

Superintendent Report
January 2024
Submitted by: Dr. Christine Perkins





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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.

January Superintendent Report 2024

Welcome back everyone! 2024 promises to be....

Accessibility Survey –Students, staff and families are invited to complete this brief survey on accessibility in our district. [Accessibility Survey-January 2024](#) This link is also posted on the new SD22 website and is available to all those interested.

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://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/reporting/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers>

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

- Learn more about the changes to student reporting by reading: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/student-reporting>
 - SD22 info. on reporting: <https://www.sd22.bc.ca/csl>
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Career Education

You are welcome to attend our **Career Programs information night** on February 12st at Kalamalka Secondary at 6:30 pm. You are also invited to the **Academy Showcase** at Fulton Secondary on Wednesday, February 28th at 6 pm.

[Jean Minguy Memorial RCMP Applications](#) have been brought to schools and sent out to students with the application deadline coming January 31st. If you have a student interested, please ask them to connect with their school Career Coordinator for more information.

Feeding Futures Program: [Feeding Futures Newsletter \(January\)](#)

Health Promoting Schools: [January Newsletter](#) [Parent Connect for School Newsletter](#)

How Are We Doing Report?

The 2022/23 *How Are We Doing? Report* is available below. The *How Are We Doing? Report* reflects Indigenous student data for our district and is used for our evidence-based decision-making as we move forward.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/reports/ab-hawd/ab-hawd-school-district-022.pdf>

Media Smarts New Teen-Fact Checking Network Project: Deadline for registration Feb 1, 2024

MediaSmarts is pleased to be launching the [Teen Fact-Checking Network](#) project in Canada! This international project was started in the U.S. by [MediaWise](#) (see examples [here](#)) and has since been adopted in countries across the globe including Brazil, Germany, India and Spain. We are looking for teens ages 13 to 18 who have an interest in social media, journalism and verifying information to produce fact-check videos in English or French for MediaSmarts' TikTok, YouTube Shorts and Instagram Reels channels. Selected youth will have the opportunity to learn from and work with digital media literacy and communications experts and will be given an honorarium and certificate at the completion of the project. **We would greatly appreciate it if you would please share the following program information with your colleagues and networks:**

ENGLISH: <https://bit.ly/3RlehBx>

FRENCH: <https://bit.ly/3NpBxTa>

If you know an exceptional young person who would be interested in this program, please be sure to send it their way. The deadline to apply is February 1, 2024.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Susana Mas, Manager of Educational and Community Outreach, at smas@mediasmarts.ca.

NOYFSS: [Friendship Foundations](#) [Connect Parent](#) [Core Connections](#)

Local Education Agreement (LEA) – A huge thank you to Okanagan Indian Band Chief and Council for hosting the Board of Education and senior staff on December 15th at New Horizons Hall on Westside Road. It was a wonderful opportunity for both levels of government to meet and discuss the future of learning for OKIB students.

McCreary Centre Society Adolescent Health Survey

SD22 will once again be participating in the McCreary Centre Society Adolescent Health Survey. A sample of schools and classrooms in SD22 have been selected for participation. Health nurses will support schools. Like all surveys, an informed consent letter will be sent out ahead of time through email and hard copy. For more information, please connect with: https://mcs.bc.ca/about_bcahs

Ready, Set, Learn Events: intended for families and their 3-5 year old children. These events are all about fostering positive connections between families, the school system and local community agencies. Events provide a fun, family-oriented atmosphere to support children's transitions into school.

We have a series of 4 free events planned from January to March 2024 and invite all parents & caregivers with 3-5 year old children to join us.

Tanya will send the [Ready, Set, Learn poster](#) to all Elementary school clerical to share with all families. See poster for full event details.

Scholarship Appreciation Night – Thank you to all our scholarship sponsors who attended our district Appreciation evening at Fulton Secondary on November 29th, 2023. Last year, our district handed out over \$292,500 worth of scholarships. That is \$18,500 more than 2022. Thank you to all our communities. Many students would not be able to attend post-secondary if it was not for your generosity. Thank you. A massive thank you to those who complete all the hard work behind the scenes: Mel Maglio, Steve Plecas; Sandra Glinsbockel; Christopher Colclough; Raelyn Bauer; Kayla Coble, Stari Tupper, Pauline Kereluk; Lori Knight; and Corinne McWhinney.

To help us get over \$300,000 let us know you are interested in donating by emailing: scholarship@sd22.bc.ca

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. 28 starting at 6:00 pm.**



DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 2024

- 24 International Day for Education
- 24 National Compliment Day
- 24 Regular Public Board Meeting
- 25 National Opposite Day
- 26 ProD – no school in session
- 27 International Holocaust Day
- 27 Family Literacy Day
- 31 National Backward Day
- 31 Hot Chocolate Day

February

- Black History Month
- Indigenous Storytelling month
- 1 RCMP Appreciation Day
- 2 Groundhog Day
- 2 World Wetlands Day
- 3 National Ice Cream for Breakfast Day
- 7 Send a Card to a Friend Day
- 7 Global School Play Day
- 7 World Read Aloud Day
- 9 National Pizza Day
- 10 Lunar New Year, Year of the Dragon
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 ProD – no school in session
- 17 Random Act of Kindness Day
- 19 Louis Riel Day - BC
- 19 Family Day – no school in session
- 20 World Day of Social Justice
- 21 Regular Public Board Meeting
- 28 Pink Shirt Day

March

- 3 National Grammar Day
- 8 International Women's Day
- 10 Daylight Savings
- 13 Regular Public Board Meeting
- 14 Pi Day
- 15 Last Day of School before Spring Break
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 17 Red Nose Day
- 19 National Let's Laugh Day
- 19 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
- 23 Earth Hour (8:30pm-9:30)
- 29 Good Friday – no school in session
- 31 National Indigenous Language Day
- 31 Easter Sunday (no school in session Monday April 1)
- 31 International Transgender Day of Visibility

Seaton Family of Schools:



Alexis Park Elementary

Happy New Year!! Our winter concert was a huge success. Classes sang, played instruments, performed a shadow play between each performance, and it all ended with an amazing light show. Thank you to Mrs. Huggins and all her hard work to make this possible for our community! We even had a few community members who attended because the “word is out” that this is a great performance.



