

Superintendent's Report



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May 2022



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.

Superintendent Report – May 2022

A huge thank you to all who participated in the short-listing and Spring interview process for our senior leaders. Your time, energy, and thoughtfulness, greatly contributed to the process. Thank you.

Career Programs – We have had lots of great things happening in our Career Education department in recent weeks. Congrats to all who have organized and taken part.

- a. Experience OC – 400 Students exploring post secondary options.
 - b. [Female Firefighters For a Day](#) in the news –10 WL Seaton students had an experiential day at the fire hall.
 - c. [Jean Minguy Memorial RCMP Camp](#) in the news – The 22nd Annual camp is back after a 2 year pause and the impact is incredible.
 - d. [Find Your Fit](#) – Great hands-on activities to help students see themselves in different careers. A great seed planter for students for future life pathways.
 - e. Wildfire Firefighting Crew – 10 students trained in Firefighting with 3 receiving the opportunity to continue work in the summer.
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Climate Action Summit at Vernon Recreation Centre –Tuesday, May 31st. All are welcome to see the great ideas our student have to save the planet.

Communications Audit and Inventory Update: Eden DuPont from Sotropa has been in district touring our schools and taking inventory of all our communication systems. We hope to be able to achieve a variety of communication gains such as updating our district logo, our website communications, and eventually, an app to improve communication across the district for all our families.

Elections – Please see our website for the BCSTA official guide to running for a School Trustee in the upcoming October Election.

<https://sd22.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/BCSTA-Guide-for-School-Trustee-Candidates.pdf>

Employee Recognition Dinner – We would like to thank all staff who have worked, some for many decades, in service of our students and families. The Board of Education will honour our retirees on Monday, June 13th.

Graduations:

- **Kalamalka Graduation** – Friday, June 10 at Vernon Recreation Centre (Trustee Lee and Victor Antoine from OKIB)
- **Alternate Graduation** (Crossroads, Open Door, and vLearn) – June 13 at 11 am at Lakers Clubhouse (Trustee Olson and Virginia Gregoire from OKIB)
- **Seaton Graduation** – Thursday, June 16 at 4 pm at Kal Tire Place (Trustee Acton and Virginia Gregoire from OKIB)
- **Fulton Graduation** – Friday, June 17 at Kal Tire Place (Trustee Comazzetto and Victor Antoine from OKIB)
- **Bloom Graduation** – Friday, June 17 at Bloom Secondary School (Trustee Acton and Pauline Archachan from OKIB)
- **VSS Graduation** – Saturday, June 18 at Kal Tire Place (Trustee Williamson and Pauline Archachan from OKIB)

Indigenous Graduation Ceremony at Kin Beach on Thursday, June 2 at 4 pm. We are so excited. This is the first time this event will be held in many years. We have over 250 people registered to attend to date. An event not to be missed.

Kindergarten immunization clinic dates - Interior Health

Congratulations on registering your child in Kindergarten! Most children will be due for a Kindergarten vaccine before they start school in September. Immunization Clinics will be held **May 5 and 6** and **June 2 and 3, 2022** at the Vernon Health Centre.

Please call Interior Health to book an appointment at **250-549-5721**.

Ministry of Education and Child Care (ECC):

I joined all provincial Superintendents and Ministry of Education and Child Care on Friday May 13th. Topics covered included:

- Understanding our Roles in Truth, Reconciliation, and Indigenous Learner Success;
- Street Data: A Next-Generational Model for Equity, Pedagogy, and School Transformation;
- Framework for Enhancing Student Learning;
- Early Learning and Child Care; and a
- Bargaining Update.

In the Early Learning and Child Care portion, districts were asked to consider the following questions:

1. Thinking about your school district context, what accountabilities and outcomes would a dedicated funded role in your school district be responsible for related to integrating early learning and child care?
2. What information would be helpful or useful for your school district to better understand the child care sector?

3. How are the various school districts in your region approaching integrated early learning and child care?
4. What are your top three questions about the integration of early learning and child care we need to address for your Board and District team?

We hope to have a lot more information for Fall start-up around our new partnership with Child Care.

