



Superintendent's Report

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

Welcome Back! We welcome everyone back and wish you all a wonderful year of learning. Startup has been amazing with record turnouts at all our school events. Thank you all for your support as we navigate September class configurations and get everyone settled.

Affordability Fund – our district received \$925,000 to go toward **food security and fees**. The district has identified four main areas and put it out to our staff and families for further input as we wanted to hear their priorities as well.

- **Food & Inclusion Programs** (Brown bag lunch program, top up to starfish back-pack program, fees for inclusion activities)
- **Regular school base for all students** (School activity fees eg: field trips, instrumental programs, athletic programs, cultural events, shop fees)
- **Regular school vulnerability** (Breakfast programs, hot lunch program (eg: pizza Friday) for vulnerable students, life skills cooking programs)
- **Alternate school vulnerability** (For alternate programs: Crossroads, ALP, Open door) and other suggested possibilities.

BX Traffic – Thank you to all our parents who have been incredibly patient dealing with the traffic changes in the BX Elementary area during start-up. Your patience and support have helped things go very smoothly for our students.

Changemaker Account: Throughout the 2022-2023 school year, we have partnered with Jim Pattison Media (Beach Radio) to offer an opportunity for community to nominate youth Changemakers. At the end of the year, one lucky student will be honoured with a \$1000 scholarship. Graduating nominees and their story can be emailed to: changemaker@sd22.bc.ca

Covid Update – An updated Communicable Disease Prevention Plan (CDP) has been sent to all and is on our website at: <https://sd22.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/September-2022-Communicable-Disease-Plan-1.pdf>

Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC). We have received \$175,000 to fund and establish a District Lead ELCC position who will:

- Lead and support ELCC school district projects and initiatives
- Complete and/or support the completion of an environmental scan of existing ELCC on school grounds
- Identify and align district resources to support ELCC
- Coordinate existing or new ELCC initiatives alongside early learning staff and/or team
- Maintain a focus on high-quality early learning and childcare experiences
- Engage across the district and liaise with partners and Ministry staff
- Identify opportunities for and expand access to ELCC on school grounds

Our District Lead for Early Learning and Child Care is **Jennifer Friesen** with support from **Kim Erven-Culler**.

Enrollment and Staffing Updates from Human Resources:

Teaching

- 424 teacher postings since the start of staffing season in late spring
- 59 of these postings have been since August 15
- 31 teachers hired to the TTOC list in early summer
- TTOC recruitment continues in September with a new TTOC posting
- Current struggle is filling a continuing 1.0 District Psychologist vacancy

Support Staff

- 247 support staff postings since later spring
 - 15 new education assistant positions added for this school year
 - 4 new student supervisor positions added for this school year
 - 2 new clerical positions added for this school year
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Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement - Effective the 2023/24 school year, all students working toward a B.C. Certificate of Graduation ("Dogwood Diploma"), in English or French, must successfully complete at least 4 credits in Indigenous-focused coursework. For more information:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/indigenous-focused-graduation-requirements>

Mental Health in Schools Grant – SD 22 has received funds to support mental health and well-being initiatives for students, educators, and families within your school communities. We welcome **Corie McRae**, our new Mental Health Liaison and Health Promoting Schools Coordinator.

Policy – We are pleased to announce that the first phase of the Policy Review (Section 100) has been completed and posted on our website.

Premier's Awards: We are thrilled to acknowledge the following nominees: **Tom Craik, Corrine McWhinney, Josh Vance, and Tim Agnew** for the 2022 Premier's Awards. The Premier's Awards ceremony is an annual celebration of the finest examples of innovation and excellence in the BC Public Service. This provincial recognition is awarded to the most outstanding projects, teams, or individuals in the public service showcasing distinguished examples of professionalism, innovation, and collaboration. Ceremonies and the announcement of the winners in each category will be announced in October. We are proud of all of you.

Secret Path – *Secret Path* by Gord Downie and Jeff Lemire is being shown at the Towne Theatre in a few weeks already has 1646 students registered! Reconciliation in action. Secret Path tells the true story of Chanie Wenjack, a young boy who died on October 22, 1966, walking the railroad tracks, trying to escape from the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School to walk home.