The students and staff at Alexis Park had the privilege of being invited for traditional turkey dinner at Trinity United Church. This is one of the big highlights of the school year for our staff and students and is something that everyone looks forward to.

Our entire school walked down to the church and were greeted by a crew of dedicated

community members who had been working for days to plan and prepare the meal. After lunch, we participated in a sing-along led by two retired music teachers. The church helps our students and their families in many ways throughout the year and we are so grateful for their ongoing support.



Santa also visited our school and gave Primary students stuffies and treats. Under that jolly exterior is our lead painter, Darrell Fentiman. The students were very excited to see Santa and

Darrell was enjoying a break from painting.

Our school looks great with the new coats of paint; we love our paint crew!



Our grade 6/7 students organized a winter store where students could shop for two important people in their lives for the cost of a loonie per gift. After they had picked out their gifts, grade 6/7 "elves" went to each classroom to help wrap all the gifts. A huge thank you to our Leadership students and teachers for providing this opportunity for our students.





Beairsto Elementary

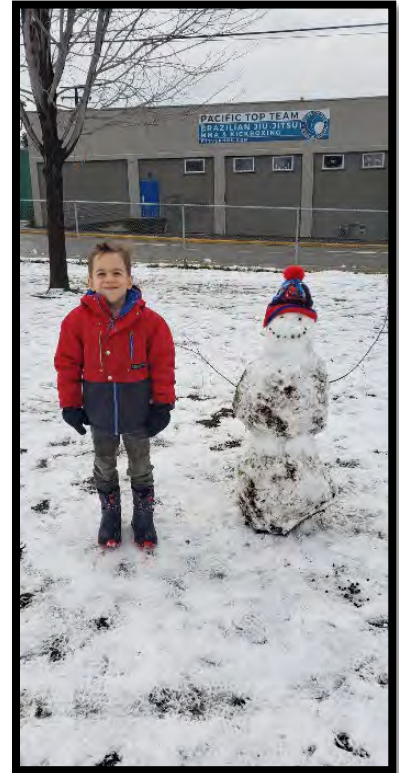
The last month has been filled with fun and joy at Beairsto. Students took advantage of the few snowy days to build some great snowmen. Jamal was very proud of his creation!



M. Richard and M. Cox organized the annual ball hockey tournament. Teams played a 5-game season culminating with the awarding of the Coupe Beairsto, a trophy that has been awarded every year since the late 1980's. A great tradition continues!

Our PhysEd superstar teacher, M Helm, sets up *air gymnastics* every December.

It is a highlight of the year for many students and has brought lots of excitement and joy to finish off 2023.



Finally, we took the annual Beirsto Staff Ugly Sweater photo.



Harwood Elementary

We keep "crankin' up the heat" here at Harwood heading into January! We finished 2023 off with a BANG! Our school was busy getting geared up for the holiday season. We had some of our adults set positive examples for our younger students by making sure that they ate their daily dose of vegetables.

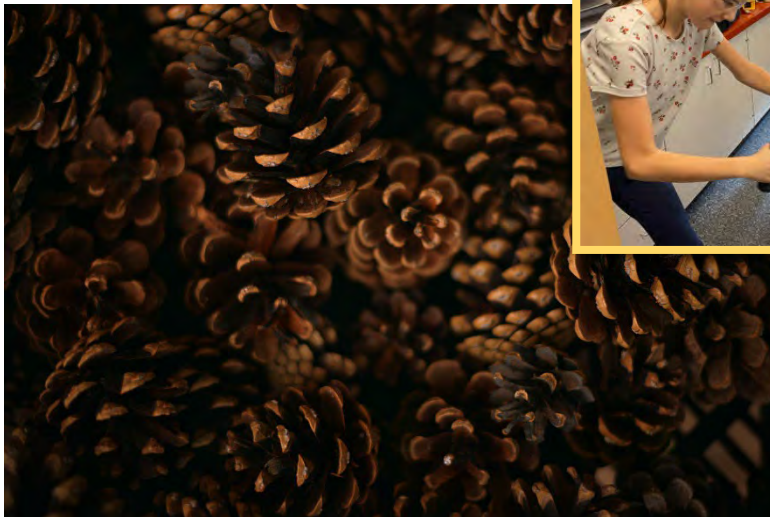
Thank you, Mr. Taylor, for eating a carrot a day!





Also, Mrs. Scholz our fine arts teacher, held a wonderful holiday concert that showcased all our student's musical talents. We had two jam packed performances that filled our gym up with not an open seat to be found!

Additionally, classrooms across Harwood were busy using tools to create holiday decorations and ornaments.



