in the creek.

What a great impromptu learning activity.





BX Elementary

Our students are so excited to have a GaGa Pit installed at BX Elementary! It provides more opportunities for students to play and be active with their friends at recess and lunch.



We used our drama club and iMovie cinematographers to create a video for the entire school to watch. The video outlined the rules of the game, player etiquette and a few blooper scenes along the way.

Our students and staff spent the last two weeks learning about the importance of Remembrance Day.



We have gorgeous artwork and writing throughout our school which gives a visual remembrance for everyone.



Our drama club is putting a lot of time in with Mrs. Johnson as they prepare for our virtual assembly on Remembrance Day.

Their efforts all help us pay tribute to those that served our country and our hope for peace throughout the world.



Hillview Elementary



Hillview celebrated Halloween with our annual Haunted Hallway created by our primary students. All of the students in the school were able to walk through this spooky hall!





On November 10th, we recognized Remembrance Day with a virtual Assembly.

Each student made a poppy and placed it on a shared bulletin board to create this amazing display.



Silverstar Elementary

Mrs. Imrich's Grade ½ Walk about Wednesdays. Students visit Black Rock every Wednesday taking their classroom outside. We read with a buddy, we do journal writing, and math patterns with the natural environment using sticks and rocks.



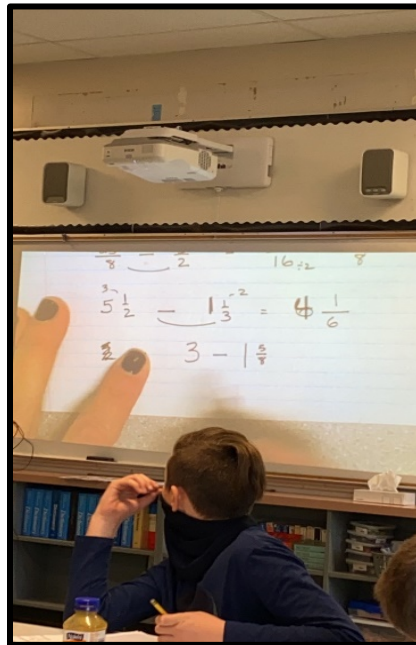


Silver Star
students show off
their costumes
with a Halloween
Parade.





Kindergarten students learning how to Rhyme.

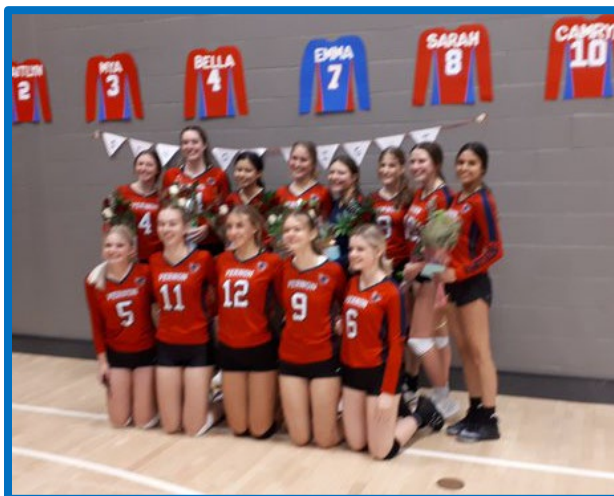


Grade 6 7's learning the concept of fractions.



Vernon Senior Secondary

Great win for our Sr. Girls Volleyball Team in the 5th set for their last home game of the year. Well done!





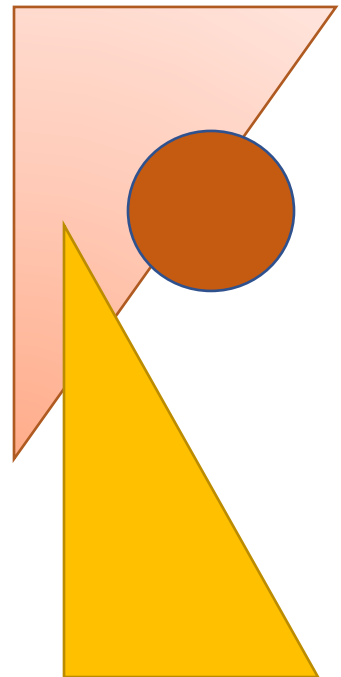
A presentation honoring our leaving grade 12 volleyball girls!

