



Superintendent Report

March 2023

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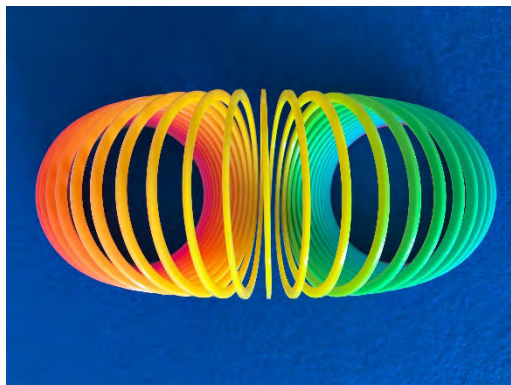
We are proud to live, work, play, and learn on the ancestral, unceded territory of the syilx people.

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.



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

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

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
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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

Learn more about the changes to student reporting by reading the [Student Reporting Policy Framework](#).

BC Human Rights Report release – The Human Rights Commissioner released the final report of the first inquiry into hate during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please see attached link:

[BCOHR Hate in the Pandemic](#)

BCPSEA Regional Meeting – The BC Public School Employee’s Association is visiting all seven of our regional groupings and recently met in Kelowna. Topics include: BCPSEA priorities and progress, recruitment and retention, and labour relations issues.

Education Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) – Thank you to all who provided advice for the 300 Learning section as we work our way through updating our policies.

Families of Schools – Thank you to Bloom, Fulton, VSS, and Kalamalka Families of Schools for hosting the district Principal and Vice-Principal meetings over the course of the year. Getting to see the highlights of each Family of Schools has been critical to expand understanding across the district. We look forward to our final Family – Seaton Family of Schools in May.

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

Interviews – Thank you all representatives who assisted with our interviews for the Principal and Vice-Principal pool.

New Employee Orientation – Thank you to the entire Human Resources team for an excellent welcome to our new employees. Welcome to all. You have joined a terrific team at SD 22 where we can all Dream. Believe. Achieve.

Okanagan Indian Band – Thank you to all who celebrated the raising of the OKIB flag at Seaton Secondary school.

Pink Shirt Day – Congratulations to all our students and staff for wearing pink and celebrating kindness to others and accepting all our diversity.

Student Trustees-in-Training - Upcoming Student Trustees met to discuss leadership, learn about the budget process, and practice Robert's Rules of Order.

March 2023

- 4 National Grammar Day
- 7 International Women's Day
- 12 Daylight Savings
- 14 Pi Day
- 15 **Regular Public Board Meeting**
- 17 **Last Day of School before Spring Break**
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 National Let's Laugh Day
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 21 International Mother Language Day
- 21 World Down Syndrome Day
- 21 World Poetry Day
- 22 World Water Day
- 26 Earth Hour
- 31 National Indigenous Language Day
- 31 International Transgender Day of Visibility

APRIL 2023

- 1 April Fool's Day
- 2 World Autism Awareness Day
- 3 **First day of school after spring break**
- 3 Find a Rainbow Day
- 3 National Fun Day
- 3 National Teacher appreciation Day
- 6 National Pajama Day
- 7 **Good Friday – no school in session**
- 7 **Easter Month – no school in session**
- 14 International Day of Silence
- 19 **Regular Public Board Meeting**
- 22 Earth Day
- 26 Administrative Professionals Day
- 27/28 Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences – Early Dismissal
- 28 National Day of Mourning

Seaton Family of Schools:



Alexis Park Elementary



"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." Mother Teresa

Children need nutrients so they can grow, develop, and focus on learning, instead of thinking about the food they need. Increasing opportunities for our school community to have access to food is a focus for the Alexis Park community.

We ensure the children have the meals they need to succeed. Throughout the day there are regular opportunities for food access. The morning begins with students having the option for participation in the Breakfast Club with numerous donations and the use of the affordability fund.





In addition, the Aventure Lunch Program, provides bagged lunches for those that need it to help sustain their day. The snack program allows students that may not have a healthy snack to acquire one. Offering families the use of the Starfish program also allows increased food security to continue not only at school but also at home.

We are so fortunate to have community partners to assist us in ensuring that our students have opportunity for healthy food which is a key part to wellbeing and learning.

Music improves wellbeing and the quality of life. At Alexis Park the music program is a key element of our school. This month the music talents of Alexis Park students were showcased with the return of assemblies. Our students were welcomed into the assembly listening to the musical talents of two of their peers singing and playing guitars. Our hosts did an amazing job leading the assembly and our drumming group, choir, and band, all performed for the Alexis Park School community. In the words of Paul Simon, ***“Music is forever, music should grow and mature with you”***. We feel fortunate to be the beginning of the musical journey of our students.





Beairsto Elementary

Glee singing and dancing at the pink shirt day assembly - merci Mme. Baturin.



100 s day in Mme. LAbrie's class - fun glasses!



100 pictures drawn by our grade 1s for 100 days of fun.



The following are from our gr 5s and some 6s doing Jam Can Curling with a carnival and also using sleds they have created out of cardboard in teams - they ended up doing the testing on ice because there was not enough snow.







Mme. Brown's class cleaning up the schoolyard! **MERCI!**



Harwood Elementary



We have a bustling juice box/bottle recycling program and have recently begun a composting program as well. These programs are run and managed by students to help build a spirit of sustainability and stewardship for the environment. We also have quite a few classes who go out on walking field trips to enjoy some of the natural green spaces around Harwood.



Our French Immersion Kindergarten and LFI classes had a visit from Bonhomme Carnaval to help us celebrate the Winter Carnival in Quebec. He brought maple candies and lots of hugs for the students. We even had a dance party while singing the Bonhomme song.



W.L. Seaton Secondary

Flag Raising Ceremony at Seaton Secondary.



Great fun with French Immersion karaoke...



E games playing other schools in a car soccer game.



Beading their life story in Language Arts class.