Spirit North Program – Sky Richard, is a community Program Leader at Spirit North and will be working with the Indigenous youth in the Okanagan Indian Band community. Sky will be collaborating with Alexis Park to create land-based programs that allow opportunities for the OKIB student to build confidence and leadership skills.

Spirit North is a national charitable organization that uses land-based activities to improve the health and wellbeing of our Indigenous youth by empowering them in sports, school, and life. Our goal is to allow our participants to learn important lessons and discover their potential while building their confidence and courage to overcome the hardship Indigenous youth often face.

We acknowledge the importance of having a meaningful connection with the land. By allowing regular access to sports and land-based activities, we can improve the physical health, mental health, and community health of our Indigenous youth.

Working in partnership with the schools and communities, our active, participation-based programs create an environment that allows opportunities for Indigenous youth to feel unstoppable, develop skills that improve their performance in the classroom and deepen their connection to their communities.

<https://www.spiritnorthxc.ca/>

Strategic Plan - The Board of Education's new Strategic Plan 2022-2027 is launched and available on the website under *Board of Education*; then *SD22 Strategic Plan* and included in this report.

TELP - **Josh Gutknecht** and **Moiria Manthorne** will be attending the UBC *Transformative Educational Leadership Program* (TELP) during 2022-2023. Congratulations to both.

Thank you: A special thank you to teachers **Genevieve Haiworonsky** and **Christine Molaison** who had to move their classrooms overnight from Alexis Park to Beairsto Elementary due to increased registrations. Thank you to our Director of Facilities, **Archie Stogianos**, and his entire team for providing moving, packing, and transportation assistance.

A HUGE thank you to Facilities and Maintenance teams – well done! The following work was completed over the summer:

- 8 childcare modules are in the final stages for: Ellison, Alexis Park, Mission, and Harwood schools
- 3 classroom portables have been added - 2 for Seaton, 1 for Alexis Park
- Hillview/Lavington Lighting upgrades have been completed with an expected CO Reduction of 16 tons per year
- DDC system (to monitor HVAC) upgrade is underway at Alexis Park and Hillview with an expected CO2 reduction of 18 tons per year
- Phase 1 of Bloom upgrade is completed (HVAC) - phase 2 is underway with an expected CO2 reduction 30+ tons per year when project complete
- Hallway flooring has been replaced at BX and Lavington
- Learning Commons has been completed at Seaton Secondary School
- Irrigation Replacement has been completed at Mission Hill
- Mission Hill bathroom renovation has been completed
- Mission Hill exterior has been painted
- Mission Hill gym floor has been completed (first time in over 40 years!)
- Preparation of the Whitevale school gym for Gymnastics Club rental for the year has been completed
- We have discovered, removed, and remediated buried fuel tank at BX (!)
- vLearn has been relocated to Fulton and renovated with gender neutral washrooms
- And, every single venue is sparkling, ready for the return of little feet, medium-sized, and growing feet.

Thank you – final one for this report – **Transportation** – the first people our students see is their bus drive. A huge thank you to the folk, under the direction of **Tracey Syrota**, who worked long hours over the summer detailing the busses and to all our mechanics and drivers for having them ready to go on day one.



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.

Welcome Back!!!

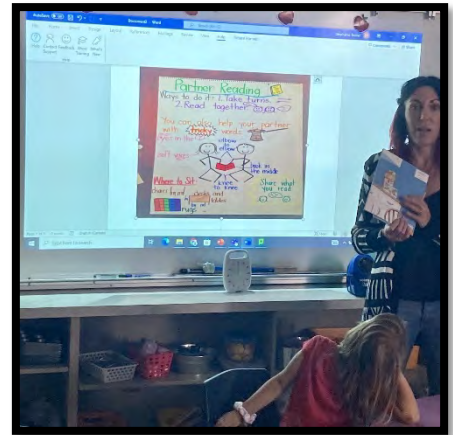
Seaton Family of Schools:



Alexis Park Elementary



Alexis Park Eagles are soaring into the new school year!