VSS Remembers during our virtual Remembrance Day assembly lead by our Student Leadership class.
See link for the video below

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-Q7BZsXy2QRckMCbUgemJIGdLA6Zpp5K/view?usp=sharing>

Halloween costumes galore as VSS Leadership promotes a Halloween parade, pumpkin carving and many more activities all week! Happy Halloween!





Fulton Family of Schools



Ellison Elementary

Ellison Elementary enjoyed the festivities of Halloween with a great turnout of costumes of both students and staff!



We enjoyed the collaboration with our parents and students during the fall conferences in planning personalized goals and celebrating each of our students.





For the beginning of November, we have been focussing on the virtues of Peacefulness and Cooperation and the importance of remembering the sacrifices of our Canadian soldiers.



Mission Hill Elementary



Pumpkin math! Numeracy work in a Grade 2/3 classroom.

Const. Horne visited Mission Hill to connect with our students and to have a "safety talk" with our Kindergarten students. We sure appreciate having Const. Horne's support at our school.



The **Mission Hill Lions** are doing very well in their volleyball leagues. Both the girl's and boy's teams are finding success and are enjoying game play. Thank you to our coaches and referees.



We are remembering our Veterans at Mission Hill. Here is some fantastic artwork by one of our Grade 2/3 classes: **In Memory.**



Okanagan Landing



This month's highlights at OKL included the installation of a new Gaga pit, Student/Parent/Teacher conferences, and Halloween. Our wonderful PAC fundraised for the Gaga pit last year and, now that it's installed, it is being very well used both during and after school hours. What a great addition to our school community.

Halloween was lots of fun this year with primary Halloween centres and a whole school **Monster Mash** dance in the halls – originally slated for outside but re-located to the hallways due to weather.

Our Performing Arts teachers are doing a great job of providing performance opportunities for all our students.



We were pleased to welcome most families to conferences this fall – both on-line and in-person. Goals have been set and plans are in place for a successful school year for all our students.



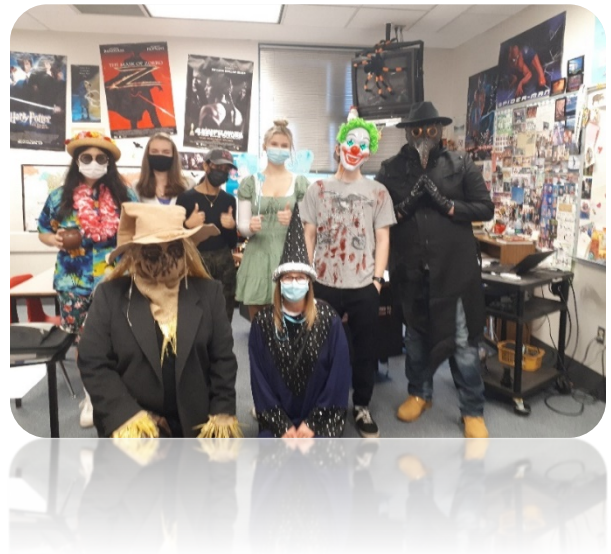
Finally, our garden has been settled for the winter. A popular crop was the pumpkins – one for each class grown right in our very own garden. Thanks to all students and staff who have put in many hours of time and effort to keep our garden thriving.

Clarence Fulton Secondary

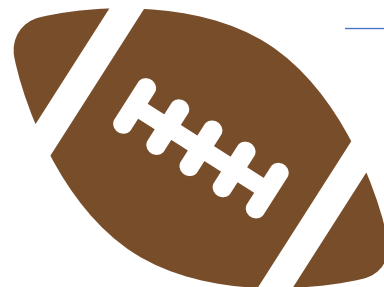


Our Cross-Country team did a great job at the Valley's with two of our members going to provincials.

Lots of fun Halloween activities took place for the week of October 25th – 29th. This is Mrs. Woodliffe's grade 12 English class getting into the spirit of Halloween.



Our awesome Junior Football team 2021!!



Kalamalka Family of Schools



Coldstream Elementary



Volleyball season is wrapping up and we had high participation at Coldstream. Many thanks to the coaches and volunteer parents that helped make it great for our students!

The students developed so much over the season and had a lot of fun. We hope they all play again next year and we are already looking forward to basketball season.

We all were very excited for the return of sports to our school communities!



This year Coldstream students took part in **No Stone Left Behind**. We attended the Coldstream Cemetery and participated in a Remembrance service with Veterans, Active-Duty soldiers, Mayor Jim Garlick and M.L.A. Harwinder Sandhu.