Vernon Family of Schools



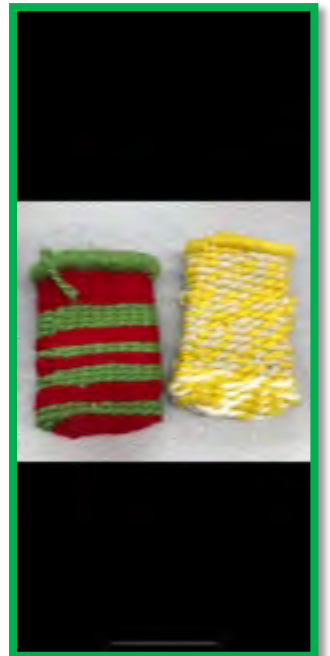
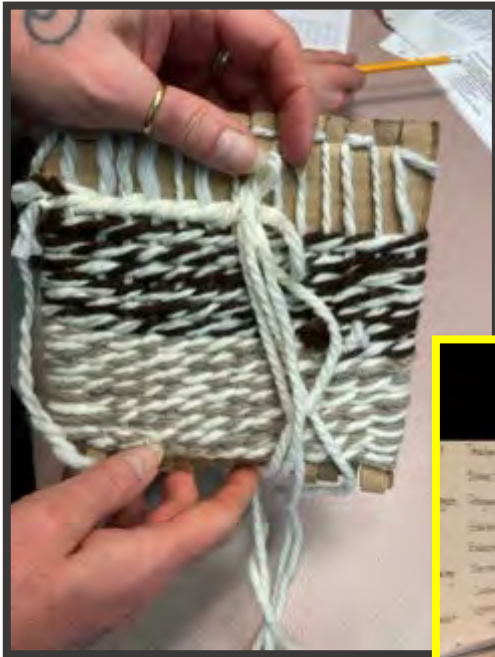
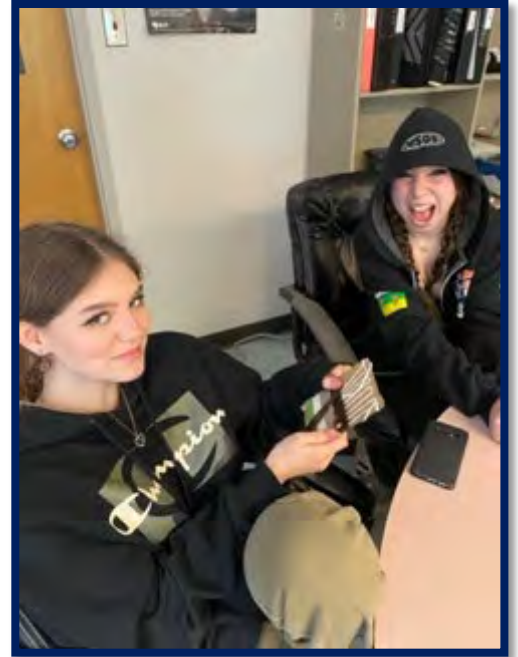
vLearn elementary students learning about the environmental impacts of oil spills. They built pipelines, transported oil, and attempted to clean up oil spills. Thank you to the Okanagan Science Center for this engaging learning.

Earthquest Academy students visited the North Okanagan Gleaners to learn about how local food is donated, prepped, and dried, to support those in need in our community.



ALP/Open Door/CrossRoads







BX Elementary



This month we at BX spread kindness not only amongst ourselves but out in the community. Led by Mrs. Thomson and the leadership group, BX raised over 2000 items of food for the foodbank which totalled 1704 pounds! With help from the RCMP we loaded up two vans and had a visit from Safety Bear. There were smiles all around!







As a special treat, police service dogs paid a surprise visit to the two classes who raised the most items! The students were thrilled to meet Jager and Rayla (who is their pup in training).



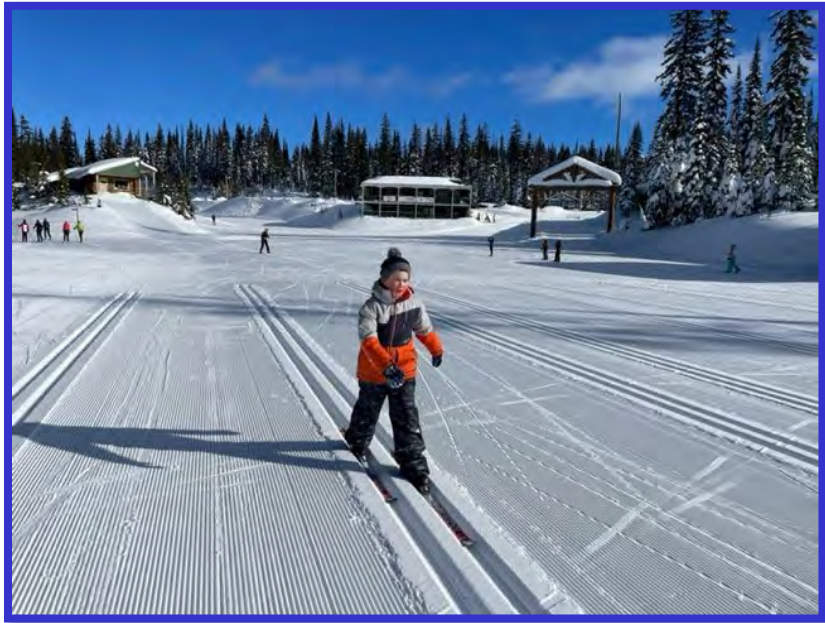


Hillview Elementary



Hillview students got to enjoy the sunshine and snow up at Sovereign Lake this month! Many got to try out cross country skiing for the very first time.