The books throughout our school are no longer waiting for the return of students! The library and classrooms have been full of students enjoying reading with one another as we get ready to launch our Indigo Love of Reading Foundation grant this month!



We are so grateful that our school will soon be full of fresh, new books to read!



We have welcomed many new Eagles to the nest with Kindergarten starting! We love having so many happy students joining our Alexis Park community. We also said goodbye to our French Immersion Kindergarten students and staff who moved to Beairsto the first week of school.

A big thanks to the **incredible** SD22 facilities team for their support with the move and all the best to Mme. H., Mme. M. and all the Kindergarten students joining Beairsto!





Beairsto Elementary



Our beautiful outdoor space has become a reality!

Thank you to so many for the hard work over years!!!

This is a beautiful new space that our students and community can all enjoy!

Each child had a part in our mural last year as well guided by Christine Kashuba. The flooring created like a lake was a beautiful final touch donated by Tim Rayner and his family. Trustees and Archie Stogianos might remember the before pictures. The shutters have been a great addition to be able to create this space.

A group of dedicated parents also worked hard behind the scenes to create this vision!! WOW!!!

Dream. Believe. Achieve!!!



Our new teacher librarian is Mme. Argan, and we see her in this picture working with our brand-new kindergarten students. We had the early learning success teachers guiding our kindies, who were a very important part of this transition to Beairsto.



Harwood Elementary





W.L. Seaton Secondary

Startup is all about making this known



Grade 9 Band tuning up for a fantastic year.

A big thanks to maintenance for getting us two new classrooms and setting our school up.



Clubs and teams are already getting started.

All are ready for the Sonic BOOM!

Vernon Family of Schools



vLearn

Corinne McWhinney (VP) & Josh Vance (P) are the new Principal and Vice-Principal for vLearn.

We are so excited to welcome our families back for another year at our new site at Clarence Fulton.

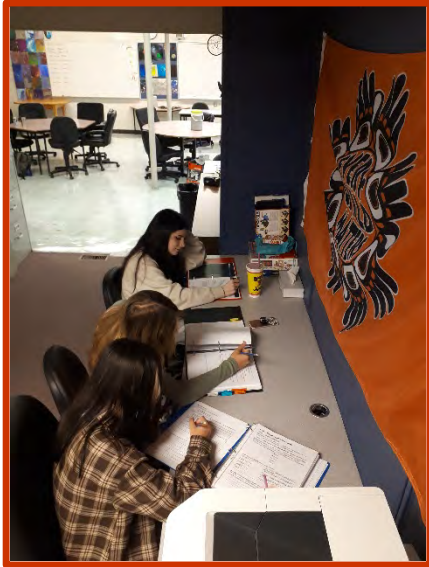


vLearn teachers are settling into their new classrooms. Look how bright and beautiful the space is.



vLearn staff have been busy meeting with families and developing student learning plans to set students up for a fantastic year of learning

ALP/ Open Door/CrossRoads



BX Elementary

The first week at BX was wonderful! There were smiles all around the first day as friends saw each other again and siblings entered kindergarten.





Victoria's little brother Nigel is starting kindergarten!

Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Alexander spent time with the new kindergartens. They now know whose voice is coming over the PA system!