Naloxone Training – to be updated district-wide on Wednesday May 18. Thank you to Doug Rogers and Interior Health.

Transportation – Transportation registration for next year is well underway. If you have any questions regarding transportation, please contact the transportation department at transportation@sd22.bc.ca or 250-549-9281.

Year-end - The final day of school is Thursday, June 23rd. Administrative Day is Friday, June 24th at all schools.



Seaton Family of Schools:



Alexis Park Elementary



Alexis Park Elementary has been enjoying the arts this month and expressing ourselves through different mediums.

Our students engaged in a design contest to create the cover for our next year's school agendas. This year we have some outstanding entries and had a difficult time picking just one.

Two students will have their original artwork featured on the cover of next year's agendas. The primary winner is Danica, and our intermediate winner is Corita! Congratulations, girls! Great work and artistic expression. Both covers embody our school and values so well.



Alexis Park students also got to dance this month. We had one of our nearly world-famous recess dance parties. Students from K-7 were dancing to the classics like YMCA and The Macarena, as well as some new hits. It did not matter what was playing, our students were all dancing up a storm.



Our DJ, Mr. Sutch, even extended recess by a minute (or two) so the party could keep on rocking!



Our students have also been getting excited about a new playground resource that allows for easy non-verbal communication. This is just another way Alexis Park is ensuring that everyone can express themselves and join in the fun!



Beairsto Elementary

The Beairsto band performed a couple of songs during our teacher collaboration assemblies this month. There are students at each intermediate grade level that practice twice a week with our Fine arts teacher Mr. Corbett.



We also had teachers share some parts that bring students joy in sharing their chapter of *Ensouling Our Schools*.



Harwood Elementary

Harwood Elementary proudly performs all throughout the year! Everything from musical showcases, Christmas concerts, spring musicals, choral concerts, dance, coffeehouses, one act plays, and everything in between.

We believe in sharing what we create so that we can learn from our performances and share ideas with others. It is a culture that we are proud of and it is created by our students.



Currently, our grade 2/3s are performing their first mini production with live music, actors, and narration for our kindergarten classes and are excited to share their performance.

Our amazing grade 7s are also performing their own self-directed musical. This show will be our first public performance and highlights all of the musicals and plays Harwood has performed in the past, "Lights! Camera! Action!"

Everything from the script to the song selection, costumes, dancing, acting, singing, props and sets, this is their grade 7 show, and it won't disappoint.



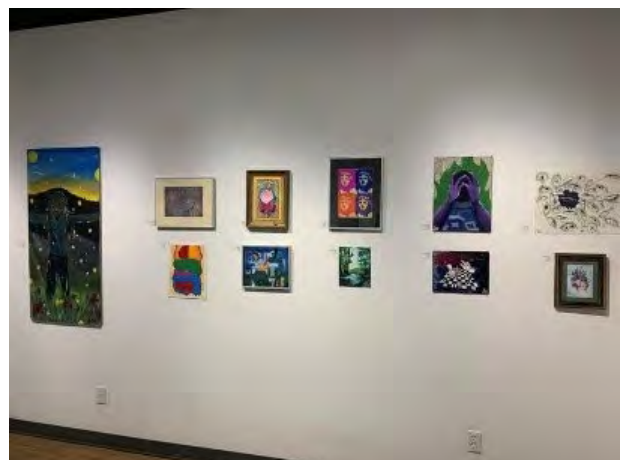
With so many talented students and amazing support from all the teachers, EA's, custodians, and administration it is a culture that is the HEAT (Healthy, Encouraging, Academic, Team) of Harwood Elementary School.



W.L. Seaton Secondary

Seaton's Fine Arts students are letting their talents shine this month.

Numerous art students showcased their talents in the Vernon Public Art Gallery Art and Soul Exhibit.



District Project Scholarship students showcased their talents.



The Gr. 9-12 Jazz Band and the Sr. Jazz Combo earned Gold at the BC Interior Jazz Festival last week Thursday. The Sr Combo performed at the Showcase concert Saturday evening. 27th Street Theatre presents Brigadoon from May 31-June 4.