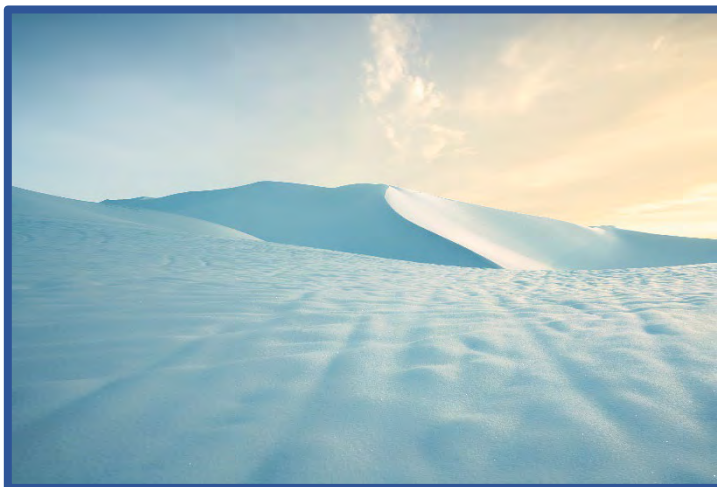




Practicing on the tracks for the first time! Some got to take a break and have a snack while soaking up the sunshine!



Other students got to take part in a couple of the Inclusive Education field trips – snowshoeing at Sovereign Lake and to the BC Wildlife Museum! Lots of fun and smiles! While we had fun in the snow, we are all looking forward to the spring time!





Kindergarten
play stations.



Show and tell with the bunny.



Our SBRT Andrew Hough, teaching the grade ¾ class about WITTS and social skills.



Our Kindness Day assembly with special guest Constable Kooger.





Vernon Secondary School



VSS Grads enjoyed a great night of “Mission Impossible” with teachers.





New Media 11 class visited the Vernon Library Makerspace where they explored the technology available there.



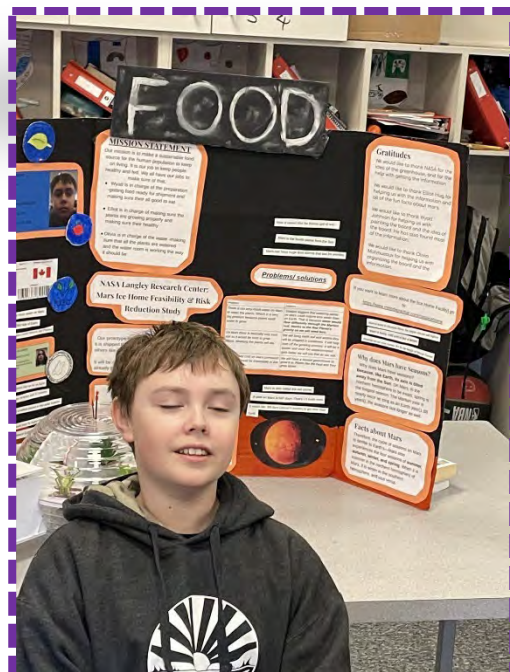
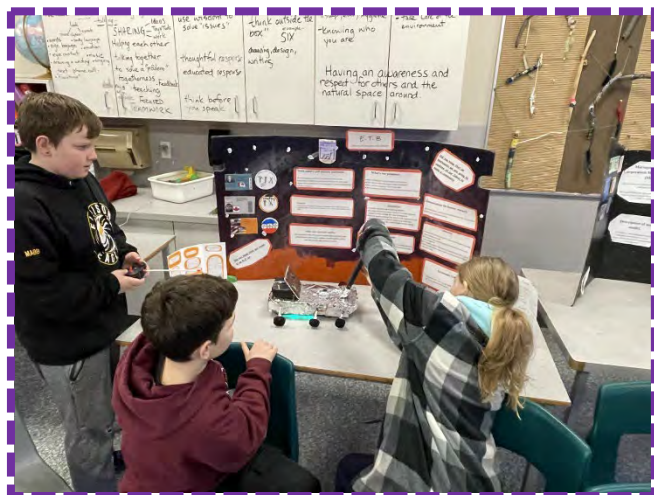
Grade 9 Family Indigenous Family Night was a success where information on course selection, career programs and services available at our school was presented to families.

Fulton Family of Schools



Ellison Elementary

Division 15, Mr. Craik's Class, has been working on moving to Mars. We've named our community, "MARSOPOLIS". It's a unit about survival, space, and extreme environments. The project has given the kids the opportunity to collaborate and deeply dive into the science inquiry process.



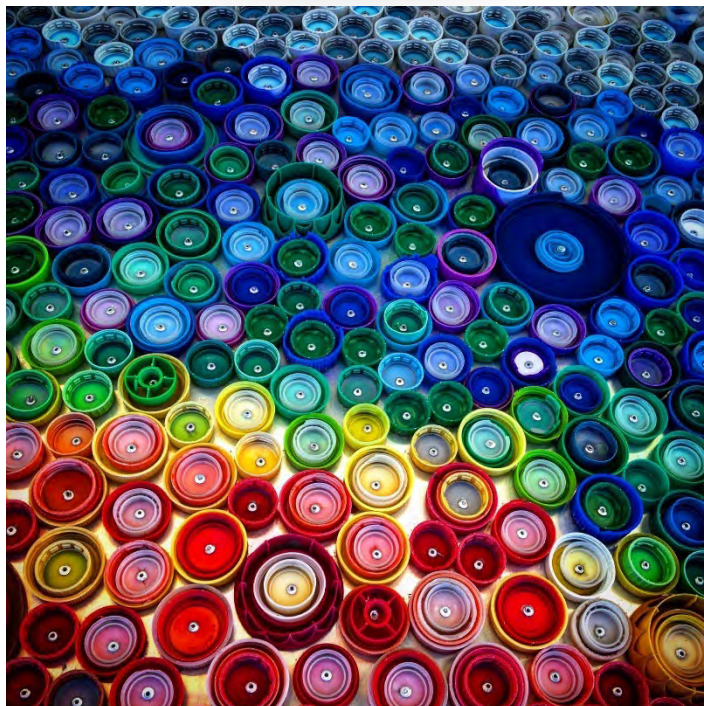
Ellison is very proud of our Grade 7 boy's basketball, finishing second place to OKL, in overtime. Thank you to Mrs. Wallace for coaching this group of boys this year! With OKL and Ellison finishing in first and second, the grade 8 basketball team at Fulton next year will be a contender! Thank you to Kidston for hosting the Districts!