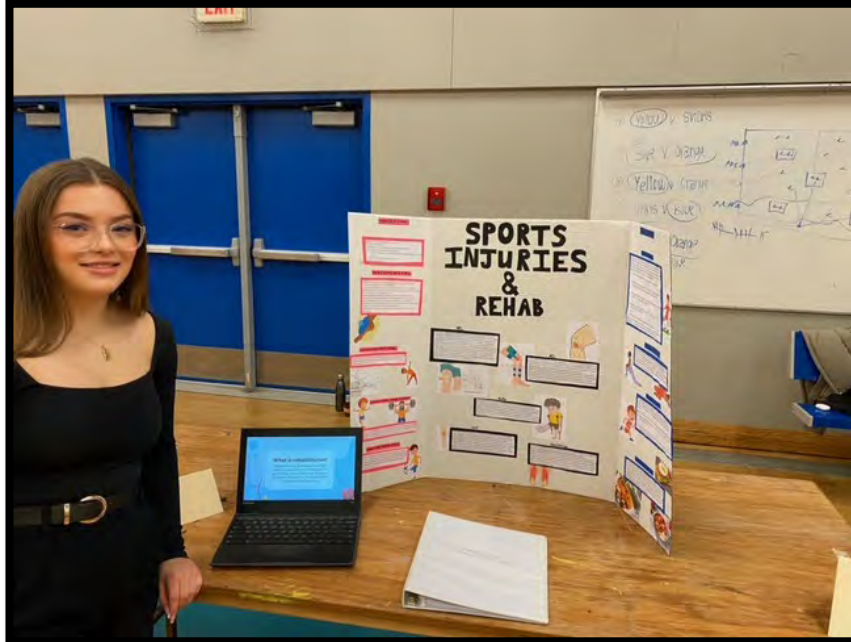
Amidst all busyness, we managed to build a few snowmen, go bowling, practice our evacuation procedures, and have a whole school gingerbread house competition.



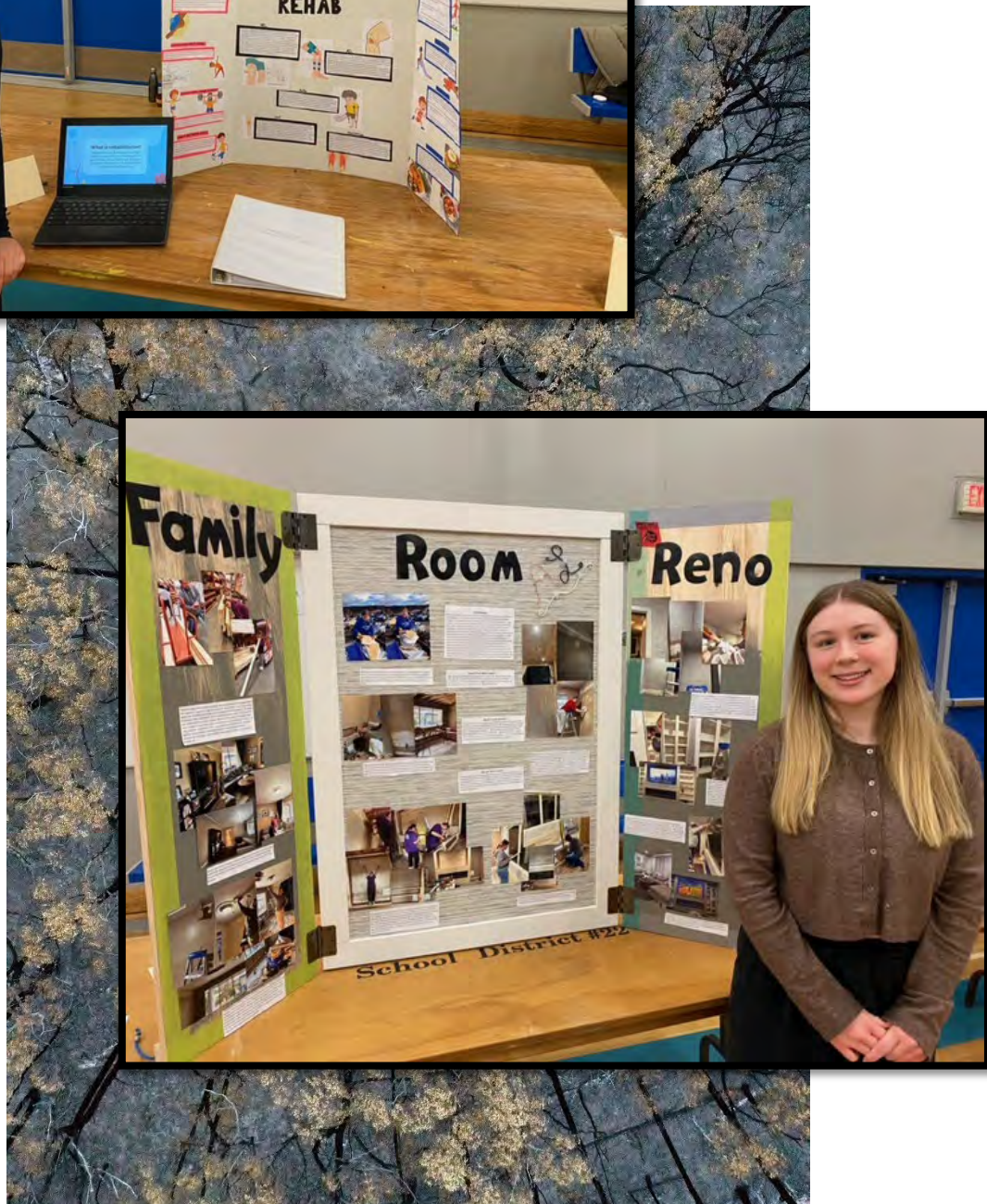
Lastly, just as we left for the winter holiday, some of our primary classrooms got a surprise visit from the "big guy" himself to hand out a few early gifts and holiday spirit.



W.L. Seaton Secondary



Amazing Capstone projects!