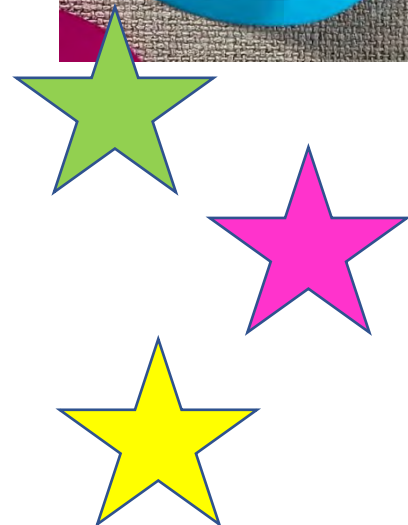
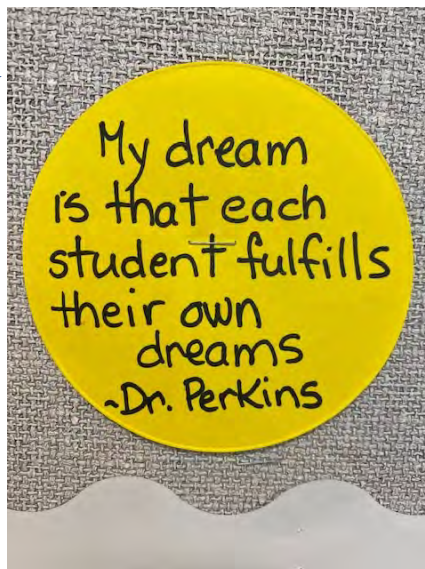
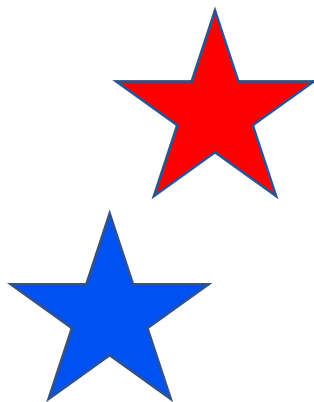
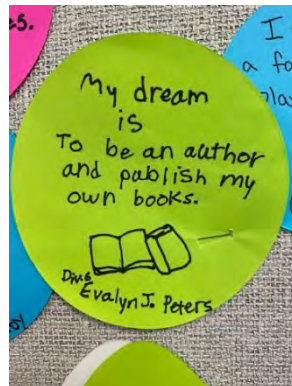
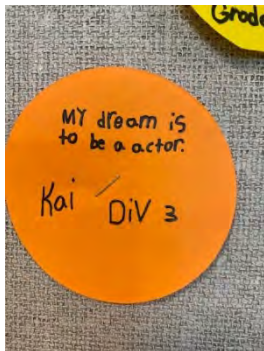
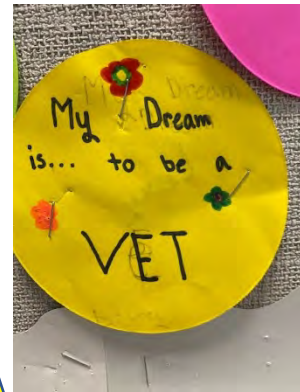
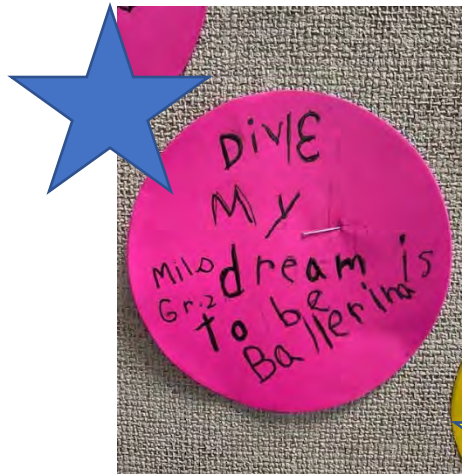
First Day of school hats for our kindies!



Our 6/7 teachers have been busy collaborating to implement a middle school model and the students, pictured here in the gym, are learning about their '**BX BLOCKS**' for next week. All are very excited!



BX jumped right in with the new motto **Dream. Believe. Achieve.** Every student and staff are putting their dreams up on our foyer bulletin board. Some are to be future artists, vets, doctors, dancers, teachers, pilots, biologists, firefighters, engineers, travelers, professional athletes, business owners and some that want to change the world for the better! Dr. Perkins has hers up too!





Hillview Elementary

Hillview welcomed back our Heroes to Hero HQ this week! Our traditional back to school photo booth was a hit for these grade 7 girls!

Students were also happy to get back into the Gaga Pit and the playground.