Mission Hill Elementary









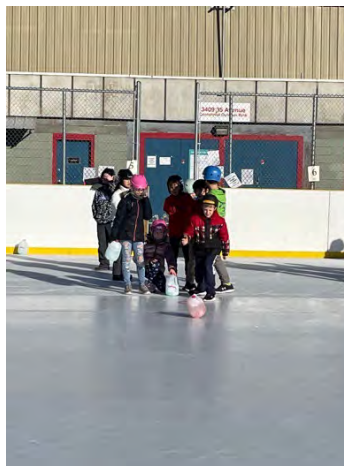
Okanagan Landing

This month at Okanagan Landing we have been busy connecting with people, the land, and our community. We celebrated this month by having some of our grade 5/6 classes participate in Vernon's Winter Carnival event of "jam can curling" at the outdoor rink.

Also, we connected with our community by having fencing lessons for all our grades 2-7 students to learn a new skill and fancy footwork!

Within the school we were able to connect with guests to learn about weaving in our Welcome Room, discover key events to celebrate Black History month, and spread love and kindness for our anti-bullying school wide events and host a whole school soiree!

Lastly, as our seasons change, so has our focus in our fine arts classes by learning the intricacies of playing the recorder.







Clarence Fulton Secondary



**Making connections
at the Fulton Grade 9
Indigenous Families
course selection
night.**

**Fulton students learning
about energy. A fantastic
way to develop
competencies and
demonstrate an
understanding of PE/KE.**





Hailey Boe
DUWAMISH TRIBE



Hailey's journey began when she entered the Forestry Technician program at Duwamish Tribe in Duwamish, WA. Hailey is currently in the program and is looking forward to completing the program and working for the tribe. Hailey completed the program in her fourth semester and is now a Forestry Technician.



Evan Hopkins
NUNATUKAVUT



Evan's journey began by completing his experience and participating in a number of programs at Nunatukavut. He is currently in the 1st year of the Career Program at Chugach College, working in the field. Evan is currently in the field and is looking forward to completing the program and working for the tribe. Evan completed the program in his fourth semester and is now a Forestry Technician.



Garrin Best
MÉTIS NATION



Garrin's journey was inspired by his love of machinery. He is currently in the 1st year of the Career Program at Chugach College, working in the field. Garrin is currently in the field and is looking forward to completing the program and working for the tribe. Garrin completed the program in his fourth semester and is now a Forestry Technician.



Carter Nicholas
SAKSHIN FIRST NATION



Carter's journey began by completing his experience and participating in a number of programs at Sakshin First Nation. He is currently in the 1st year of the Career Program at Chugach College, working in the field. Carter is currently in the field and is looking forward to completing the program and working for the tribe. Carter completed the program in his fourth semester and is now a Forestry Technician.



Fulton Grads stepping out of what was comfortable to challenge themselves and take on four different SD 22 Career Programs. Fully in charge of writing their own Journey to Success.

Kalamalka Family of Schools



Coldstream Elementary

Coldstream students take sustainability very seriously, and has been composting now for several years. The kids take recycling out to our bins every single day.





Kidston Elementary

HOW KIDSTON PRACTICES SUSTAINABILITY

Grade 5 class
promoting a
Plastic Free
Valentines at
school...



Having a school garden and sharing what we do with others. Fall Board meeting and at the Administrators meeting March 9.



School composting





Lavington Elementary

Here at Lavington, we have made an intentional effort to reduce waste and increase our recycling capacity. We continue to improve our day-to-day habits to compost, recycle, and reuse as many materials as possible.





Kalamalka Secondary

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Kal's Outdoor Ed class exploring and learning from the land on one of their many local place-based trips.



Kal's senior girls basketball team were the valley champs! They took their momentum into provincials where they finished their season strong, winning their final game to secure 11th place.



Students in Mr. Parkinson's woodwork class making folding camping tables to enjoy in the outdoors this summer!





Ms. Kouwenhoven's
Chemistry 12 students
learning safe lab skills –
safety goggles a must!

Bloom Family of Schools



Charles Bloom Secondary

These young men made some amazing products
in their wood classes.



We are all so proud of Mathew Leach, who competed at the Para Canada Games this week, and won a silver and gold medal! Here he is on the podium with his guide Chase.



Cherryville Elementary

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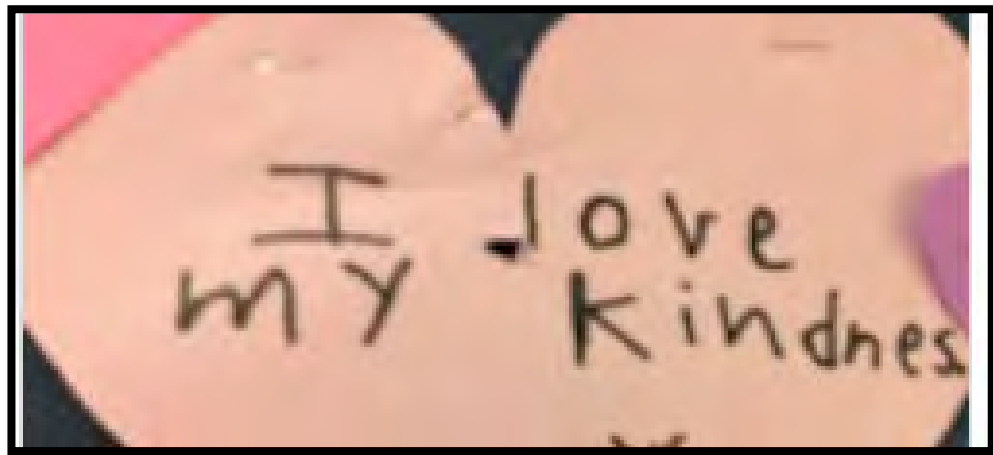
Cherryville's grade 5/6 basketball team played in a mini tournament with grade 5's from BX and Lavington. They had a fantastic time!



Our PAC hosted a family movie night. Students wore their pj's and brought pillows and blankets. We had a great turn out.