Our students helped by holding the flags and reciting poetry. After the service the students worked with members of the community to place poppies on the graves of 118 people who served Canada.

We really enjoyed **Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences** this year!

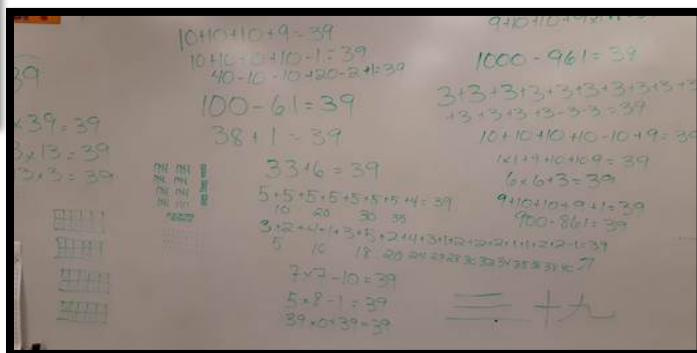
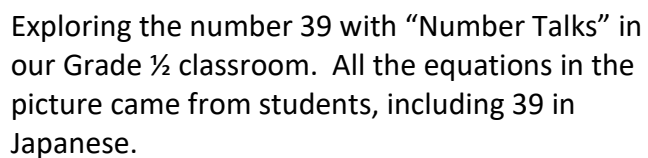
We enjoyed connecting with families either virtually or in person! There were many positive comments about the Booking system we used and how easy it was for teachers and parents.

The Spring conferences should be another great opportunity to share and reflect on student learning!





A photograph of a bulletin board with a dark background. In the center is a large rainbow-colored rectangular panel with the words "Life", "Healing", "Sunlight", "NATURE", "Harmony", and "Spirit" written in white and yellow text. Above the rainbow panel, there is a row of seven small cards with various designs, including a rainbow flag and a heart. To the left of the rainbow panel, there are two small posters: one with the text "I AM GAY" and another with the word "LOVE". To the right of the rainbow panel, there are two more small posters: one with a rainbow flag and another with the text "I AM GAY". The entire bulletin board is framed by a blue border.



The Kidston Garden had its final harvest of Kale in November. Students then worked with our resident garden volunteer – “Gramma D” to make kale chips to share with their class. Yummy kale chips –harvesting washing putting in the dehydrator – Let’s eat!!



Lavington Elementary

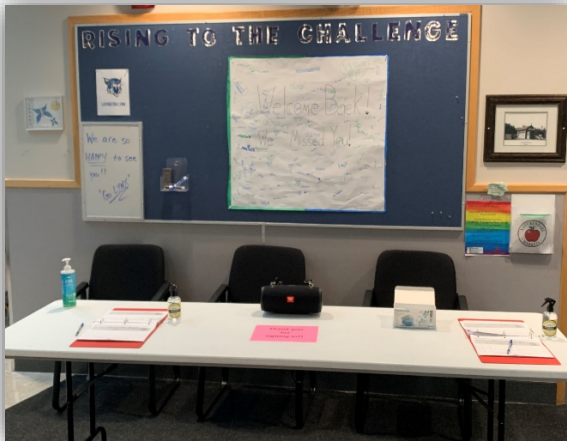


Project Complete!

'[Maccagno Lane](#)' is officially open! The staff and students created their own opening day ceremonies to acknowledge this beautiful moment in time. We now have many student volunteers ready to keep this sidewalk clear and safe for all pedestrians.

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Principal Maccagno would like to extend a huge 'thank you' to the Lavington community for their respectful and engaged participation in our conferences. The community showed excitement to be back in the school, led by their proud children. Our participation rate for these conferences, both in person and virtual, was exceptional! The conferences were another opportunity to show that it is our trusting and supportive relationships that will get us through these challenging times.



Halloween How!!!

We made the most of our half day festivities! Thank you to our Leadership group, composed of staff and grade 7 students, for creating a Halloween Howl for Lavington Elementary. As some students put it, "BEST DAY EVER!"



ALBERT EINSTEIN'S
LITTLE BROTHER
FRANK WAS AN
ABSOLUTE
MONSTER





Kalamalka Secondary

Bloom Family of Schools



Charles Bloom Secondary



Levi playing with some slime that the students made in the Resource Room.

Okanagan Indian Band Flag now hanging proudly at Charles Bloom. Many special guests to celebrate the day with us.

Freddie is our school therapy dog; owner is Madame Norman. Freddie brings smiles, joy, and comfort to everyone at the school.