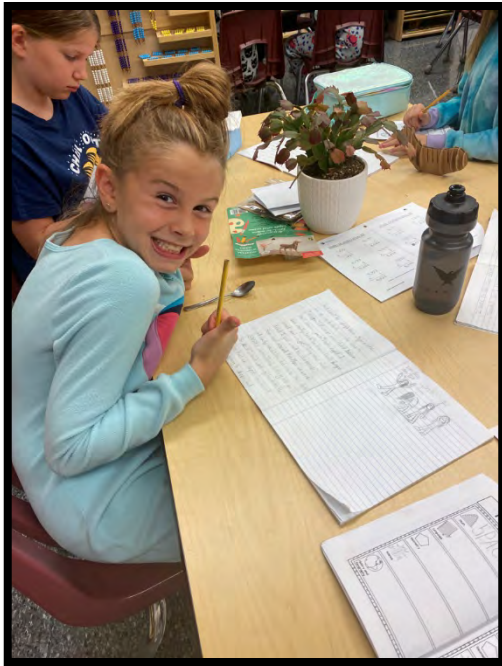


Silverstar Elementary



Mrs. Ladner's Grade 6/7 learning how to build Lego Robotics. Exploration and critical thinking using We Build 2.0. Great to see the Wolfpack working together as a team to take ownership of their learning.





Story writing – creating a story with my friends is such a great learning experience. I am able to gather ideas from my peers and we are working together to create the storyline that our audience will enjoy.

Studying The Planets - learning the name of the planets and how close they are to sun. Students are so proud to representing their learning in engaging and creative ways.





Vernon Secondary School

Whole school assembly to start off the 1st day of school.



Staff enjoying homemade lasagna at lunch.



Principal Lynn Seed and Vice Principal Andrew Affleck at the assembly.



Fulton Family of Schools



Ellison Elementary

Ellison rolled out the red carpet for our staff and students as they returned to school! We enjoyed seeing so many happy faces!



Mission Hill Elementary

Mission Hill had a great start to the year.

Principal Tyssen took a little respite extended mandatory vacation healing from his mountain bike misadventures.



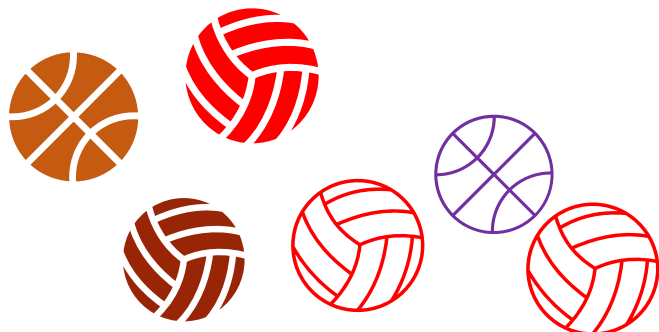
Mrs. Quiring and the staff welcomed 28 new students in grades 1-7.

They created a new K/1 classroom to accommodate the influx of 5-year-olds to their kindergarten program.



Students found their friends and celebrated their first days of school, excited for the possibilities this year – **Dream. Believe. Achieve.**

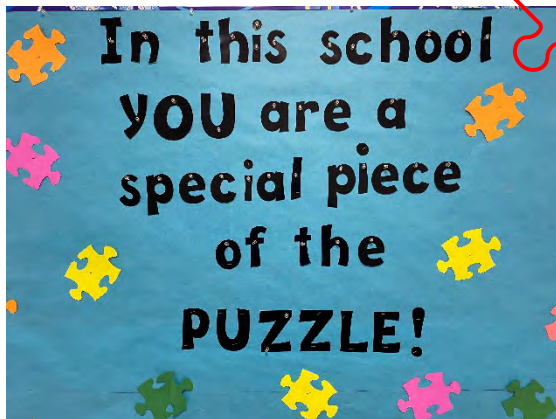
... and teachers showed off their rhythmic athletic skills at the first assembly led by Mrs. Quiring.





Okanagan Landing

The OKL Storm is back in action! We are set and ready for another fantastic year.