Vernon Family of Schools



VLearn

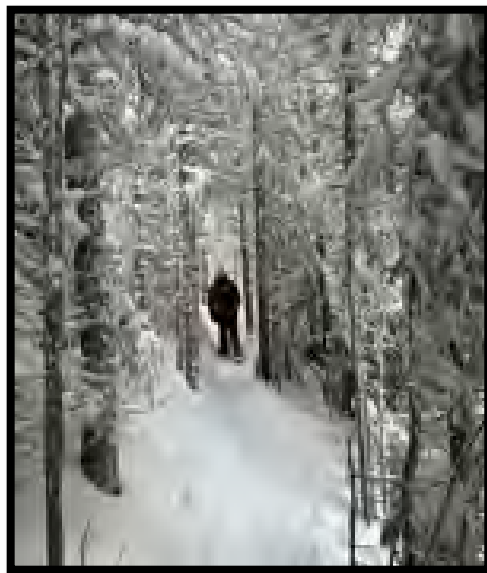
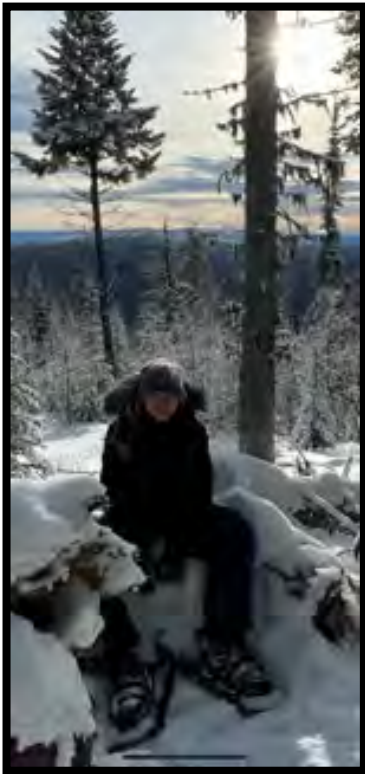
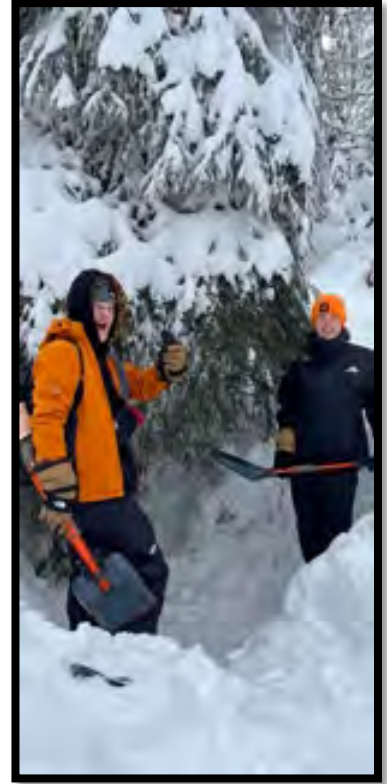
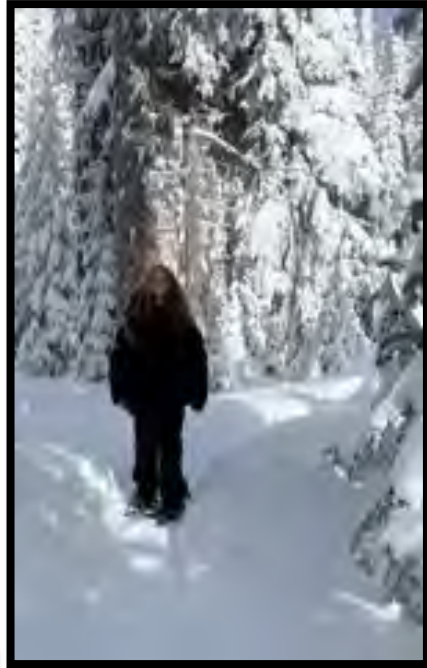


Thank you SD22 for arranging ice time for our students! vLearn students enjoyed two fabulous field trips to Kal Tire Place and Centennial Rink to learn to skate and participate in some lively games of Broomball. Learning new things promotes brain health, memory, and cognitive function. The same is true for physical activity. That means learning a new sport packs an exceptional cognitive punch!



ALP/CrossRoads

Take A Hike snowshoeing trip.



Christmas dinner - our student turkey dinner prepped and served by staff and volunteers from Community Baptist Church.



Crossroads Donation - Staff and Students receiving a very generous donation of \$5000 to the Crossroads Alternate Program from Tolko (presented by Remko Engelbertink from Tolko).



BX Elementary

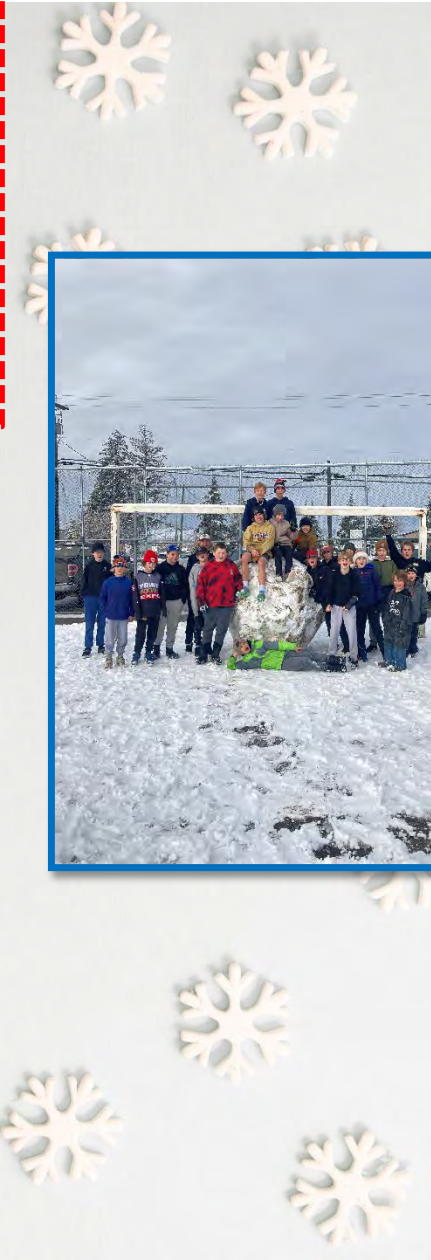
Learners at BX have been making the most of the little snow that has fallen this year. Our school also had an outstanding winter concert.