Cherryville Elementary

On October 21, our school did a whole school field trip to the Gold Panner in Cherryville. During the field trip students went for a nature hike, saw some of the gold mines that are on the property, learned the history of gold mining in the area and then each student got to try gold panning.



On Halloween, thanks to some of our amazing parents for organizing and setting up, our school had a Halloween carnival. Classes took turns going into the spooky, decorated gym to play games and have some Halloween fun!

Our students had a blast!!!

Our school entrance bulletin board is on display and our parents that came in for conferences were able to see their child's picture!

Our bulletin board is a **"This year I want to . . ."** theme. Each student has set a goal for this year that we wrote on a whiteboard and took their picture with.



J.W. Inglis Elementary



The Volleyball Season has been extremely successful in building teamwork, sportsmanship, and volleyball skills. Both the Boys and Girls teams grew in all three of those areas.

Thank you to the coaches who gave of their time and energy: Sara Blundell, Lana Muller, Christine Mailloux, and Carissa Stanek.



The PRIDE Squad Leadership students are learning that "leadership" is about service. Here is one of our PRIDE Squad Leadership members taking an active role on October 29th to ensure that the "Fun Day" activities were successful.



Students in J. Currie's Grade 4/5 class take part in "No Stone Left Alone" at the Lumby Cemetery.



Each student in the class painted a poppy onto a stone and then placed the stone beside the gravestone of someone who served our country. Members of the community both military and civilian assisted the students in their task of honouring and remembering those individuals' contributions.

Indigenous Programs



From the Equity in Action Plan, a team of teachers called the TRC Allies (Truth and Reconciliation) met at Silver Star to learn more about the 94 Calls to Action, 60's Scoop, and the history of OKIB (Okanagan Indian Band) on these lands.



Creating a sense of belonging for our Indigenous students, this beautiful mural, created by **David Wilson**, was installed at Kalamalka Secondary in October.

Acknowledging the land we live, work, play and learn, the OKIB flag was installed at Charles Bloom in October.



Human Resources

In November Human Resources embarks on the local teacher bargaining with the Vernon Teacher's Association.

On the November 12 Professional Development Day, Human Resources, in partnership with our local CUPE union, will be hosting a professional event for all support staff focusing on mental health.

Keynote speakers include Angus Reid and Kristen Zuest.

Student Learning Curriculum

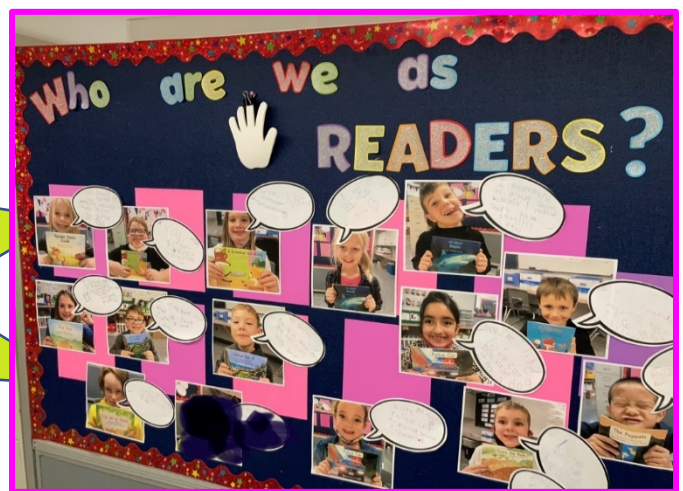


The Learning Directions Team Communities of Practice are starting up! Scott Belshaw, the district Grade 6-12 Curriculum Coordinator, has started Content to Competencies 2.0.

Here, grades 4-12 teachers explore the philosophy and pedagogy of the curriculum as they delve into competencies, formative assessment, student agency and proficiency.

Communities of Practice are safe places where educators can share and celebrate successes and challenges as they implement, grow, and learn together.

Literacy Intervention Teachers are providing opportunities for children to tell about themselves as readers which helps strengthen their personal reading identities and build independent reading lives.





Our Technology Innovation Teachers are supporting our teachers with new and innovative ways to engage students and capture and communicate student learning. This past month they have provided opportunities to learn more about digital portfolios, MyEd and EdPlan Insight.

Career Programs

This month we had our Trades Sampler students visit the Kelowna Trades Campus at Okanagan College. The magnitude of that facility combined with the relationships they have built with their instructors and tour guides made it an exceptional day.



Pizza lunch never hurts either!!