Our school has been focusing on recognizing our strengths and being kind and respectful to others. Our students all wrote something they love about themselves on a heart for our bulletin board.





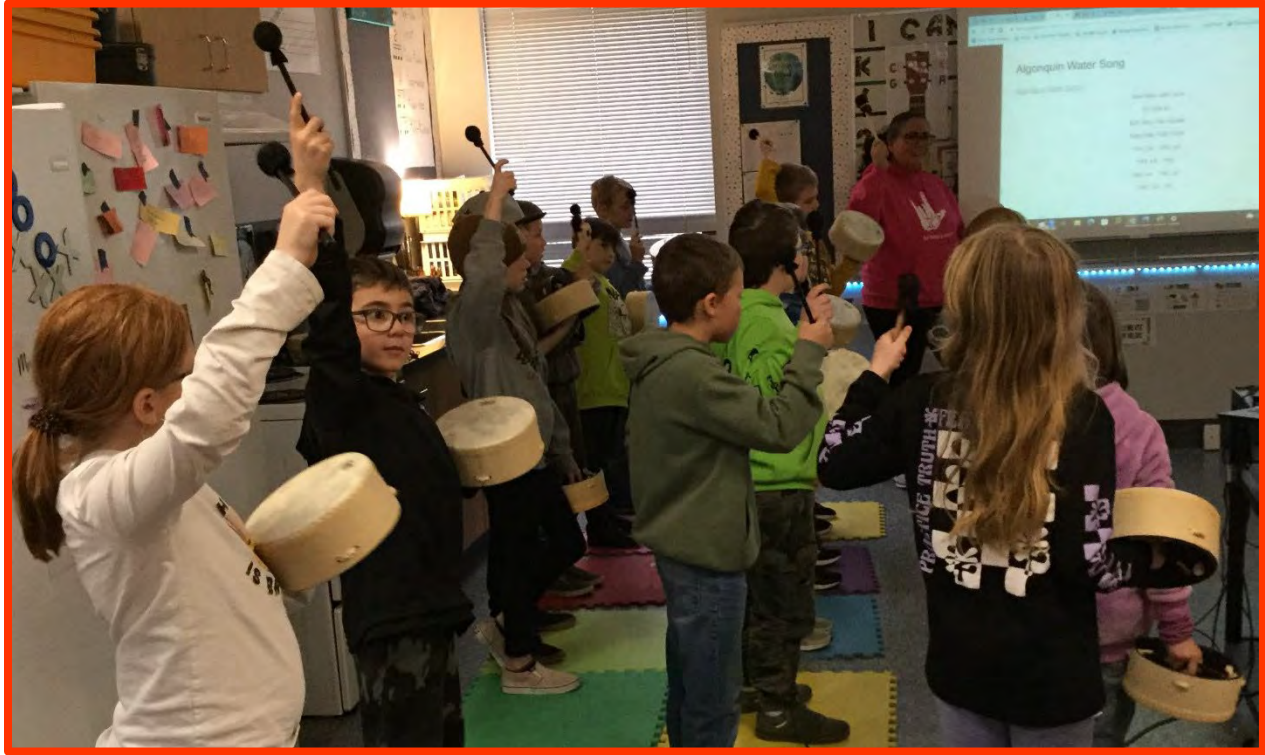
J.W. Inglis Elementary



Students had the wonderful opportunity to learn some African Drumming and songs with Bobby Bovenzi during a weeklong residency. Friday afternoon was an amazing 'performance' by each grade group to demonstrate what they had learned! The energy in the gym was melting snow outside!



These students are recycling containers to ensure that their future is better and that landfills are kept to a minimum. The money raised is helping the Grade 6 students with their year-end field trip to mark their passage to Charles Bloom.



Primary students had the opportunity to learn about Indigenous drumming and Indigenous drumming protocols with Sheryl Newton and Vanessa Smith-Tso.



Indigenous Programs



Grade 12 Indigenous students enjoy a sunny, bright day at Silver Star Mountain tubing and skating together.



Human Resources

Thank you to Erica Schmidt and Nichole Cooke for their efforts on Valentine's Day delivering "candy grams" to district employees at the school board office.



Human Resources hosted the February **New Employee Orientation** on February 16 for all employees hired since September. New employees met Board Chair Gen Acton, Superintendent Dr. Christine Perkins, VTA president Cori Huizer, and CUPE president Gray Boisvert along with many other district staff.

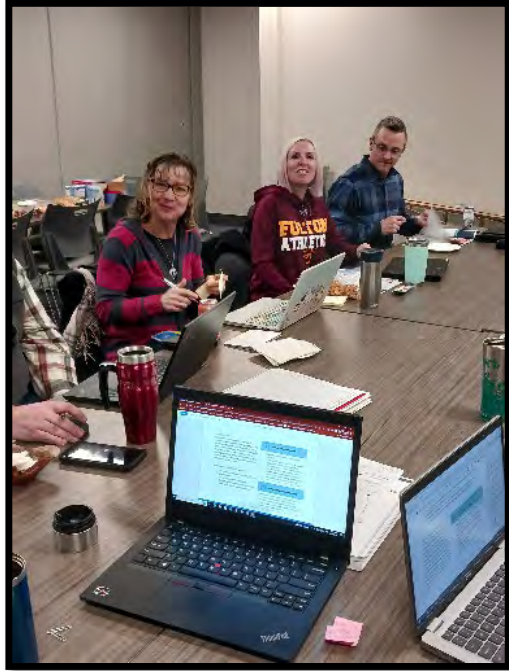
Human Resources continues recruitment for many positions. People interested in applying to the school district should view our district link for employment opportunities

<https://sd22.bc.ca/our-district/employment/>

Human Resources is currently preparing for the spring staffing process for the next school year.