Each classroom showcased their talent and joy through a song, dance, or instrumental performance.

We would like to thank the wonderful parent community that helped make the concert so successful.

We would also like to say a HUGE thank you to Ms. J, our wonderful performing arts teacher, who created and directed such a wonderful performance.







Students at BX are also really enjoying seeing their vegetables grow! The new tower garden has been such a great source of curiosity, wonder, and learning for students.



Hillview Elementary



Mrs. Utley, Mrs. Jolly, and two Hillview Heroes (Bryce and Bentley) participate in a Minute to Win It bubble gum challenge. While the event was close, in the end the determination of Principal Utley proved to be too much to compete with, as she walked away with the win, and a fresh package of bubble gum!

Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but the snow building is so delightful, there's only one thing to know, let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Our Heroes were busy after the winter break playing in the snow. Our Kindergarten students build a snowperson, and two intermediates created the current district record for largest snowball in 2024. All challengers are welcome to try to overtake the monster that has been created, although it is going to be tough to beat!

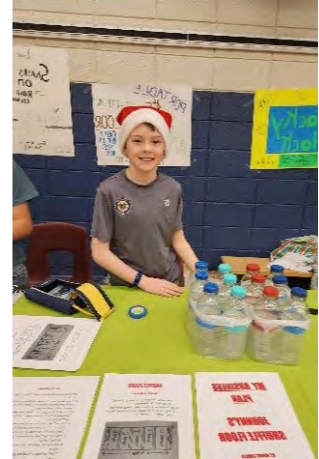


Silverstar Elementary

We kicked off our holiday season with a lot of spirit at Silver Star! Our, holiday production, Extra Yarn, delivered great laughs to a packed house (twice!).



Our Grade 6/7's held a very successful Entrepreneur Fair in December for our school community's Christmas shopping needs!



The whole school showed their spirit all month long with artwork, sing-a-longs, and impromptu congo-lines and dance parties!



Finally, we enjoyed outdoor learning with visits to our community parks and gardens, snowshoe trips, and crazy carpet days.
Silver Star Elementary definitely finished 2023 with a bang!





Vernon Secondary School

CLE students participated in an E fair at VSS where they planned a business idea and ran it at lunch time.



School wide pancake breakfast cooked by our amazing staff to recognize all our sport teams, especially those who made it to provincials, and also to recognize all our clubs.





Gingerbread competition being held by our cafeteria classes.



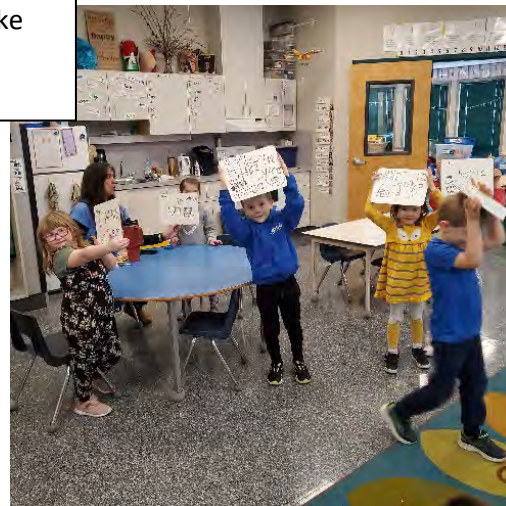
Fulton Family of Schools



Ellison Elementary



Our Kindergarten students are working hard in numeracy showing all the ways to make numbers.



Our students are enjoying the new year with some fun in the snow....





Mission Hill Elementary

It has been an amazing start to winter at Mission Hill. The Winter Concert, the Hockey 4 Youth Program started, skating with many different grades - here are some grade 3s, unveiling of our new mural, and M&Ms for Math.





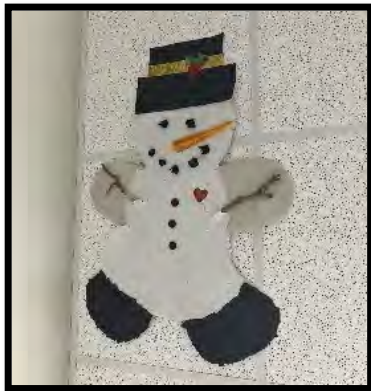
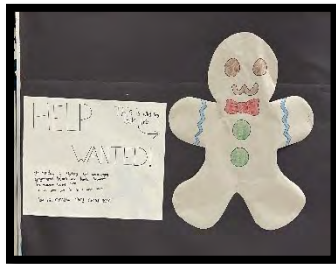
Chad Soon is also doing great things over at Mission Hill Elementary! He applied for and received a Hockey4Youth grant. The grant provides 20 newcomer students with free hockey equipment, 16 ice times, coaching, food, and transportation. The kickoff was on Saturday, December 16th. Read more about the program here: <https://hockey4youth.org/>. In addition to giving these students the opportunity to play hockey, the grant is also helping to publicize a campaign to have Larry Kwong, the first NHL player of Asian descent (also from Vernon!) inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame <https://hockey4youth.org/itslarrysturn>.