We have had a great start up and have welcomed many new families into our school community. This year's start-up focus has been on kindness and respect, meanwhile, continually build self-awareness around building growth mindsets in our daily lives.



The Principal and Vice-Principal team were dressed to impress for the first day of school (not planned) and we had our first welcome back assembly with everyone in attendance. Volleyball teams are set and starting practices next week! A great start to the 2022-23 school year!



Amazing start to the school year with activities in full swing.



Teaching new ways to tell a story.



JV and Varsity football teams on the way to Prince George to take on Shasti Kelly Road.



Kalamalka Family of Schools



Coldstream Elementary



Welcome back everyone! Thank you to Cst. Horne for stopping by and joining our photo wall fun!



Coldstream students didn't miss a beat jumping back into their favorite activities: Gaga ball, soccer, football, and playground games are everywhere you look!

Student Leaders are already working on keeping our school safe for everyone – thank you!



The whole school community is celebrating diversity and the power of creativity with upcoming activities such as International Dot Day!





Kidston Elementary





Lavington Elementary



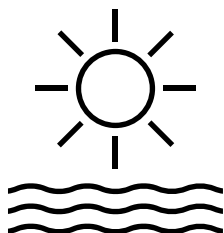
Best first week EVER! We are off to an amazing start to the 2022-23 school year!

WELCOME BACK! From the Lavington School Community.



Kalamalka Secondary

Our Lakers are eager to expand their learning this year. Our students will take advantage of the new canoes that the district supported.





Our Grade 8 students have been exploring and studying Coldstream Creek.



We were able to hold our first Grade 12 class Assembly of the year.



Bloom Family of Schools



Charles Bloom Secondary

Principal Yurkowski is so happy to be back in a classroom teaching kids. All 45 of them.



PE Class with some of international students.

Freddie is happy to be back at school.





Cherryville Elementary

Teachers worked hard to get our classrooms ready and to make our students feel welcomed back into our school. We started the first day with a "Let's celebrate" theme. Party hats were handed out and there was music before and after school. We finished off our assembly with everyone dancing!



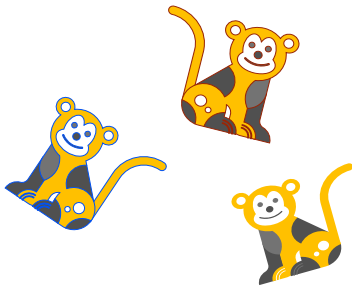
Our students were very excited to see each other and reconnect. There have been a lot of smiling faces. Cherryville students reading to each other for a "flashlight read."





J.W. Inglis Elementary

JW Inglis students hanging out together and getting a different perspective of the playground.



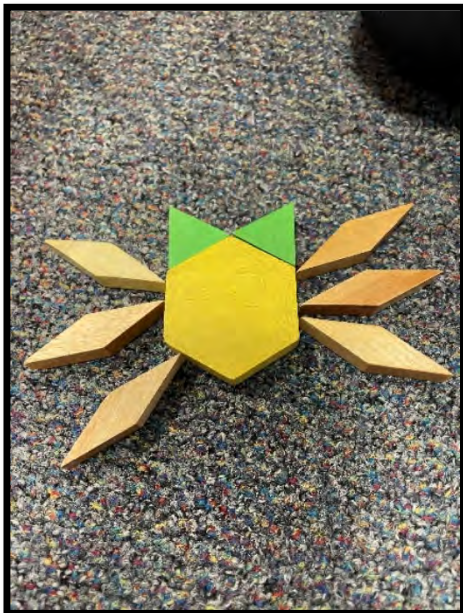
Starting the year with friends.



Giving a friend a hand builds a positive community.