You can see Finbar above telling his stories and I would be surprised if we didn't inspire a number of these students to further their learning and enter our TRAIN and WORK programs.



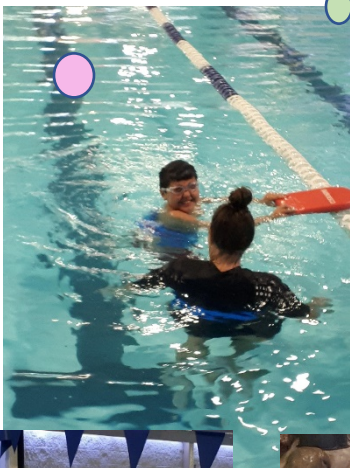


We are working on an Early Childhood Education Dual Credit Pilot with Okanagan College, the School District #83 Hairstyling Red Seal program is back, and the Gateway to Technology are all coming down the pipe.

We are excited to be offering these great opportunities for our students and are working hard to make them available in 2022. Our [website](#) will have the most up to date information and applications.

Student Support Service

In Student Support Services the Adapted Aquatics Program is in full swing. We support students from across the district to attend this program



Students in our Connections Programs have been working hard at The Salvation Army. Once the students are in the zone, they work hard to quickly work on a large pile of food that was donated. It has been a learning curve in honing in on a good production line. The job is to help staff fill hampers and help clients load food into their car. It is heart-warming hearing one student ask when he could go back, as he loves to help people and felt good about himself.

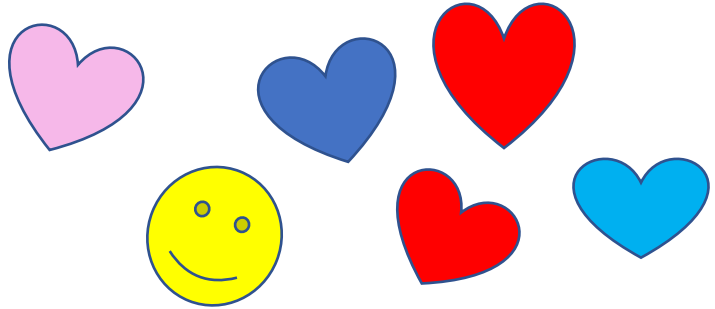


International

We are lucky to have so many amazing homestay families for our international students! The Vernon School District International Student Program has about 160 active homestay families across the five catchment areas. From a single parent with a puppy to a larger family with five kids, diverse families have been introducing our Canadian culture and lifestyle to our 224 international students. Here are some highlights you might enjoy!



This is how Kathy's host family celebrated the first day of school. Kathy Xu, from China, started her first day of Grade 12 at Kalamalka Secondary School with this beautiful letter board. What a lovely gift from the family!



Who doesn't love these big smiles? Our homestay families make their place, "a home away from home", for our international students. Haruna Matsuda, an international student from Japan at Seaton Secondary School, has become a fun, loving, and caring big sister in this family. "My two boys are so attached to Haruna. We can't imagine our family without her", said the host mom.



Lucas Neumann from Germany and Macellus Chow from Hong Kong are getting ready for their Halloween in Canada! Look at these bright orange pumpkins their host mom picked for them and their completed work for the Trick-or-Treat Station. Some of our international students carved pumpkins for the first time and they were indeed talented carvers!

Finance Department

Welcome to Michelle Schori, who joins the Finance Team as Payroll Clerk – Teaching. Michelle has many years of payroll experience in Ontario, Alberta and more recently here in BC. This diversity of experience will be a great asset to the School District as we continue to ensure teachers are properly and accurately compensated for the great work they do in the School District.

Did you know? School District 22 invests an average of \$600,000 every school day in our students' education. That equates to about \$70 for each student, every school day.

Transportation

There were some crazy antics happening at Transportation this month.





Who doesn't love the Domino's Pizza?



Maintenance



We are ready for winter! Leaves have been raked up and all snow ploughs have been installed onto our trucks.



Continually upgrading all our sites to make everything smooth and efficient.

New whiteboards installed at the board office to increase the thought process and planning.

IT



IT Department Update – November 2021

It has been a very busy fall with normal school start-up activities including teacher device rollouts, Chromebook power washing, refreshing school support staff devices, student account creation, synchronizing key education applications, and supporting people through our HelpDesk.