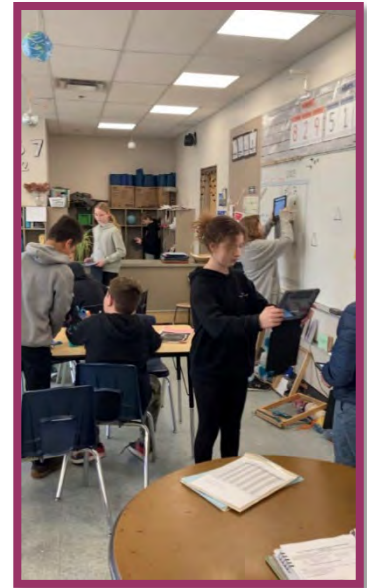
Student Learning



Scott Belshaw (Learning Coordinator) is facilitating a Community of Practice engaged in exploring assessment and reporting philosophy and pedagogy. In their most recent session, they discussed successes and challenges with student agency and digital portfolios and made connections to the SD22 Responsive Framework by setting goals to try something new or different in their practice.

As a group, they continue to explore ways to include students in assessment practices (in both the proficiency and percentage realms) by finding ways to regularly confer with students and leverage portfolios to connect with parents and guardians.

Mme. Mongerson's residency with Krisitn Beeby had Beairsto students working on curricular competencies by using Seesaw to find and justify geometric shapes in their class and across the school.



Middle Years teachers from across families of schools gathered at their high schools to explore student agency with Dr. Leyton Schnellert. Together, teachers, PVP, and district staff discussed ways in which they could amplify student voice and choice and provide further opportunities at both the school and classroom level to build student agency.

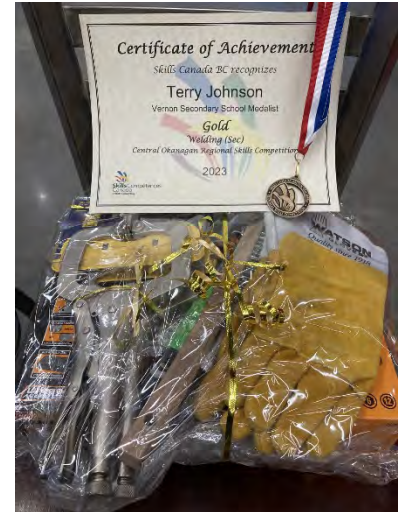


Click on the following link
<https://www.sd22learns.ca/digital-portfolios.html>
to see how the Digital Portfolios **Seesaw** and **Spaces** are providing opportunities for student agency and ongoing communication of learning with families. Teachers and students use these tools to gather evidence of learning, provide reflections and formative assessment through strength-based feedback.



Career Programs

Congratulations to Terry Johnson from Vernon Secondary for winning GOLD in the Welding division at the recent Skills BC Competition held in Kelowna on Feb 24, 2023. Terry will be attending the regional competition in April 2023. The future generation in Trades!



This month the Pilot Project started for Indigenous Early Childhood Education with partnership from SD22, OKIB and NVIT.



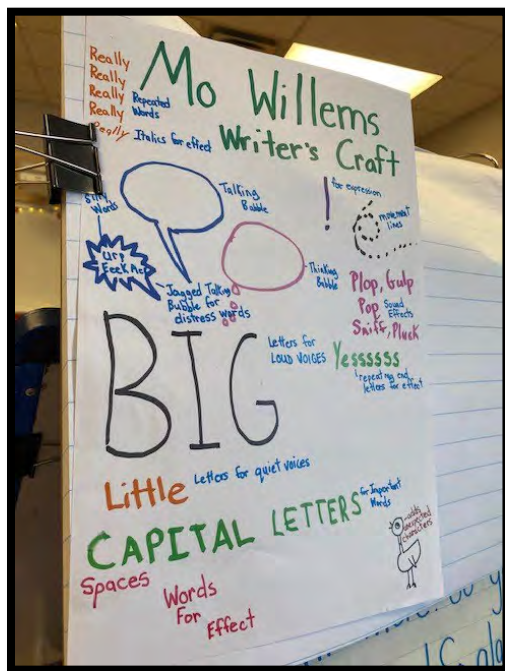
This is a great opportunity for OKIB students to further their knowledge in the Early Childhood Education field.



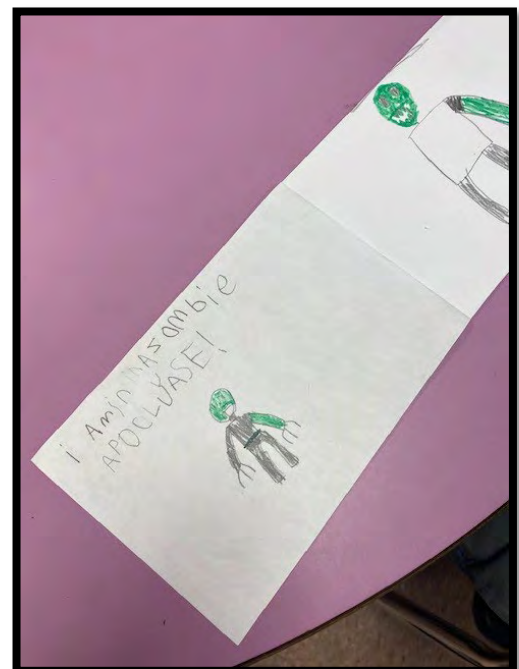
Early Learning & Child Care



Early Learning & Child Care



Grade 1 & 2 students at Alexis Park Elementary are learning about different techniques authors use in their stories to make their writing clear and interesting.



Early Learning Success Teacher, Deanna Michaud and Classroom Teacher, Stephanie Lemay, are working alongside one another in the residency program to implement structures that allow students to engage in experiences that support their early literacy development.



The StrongStart program at Mission Hill has been roaring with dinosaurs this month! Ms. Gail has set up a variety of play invitations for children and parents/caregivers to engage in all sorts of play experiences.



Child-initiated, self-directed play offers so many benefits to young children and helps them develop social and motor skills as well as creative thinking.



Inclusive Education Department



Winter fitness fun with trips up to SilverStar to snowshoe and ongoing adapted aquatics.