<https://www.ticket seller.ca/tickets/event/brigadoon-1>



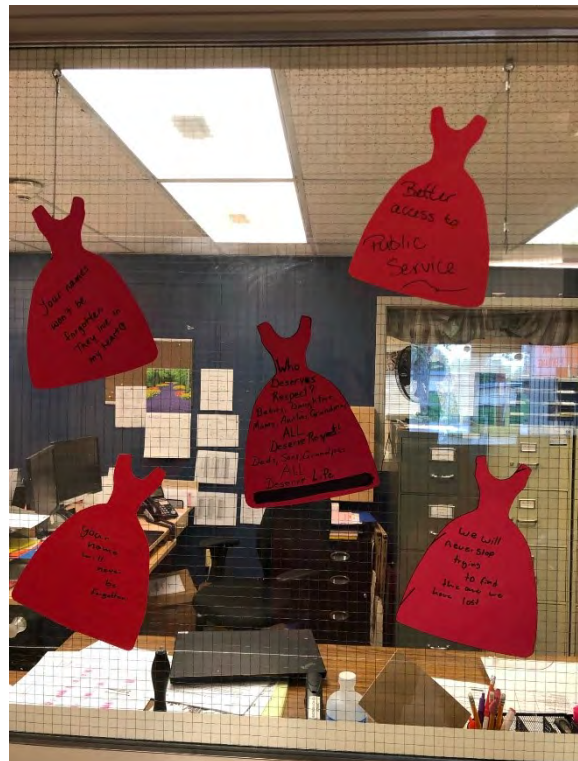
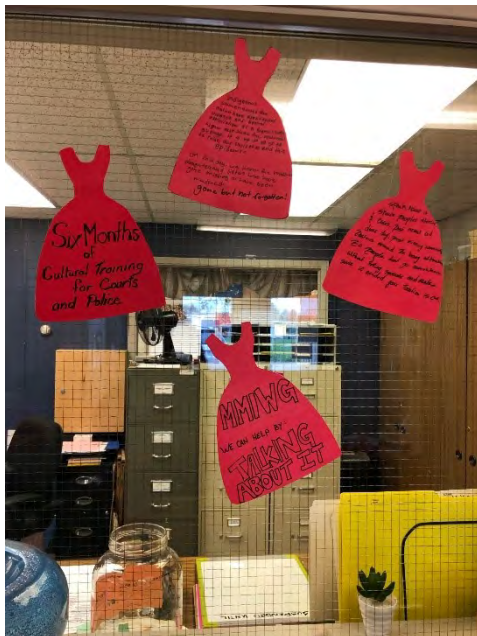
Vernon Family of Schools



Alternative Programs

ALP

ALP students sharing their calls to action on Red Dress Day, the National Day of Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.



CrossRoads

Crossroads students showing off their artistic talents working with clay and painting Ukrainian Eggs.



VLearn

vLearn students hiking in Kalamalka Provincial Park, creating pine needle baskets, and cleaning up the grounds at the Okanagan Science Center.



VLearn ...



BX Elementary

It is an absolute joy to walk down the halls of BX Elementary School. Our teachers proudly display the work that their students create and update it regularly.
Different is cool - Intermediate Collaborative Art Project.

Inspired by a street artist, known as Thank You X. Using bold colours, lines and pattern, the intermediate students emulated the style of this artist and continual add to the creation.



Who is worth more to you than gold? Our grade 2 students used their writing and art skills to share thoughts about their dog, parents, grandparents, friends and more!



Our grade 2/3 class created a collaborative art piece using oil pastels focused on The Seven Teachings.



Our grade 5, 6 & 7 students learned about Vincent Van Gogh through our Brain Pop program. They used oil pastels to blend colours on black construction paper.