Here is a quick summary of the projects we have been working on and/or completed during the summer and fall:

1. Refresh existing teacher devices (600+)
2. Deploy new teacher and employee devices (110+)
3. Powerwash Chromebooks (3,100)
4. Deploy iPads for teachers (55+)
5. Deploy Chromebooks at Kal
6. Replace support staff devices in schools
7. Draft new security policies and IT standards for the District
8. Respond to Help support tickets since Sept'21(1,800+)
9. Respond to Help support phone calls since Sep'21 (1,100+)
10. Automation of data refresh for EdPlan Insight, AIMS, School Messenger, Insignia
11. Ongoing manual refresh for KEV, MyBlueprint, Traversa
12. Automate creation of student accounts for Office 365
13. Automate creation of student accounts and permissions for Goggle for Education.
14. Automating security updates for our data centre and school servers
15. Development of a Defensible Security framework
16. Development and implementation of automatic security threat blocking.

For more information, please visit our about-to-be-launched IT Webpage [HERE](#)

Engagement – all are invited to get involved

BCCPAC (Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils): <https://bccpac.bc.ca/>

- To understand parents as stakeholders in public education, please see the following (There is an excellent graphic at the end to help you visualize the system):
<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/resources/16-dpac-pac/920-parent-stakeholders>

BCPVPA (Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association) - <https://www.bcpvpa.org/>

BCSSA (School Superintendents' Association) - <https://bcssa.org/>

BCSTA (School Trustees Association) - <https://bcsta.org/>

Communicate with School District 22:

- Board Meetings: <https://sd22.bc.ca/board-of-education/board-meetings/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SD22Vernon/>
- Trustees: sd22_trustees@sd22.bc.ca
- Twitter: Follow us @SD22Vernon
- Superintendent: cperkins@sd22.bc.ca
- Website: <https://sd22.bc.ca/>

Mental Health: Here are some options to consider if you or someone you know is struggling to manage the demands of home and work:

- Workplace Strategies for Mental Health: [What is emotional intelligence?](#)
- Canadian Mental Health Association: [Bounce Back](#) – weekly calls and homework with a personal coach.
- Canadian Mental Health Association: [Living Life to the Full](#) – 8 weekly sessions designed to help deal with everyday life challenges and learn self-management skills.
- First Nations Health Authority: [Mental Health and Cultural Supports During COVID-19](#)
- Here to Help: [Stress and well-being](#)

November/December events and celebrations:

November

1	Diwali	https://www.npr.org/2021/11/04/1052383178/heres-how-india-is-celebrating-diwali
7	Daylight Saving End	https://www.timeanddate.com/time/change/canada/british-columbia
7	International Inuit Day	https://www.inuitcircumpolar.com/press-releases/november-7th-inuit-day/
8	Indigenous Veterans Day	https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1605286948270/1605287188462
11	Remembrance Day	
12	Pro D day (School not in session)	
13	World Kindness Day	https://nationaltoday.com/world-kindness-day/
15	Anti-Bullying Week - Nov 15 -19	https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/anti-bullying-week-2021/
15	Rock Your Mocs Day	http://https://rockyourmocs.org/
16	International Day for Tolerance	https://nationaltoday.com/international-day-for-tolerance/
16	Louis Riel Day	
16 - 19	Metis Week	News & Events – Métis Nation British Columbia (mnbc.ca)
17	Public Board Meeting	
18	World Philosophy Day	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/world-philosophy-day
20	National Child Day	https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/national-child-day.html
20	Transgender Day of Remembrance	Transgender Day of Remembrance GLAAD
	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	
25	Women	https://www.un.org/en/observances/ending-violence-against-women-day

December

1	World Aids Day	Home - World AIDS Day
	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	International Day of Persons with Disabilities United Nations
3	National Cookie Day	NATIONAL COOKIE DAY - December 4 - National Day Calendar
5	International Volunteer Day	https://volunteer.ca/index.php?MenuItemID=327
5	World Soil Day	World Soil Day United Nations

10	Human Rights Day	https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day
11	International Mountain Day	International Mountain Day United Nations
12	International Day of Neutrality	INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NEUTRALITY - December 12, 2021 - National Today
17	Last day before Winter Break	
17	National Maple Syrup Day	NATIONAL MAPLE SYRUP DAY - December 17, 2021 - National Today
18	International Migrant's Day	https://www.un.org/en/observances/migrants-day
20	First day of winter break	
20	International Human Solidarity Day	
20	Day	International Human Solidarity Day United Nations
21	Winter Solstice	https://www.almanac.com/content/first-day-winter-winter-solstice
25	Christmas Day	
Jan 3	Last Day winter break	
Jan 4	Schools open	