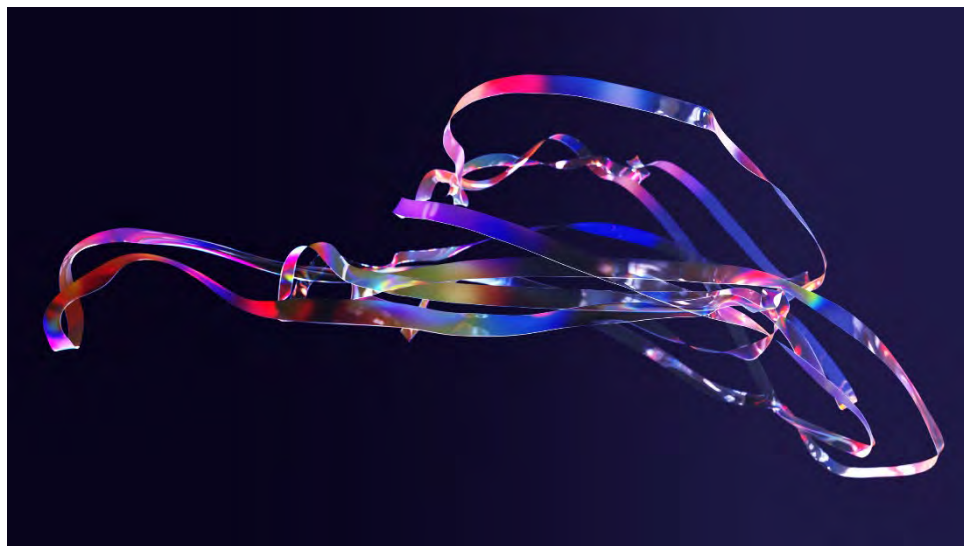


The Canada Winter Games has concluded in PEI and Team BC has set records for our province by bringing home 46 Gold, 26 Silver and 31 Bronze Medals for a total of 103, the most medals won to date.

Amongst those winners are SD22 students Matthew Leach & Chase Ferguson earning a Gold and Silver in Para-Alpine; Tate Garrod earned a Gold Medal in Slopestyle Freestyle Skiing; Parker Munroe & Liam Simmons earned Silver in the Mixed Relay Biathlon; Sebastian Solomonson earned a Silver in the 12.5 km Biathlon; and Maya Serdachny and the BC Female Hockey Team also earned a Gold.







International

Over the last month, the International Program and its students have been busy! Several students completed their programs after semester 1, and made their way home, while others arrived for their first time in Canada to start semester 2.

Many students continue to take advantage of the winter weather, doing their best to become experts on the slopes of local mountains. International Program Students also recently had the chance to travel to Kelowna for shopping and bowling, which is always a great time.





Looking ahead, spring is a terrific time for the ISP, with many activities planned, great learning opportunities inside schools and outside on the land, and a whole new season for many students to experience for the first time.

March is also exciting for our students as several of them take a trip to the Rocky Mountains during spring break.

Finance Department

A March Miracle in
Finance = T4 season
is over 😊

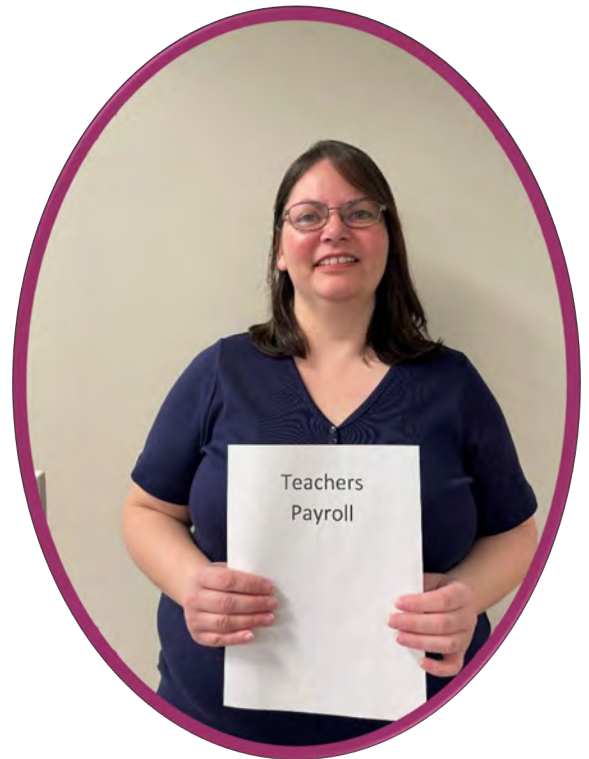


I am excited to report that our Finance Family is finally complete! Please join me in welcoming Nico Laviolette, Accounts Payable Clerk, Nikki Wallace, Teachers Payroll Clerk and Michelle Onderwater, CUPE Payroll Clerk.



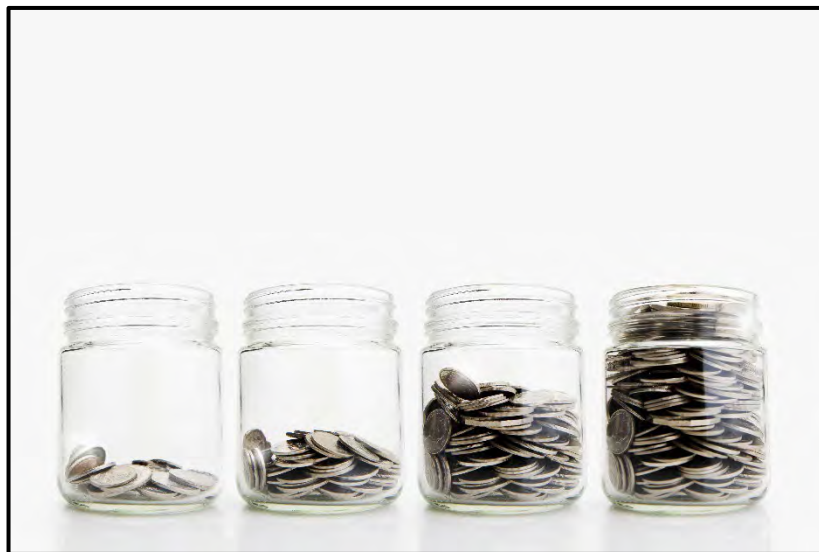
Nico is originally from Taiwan and became a Canadian Citizen in 2013. In Taiwan, she was an ESL teacher for many years and was where she met her husband who was from Canada. They decided to move to Canada in 2008 and together they have 3 children. Nico enjoys family get togethers, food, and traditional Taiwanese dance.