Okanagan Landing

December at OKL saw lots of amazing winter artwork, Gingerbread people on the loose, and a PAC sponsored pancake breakfast. Each class had to hide a gingerbread person somewhere in the school and there were some very creative hiding places at OKL.





Our wonderful noon hour supervisors ready to head out for recess duty.



Pancake breakfast set up:



Artwork around OKL.



Santa reading to the amazing students of Fulton Secondary.



Rare sighting of Santa & Mrs. Claus.





The Christmas sling shot was hard at work spreading Joy.

Kalamalka Family of Schools



Coldstream Elementary





Kidston Elementary



Kidston had their Winter Concert. Our gym was full for both performances that we put on and our students did an amazing job. Our music teacher, Bethany Elsworth, put the concert together including various instruments and themes.





We finished the last day before the break with a “dress cozy” day!



Our amazing firefighters and police officers put on a “fill the cruiser/fire truck” food drive. Our school collected 9000 lbs. of food!



Lavington Elementary

At Lavington, staff and students opted for a Winter Holiday Activities Day in lieu of a concert this year; however, that doesn't mean the holiday spirit was lost.... our student raised more money and presents for Santa's Anonymous than any other school! We are now looking forward to preparing for a spring performance of **Annie Junior**!!!!





Kalamalka Secondary

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Kal's musical theatre class put on a series of amazing performances of 'Alice by Heart' in December, telling the story of *Alice in Wonderland* but with a WW2 in the London Tube twist!



Kal hosted the **Emily Dahl Foundation Kindness Always Wins** charity volleyball match featuring many of Vernon's top high school volleyball players from Beyond Sport Volleyball Academy. The match was an absolute hit!



Kal's Safeschools club hosted an amazing holiday bake sale.



Mr. Winston's Social Justice 12 class put together holiday hampers for families in our community.



Kal bands and choir hosted a wonderful evening of music in mid-December featuring holiday medleys and scintillating solos, led by their teacher Mr. Hunter – bravo to all the performances!

Kal's holiday assembly was a great way to connect and kick off our holiday break! Thanks to Ms. Irwin and the leadership class for organizing!





Kal hosted a bottle drive in the frigid January temperatures to raise money for their graduating class of 2024. Thanks to all who brought their refundable bottles and cans to support our grads!

Bloom Family of Schools

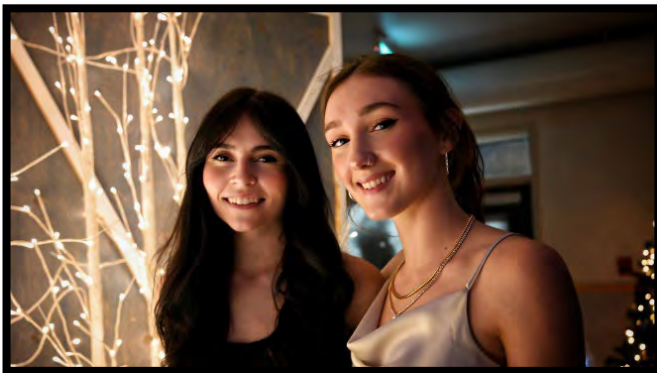


Charles Bloom Secondary

The Winter Formal was an incredible event for our students on December 14th! Thanks to Lily Fleury and Megan Hymas, two of our Gr. 12 students, who planned this evening and did an absolutely amazing job.

This activity was also part of their Capstone Project for CLC 12.

Big shout out to all the staff who came out to supervise and support! We are looking at doing another event in the spring, perhaps during 'March Madness'. Stay tuned!





Principal Josh Gutknecht was primed and ready for Bloom's Winter Formal!





Cherryville Elementary

Food Bank collection to support shopping at the Christmas Store - 479 items collected and taken to the Cherryville Food Bank where the Grade 5/6 class assembled food hampers for the community.



Shopping at the Christmas Store for families and friends using the credits from food items brought for the food bank. Thanks to community member Deb. Cowland for organizing and running the store.



Winter Showcase Performances

Kindergarten/Grade 1 Bucket
Drumming



Grade 1/2/3

- Singing - "Hot Chocolate"

Grade 3 and 4 "Frozen Family Fiasco" Play



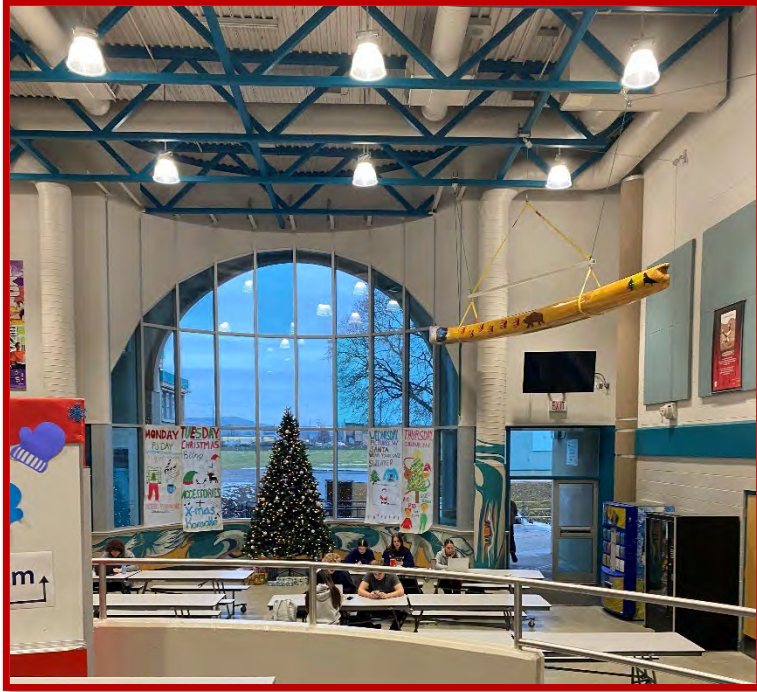


J.W. Inglis Elementary

Its SNOW lovely at JWI! We are all so pumped to be back!