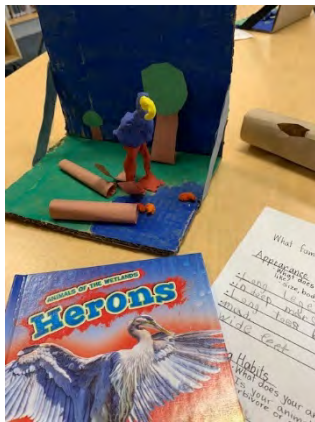
Hillview Elementary



Mrs. Lee's class did a biography project and then presented them to other students as well as to invited guests.



Science Meets Art! Mrs. Tassie's class did some animal research and created dioramas to help show their learning!





Silverstar Elementary



The grade 2/3 class went for a hike up Black Rock and talked about what it feels like to be in nature and why the land is important. They did a land acknowledgement and shared the story of “How Food Was Given”. The class learned about the different **Food Chiefs** and which ones they connect with the most and why. This is part of the Social Studies unit on Indigenous ways of knowing and learning.



The grade 6/7 class enjoy time with their little buddies in grade 1/2.

The Winners of the grade 6/7 intermural Dodge ball tournament. Congratulations to the “Devils for their great teamwork and support throughout the season.





Here is another way that the Silver Star Wolfpack celebrated Earth Day.



Vernon Secondary School

Superintendent's report May 2022 VSS

Yeah, to HAILEY SITTER

Hailey has made the BC Aboriginal Girls Hockey Team & she is underage... so an unbelievable accomplishment!!!!

She is going to Sydney, Nova Scotia (May 5 – May 16th), to play in the Canadian Aboriginal Hockey Tournament.

An excellent entertaining evening of music provided by the VSS music program on April 21st that included performances by the Jazz, Orchestra, grade 8 ensembles as well as individual and small group original compositions. Go Panthers!



Great fun at Mission Impossible at VSS! Thanks Grads and Staff for a night to remember. Go Grad 2022!



As part of Earth Day, our Social Justice class, under the leadership of teacher Susan Egan sponsored a water walk with over 100 VSS students participating. They raised \$4200 that will go to clean water projects in the developing world and to the OKIB. Go Panthers!





Good article regarding giving back to an athletic program that supported you. Great stuff in our Football program!<https://www.vernonmorningstar.com/sports/vernon-secondary-senior-building-up-panthers-football-pipeline/> ...



Fulton Family of Schools



Ellison Elementary

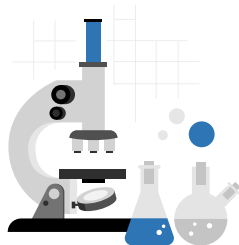
Mr. Craik's 'Walkabout Wednesdays' are an ongoing hiking/outdoor program that sees kids through subtly structured play with the goal of supporting in class learning.



This particular walk, which passed a goat paddock, was directed at deeply and observing and describing the landscape and environment for Syilx-based creative writing assignment.



The squid dissection was used to support a Body Science unit and examine the reproductive organs of a squid. It helped to normalize the language and use it in context.





Ms. Krogfoss' class learning about the growing cycle of a bean plant. It was very exciting to see the growth of the roots on the bean plants!

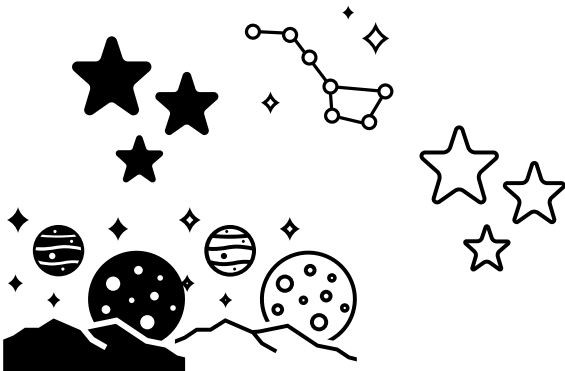
Ms. Wallace and Ms. Fochler's class enjoying some reading outside.

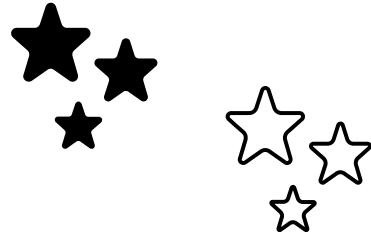




Mission Hill Elementary

Mission Hill Elementary has their good character and Mission Thrill Corner School - courtesy of Mr. Serafin's class - on full display. Hands on learning and good behaviour reign.