Nikki was born in Northern BC but spent many years in Ontario before moving back to BC to study Accounting at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops. Nikki has 3 young children and 2 large pups and together they enjoy playing, hiking, and road trips. Nikki also enjoys practicing photography in her spare time.





Michelle spent most of her adolescent years in the Vernon area and graduated from VSS before she moved to the Lower Mainland to pursue her post secondary education. As a natural “people person” she studied Human Resources at Simon Fraser University and spent many years working in that space. Upon returning to the Okanagan, Michelle has been working in the payroll world and is very excited to join us at SD22. In addition to HR and Payroll, she has a bachelors degree in social work and has spent several years leading teams in the social services industry at non-profit agencies. In her spare time, Michelle enjoys taking care of her chickens and watching the wildlife walk through her property.



TRANSPORTATION

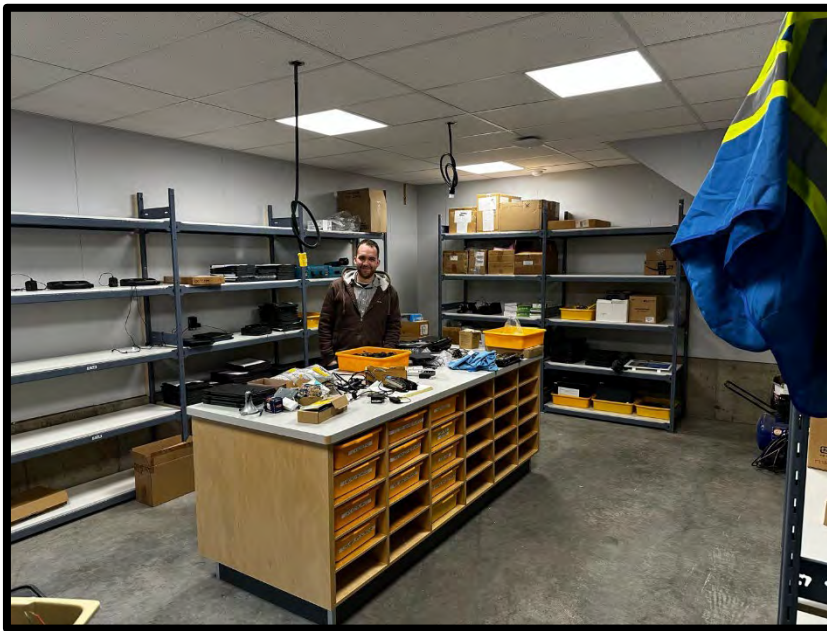
Two New **LionC electric buses** added to our fleet.

A full day of in class training, driving and sharing.



Innovation and Technology

Dado is working on keeping things running in the background for School District 22. Servers keep our software applications functioning smoothly.



Drew is preparing our new repair area for any technology that needs to be fixed by our team. Devices that get bruised up get some TLC in this area.

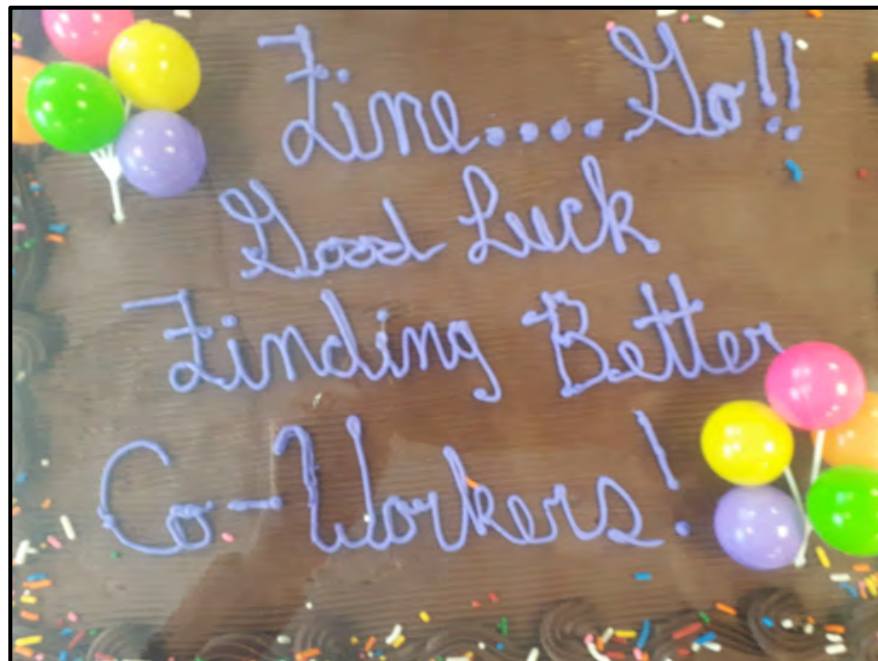
Maintenance

Mike Powell started with School District 22 on Feb 23, 2009 as a HVAC technician. He enjoyed getting to know everyone and ensuring that the temperatures in their work areas were just right. He also repaired school appliances and maintained cafeteria equipment when required.



Mike responded to many after hour call outs ensuring all of our systems were running smoothly. During the winter season Mike enjoyed driving a snowplow and clearing the sidewalks around many schools. For three years Mike was the shop steward for the Maintenance Department; a role that he was very proud to serve in. Mike is retiring after 14 years of service with the District in April 2023.

Outside of work Mike enjoys his family, grandchildren, skiing during the winter months and riding his unicycle in the warmer months. We congratulate Mike on his upcoming retirement and thank him for all of his hard work!



Have a beautiful spring break!!