Indigenous Programs



Seaton common area was decorated for the holidays in a magnificent fashion. The highlight of the week was the RED/GREEN Day with all students and staff dressed in their special holiday color.

Gingerbread houses were made by Indigenous staff members as prizes for Holiday Musical Bingo Day at Harwood Elementary.



Human Resources

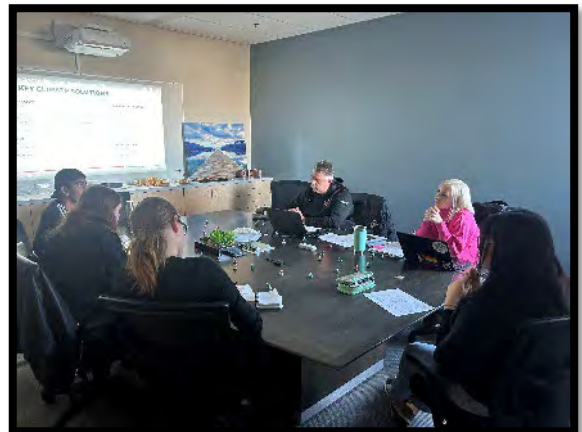
Human Resources is busy preparing for secondary schools' second semester staffing needs and then will begin the long process of staffing for the 2024-2025 school year.

New Employee Orientation for new hires since the start of September will be hosted on February 8th after school at the school board office.



Student Learning

Student Trustees Taking Action



Student trustees representing each secondary school in the district have been meeting with the Learning Coordinators, Rhiannon Johnson and Kimberley Tyssen, to explore ways that they can raise awareness and take action on climate change and anti-racism.

Over the next couple months, they will be reaching out to schools to bring their student voice to support this work across the district.

Middle Years Student Voice Day



Scott Belshaw (Learning Coordinator) along with Kyle Doerksen (Principal of Ellison) facilitated the planning session for the second district Middle Years Student Voice Day in May.

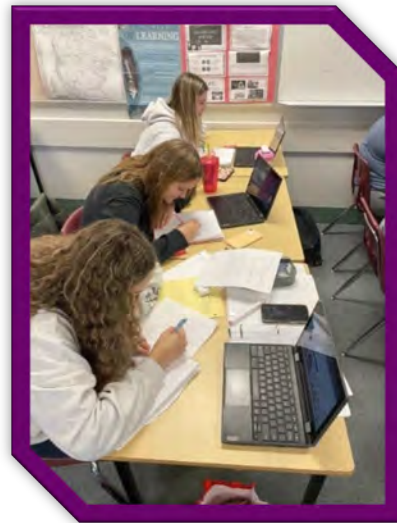
This year, along with teachers, students participated in helping plan the day and will be involved in leading activities as a step towards student agency. “Never about us without us”.

Grade 4/5 Community of Practice:



A group of grade 4/5 teachers meet every couple of months to explore inquiry learning and how to incorporate more student agency in their classrooms. These meetings have been a wonderful opportunity to meet with teachers from a variety of schools to collaborate and share ideas. The teachers, along with the Learning Coordinator Kimberley Tyssen, are exploring the resource: *Getting Personal with Inquiry Learning* by Kath Murdoch.

Sustainability and Climate Action has been the focus of a residency with Connor Podmorow and Dan Curtis' combined Social Justice/Marketing 12 class. Using the model of CARE, students aligned broad topics from community education to entrepreneurship to science, with specific UN Sustainable Development Goals to come up with a topic of interest. Students then collaborated with likeminded individuals to create interesting lessons that were shared with Grade 6 & 7 classes from Mission Hill and Ellison Elementary Schools. This residency continues to focus on student agency, providing experiential and flexible learning opportunities and a rich development of social awareness, responsibility, and communication skills.



Jen Carter (Learning Coordinator) facilitated a session with teachers exploring 'Materials to Think With' at her Responsive Pedagogy in Numeracy Community of Practice last

evening.... shifting thinking from teacher-directed use of manipulatives to student exploration and discovery of concepts through materials that they personally connect with.

Career Programs



Some of the amazing students from Trade Sampler receiving their Completion Certificates and swag from Okanagan College Professor Robert Pereira and Principal of Career Programs Corinne McWhinney.



Inclusive Education Department



Vocations students braved the winter elements to take on the first snowshoeing trip of the season at Sovereign Lake Nordic Club. Although a little chilly, fun was had by all.



Students participate in community-based programming each week at FreeChild farm and engage in animal therapy while learning to care for animals.



Early Learning & Child Care

The after-school childcare program at OKL has increased their gym time during January as the temperature drops. We love seeing children explore their passions in our childcare programs and these buddies were so excited to try out goalie equipment that one of the children brought from home. Building & strengthening connections and friendships happens every day in after-school care!