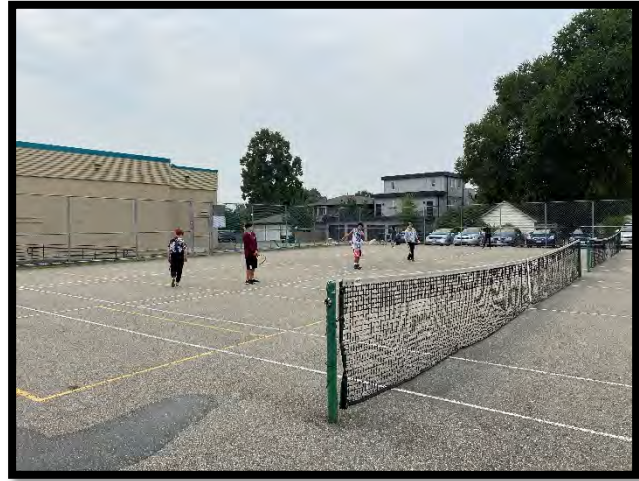


Students at JWI talking with Mrs. Takasaka outside at recess. Three classes of intermediate students getting ready to play a fun gym game called Man-Tracker outside. Geometric patterns created by grade 1's.



Indigenous Programs

Students having fun as the school year begins.



Human Resources

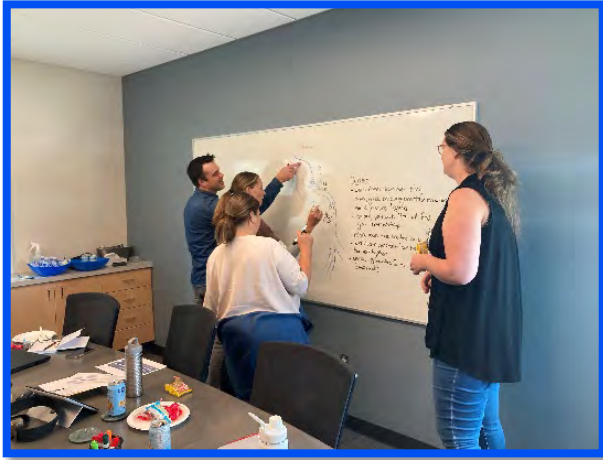
Over sixty new employees were orientated to the district at the New Employee Orientation on August 30 at the School Board Office. Thank you to Board Vice-Chair Tom Williamson for attending and welcoming our new employees.

September is a busy month for Human Resources as unfilled postings from the summer are still being filled. In addition, CUPE Collective Agreement bargaining is expected to begin in the fall.

Learning Department

With a new department structure and name change to 'Learning', we are excited to continue to reach out to schools and provide teachers and P/VP with personalized learning opportunities focused on student success.

Members of our Learning Team planning for the year ahead and diving deep into our new strategic plan.



Career Programs

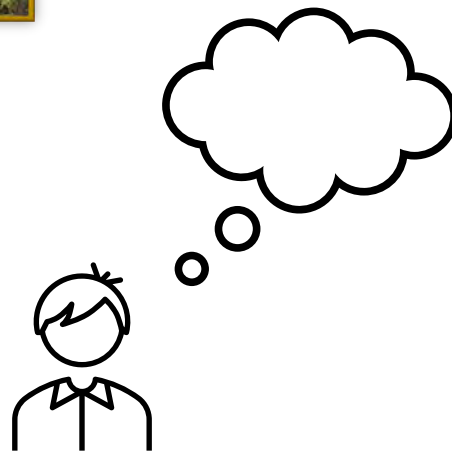
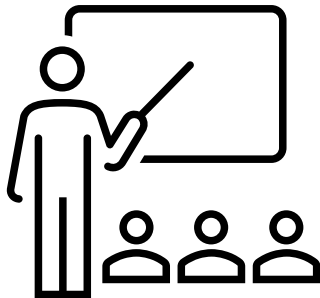
Dual Credit Career Programs have started up at Okanagan College and are off to a great start including:

- Trade Sampler
- Electrical Foundation
- Heavy Mechanical Foundation
- Administrative Assistant Certificate
- Education Assistant Certificate
- Office Assistant Certificate
- Nursing Unit Assistant Certificate
- Academic Dual Credit Courses





The Forestry Program is underway welcoming our new instructor Nathan Bartel as well as the Grade 12 Forestry students to CBSS.