January kicked off our district's Ready, Set, Learn events! Working alongside community partners, we provide fun, family-oriented events that support children's transitions into school. Our January event was held at the Vernon Library and was a time for families to engage with SD22 ELCC staff and other families while enjoying storytime, snacks, and play!



In our preschool programs, caring Early Childhood Educators support young children's social development by providing learning experiences that encourage positive and respectful interactions with peers. After playing in the snow, warming up with a nice cup of hot chocolate and friendly conversation is in order. Cheers!



We have moved! The Early Learning & Child Care Department has moved to the ELCC Hub on the school grounds of Harwood Elementary! We extend a huge thank-you to our amazing Facilities department for all of the work poured into setting up this space for us and we extend our gratitude to the BX school community for hosting us since August 2023.



EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE HUB

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Early Learning Success Teachers are leading an incredible Community of Practice with 20 Teachers. The focus is on Story Workshop and this month's meeting saw teachers connecting and engaging two practices of the BC Early Learning Framework: Collaborative Dialogue and Critical Reflection. The deep work around Story Workshop in early years classrooms in our district is engaging students and providing exceptional learning opportunities that strengthen early literacy skills. We love seeing passionate educators come together through this community.



International

Over the holidays, some International Program students made trips home to visit their families in their home countries, some completed their programs in Vernon and returned home, and others stayed in Vernon to enjoy their holidays here. With classes having resumed, our high school students are busy working toward finishing their semester 1 courses. This is always a bittersweet time for students, as our semester 1 students prepare to say goodbye to everyone here in Vernon, while our semester 2 arrivals are extremely excited about their upcoming experience. To all of these students, we wish them the best of luck here in Vernon or elsewhere in the world.

Looking ahead, International Program students are looking forward to trips to Silver Star for skiing and snowboarding as well as a trip to Tubetown. These days at the hill are always fun and a great experience for the students. Speaking of experiences, many of the International Program students are getting a chance to experience the true Canadian cold for the first time this week. It seems like generally mixed reviews on the experience thus far.



Finance Department

During the month of December, the Finance Team embraced the opportunity to support those that may not have family or friends nearby or those that may be less fortunate than ourselves. Offering our time to making spirits bright and the gift of giving, we connected with the Community Resource Center and filled a box full of wonderful gifts and goodies to be distributed to a local senior. In addition, the Salvation Army was the recipient of many of our lunch breaks to ring the bells and offer season greetings to those doing their shopping, all in support of local wellness agencies.



We hope you all had a wonderful winter break and wish each of you a Happy New Year!”



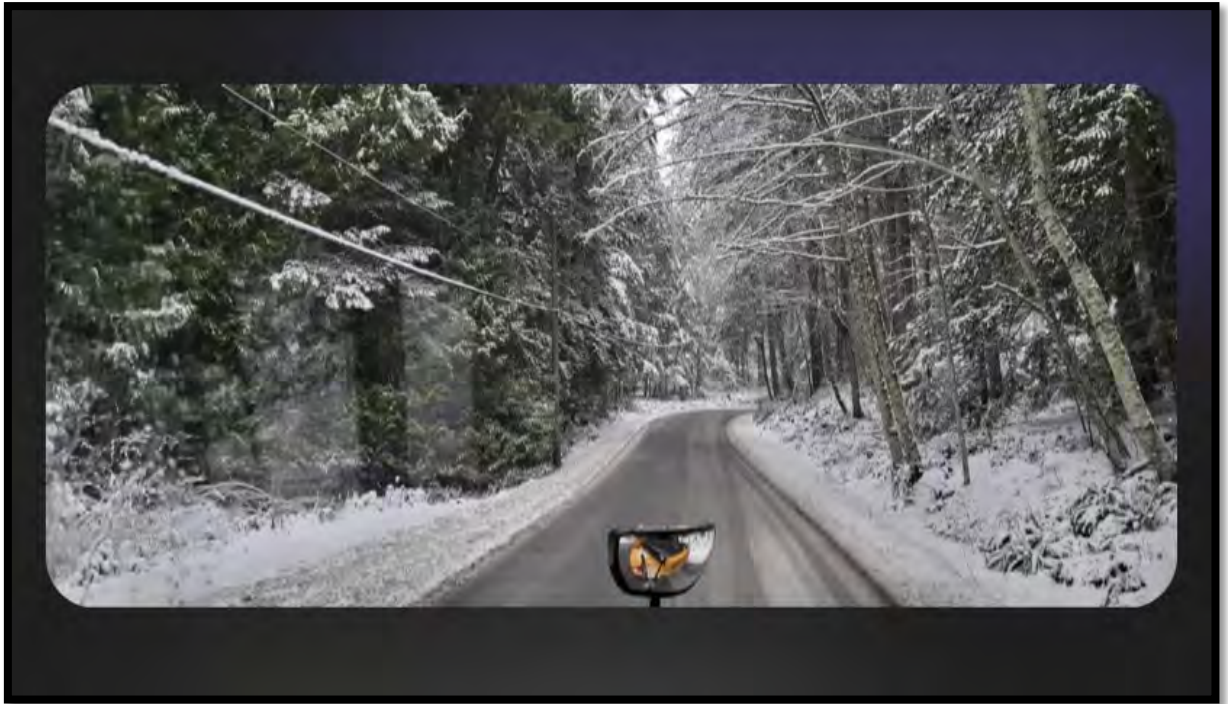
IT

The IT elves were visiting schools over the winter break helping our iPads get the space they need to receive updates. A small thing that happens in the background to help them function more smoothly.



Transportation

Doing an incredible job out there getting our kids to and from school in these challenging times.



Operations

Busy out there on serious snow removal duties.



Stay safe and warm out there!