Inclusive Education

In Inclusive Education, all of our teams have been busy planning and preparing to support all students to the best of our ability. It has been a successful startup and we look forward to much success in the school year ahead of us.



International

The International Student Program is off to its largest start ever, and nearly all students have arrived and are in classes.

It's been a busy and exciting start to the year with students taking part in their school orientations, getting to know their host families, and looking forward to this week's activities with SWBA and our welcome back BBQ.

This year's group is very diverse with students from all over the world, including Europe, South America, Asia, and Africa. We are excited to welcome all of this year's students to Vernon, and for them to experience life in Canada.



Finance Department

Welcome Back from the Team that never really left.

We are excited to welcome Audrey to our team who has accepted a permanent position at the Board Office at Reception! In addition, Ariana has joined our team as a District Account Coordinator in a term position until June 2023.

You will likely recognize the rest of us, but if not, our signs should help.



Transportation



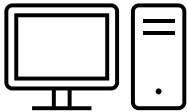
Our mechanic dream team: Jamie Hunter, Wayne Koole, and Randy Jones, ensuring our buses are safe and ready to go for our drivers and students.

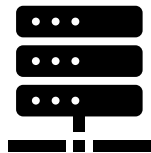
IT Department

IT Department: September 2022 Report	
Summer Projects	
Chromebook Refresh	Over the summer, the IT department completed the replacement of over 700 Chromebooks. Most of these were contained in device carts in schools. The department will continue to replace Chromebooks as their support license expires over the next several years.
iPad Refresh	The department replaced and redeployed over 150 iPads in various schools around the district. This process will continue as schools developed their school-based tech plans.
Data Integration: SeeSaw & Spaces	The district is implementing new software to assist with communicating student learning (CSL). The outgoing platform (Freshgrade) has been replaced with SeeSaw and Spaces. Over the

	summer, the IT department has developed automated data integration routines to ensure that student data is refreshed on a daily basis. In addition, both platforms have been synchronized with our identity management system which will allow for seamless login to the platform.
Directory Synchronization	Over the summer, the IT department completed a complex project to update, integrate, synchronize, and automate new account creation for our Google platform. The following design goals were completed: (i) For students: MyEd data, Active Directory data, & Google data were all synchronized. (ii) For teachers and other staff, Active Directory data and Google data were synchronized. (iii) The directories were synchronized so that only a single sign on is required for our network, active directory, and Google platforms (for Students and other Staff) (iv) Student accounts are now automatically created daily in Active Directory and Google when there is a change in MyEd student data.
New Staff	Level I Tech - Jake Marks has moved to greener pastures in Saskatchewan where he and his partner have purchased a home and started new jobs. We are excited to announce that Drew Bate has replaced Jake and has settled in nicely over the summer.

Deploying Chromebooks





2022/2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

September

- 1 **Regular Public Board Meeting**
- 6 First Day of School
- 8 International Literacy Day
- 15 **PVP Leadership Meeting – Bloom**
- 19 **National Day of Mourning - no school in session**
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 21 **Regular Public Board Meeting**
- 22 Car Free Day
- 22 First Day of Fall
- 23 Terry Fox Run
- 26 **District Non-Instructional Day – no school in session**
- 28 National Good Neighbour Day
- 29 Orange Shirt Day
- 30 **Truth and Reconciliation Day – no school in session**

October

- Foster Family Month
- National Principals Month
- LGBTQ+ History Month
- Library Month
- 4 National Taco Day
- 5 World Teacher's Day
- 7 World Smile Day
- 9-14 Fire Safety Week
- 10 **Thanksgiving Day – no school in session**
- 10 World Mental Health Day
- 11 International Day of the Girl
- 13 **PVP Leadership Meeting - SBO**
- 14 National Dessert Day
- 17-22 Secret Path Week
- 20 ShakeOut BC 10:20am
- 21 **ProD – no school in session**
- 24 Diwali
- 27/28 School Conferences – Early Dismissal
- 27 PVP Dinner Series – Walking Alongside
- 31 Halloween