Mission Hill Elementary
COOL TICKET

☐ Being polite and kind	Date Nov. 16
☒ Helping others	
☐ Standing up for others	
☒ Trying your best	
☐ Keeping our school clean and tidy	
☐ Working well with others	
☐ Solving problems in peaceful ways	
☒ Being enthusiastic/positive	





Okanagan Landing

April was a great month at Okanagan Landing Elementary! We were able to welcome some familiar events back into our school routine.

To start, we celebrated Earth Day as an entire school community. Specifically, OKL stepped up to help clean up the litter in our community.

All sixteen divisions went out into the community to pick up litter and waste to keep our lovely community sparkling! Look at the large pile of garbage that we removed from our community!



Next, our Landing Library hosted a book fair during our parent/student/teacher conferences. This was a HUGE success, and our school community was elated to have this opportunity in our school.

OKL arts and culture has been in full swing all year. Currently, we are in the final stages of our annual "BATTLE OF THE BEATS" to crown a new school song for the 2021/2022 school year.

Also, our literacy lead teacher, Ms. Forrest, has used the book *Stepping Stones* by Margriet Ruurs to explore a refugee family's journey to safety.



Then the Grade 1/2's explored the question "What makes you feel at peace?" We ventured out into nature, inspired by artist Nizar Ali Badr, to collect items that could represent our answers. We hope you love our creations!



Lastly...TRACK AND FIELD IS BACK ON!!! Yes, we are back into the groove of exploring and training for all the track events. Our intermediate students have been filled with smiles as they enjoy the challenge of learning new skills with track and field.



Looking ahead, OKL will be excited to host our first annual "Mini Donut Day" on May 13th.



Clarence Fulton Secondary

Jason Simon presented to Fulton students and staff on living a healthy lifestyle and the importance of mental health and setting goals.



9 students proudly represented Fulton at District Project Scholarships. They were all amazing and it was a pleasure to see them display their projects that they worked so hard on.



Spirit Week was up and running at Fulton. Students were very involved, and fun was had by all.



Kalamalka Family of Schools



Coldstream Elementary

Our grade 4/5 classes learned about Métis jigging. Their dance groups had a lot of fun 'competing' for the Fanciest Footwork, Best Beat, Loosest Limbs, Most Energy and Biggest Smiles!



Click [here](#) for some more great dance moves.

Our kindergartens learned how to bust some cool moves with Manny from Easy Breakdancing!

[Funky dance moves here](#)





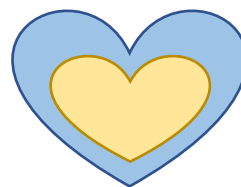
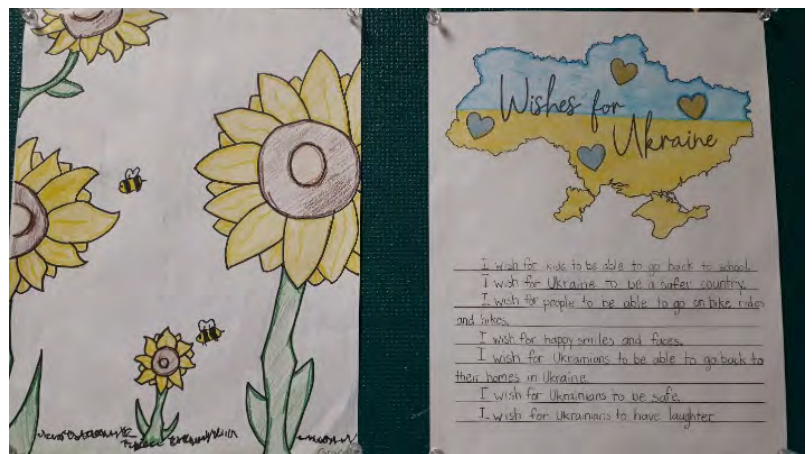
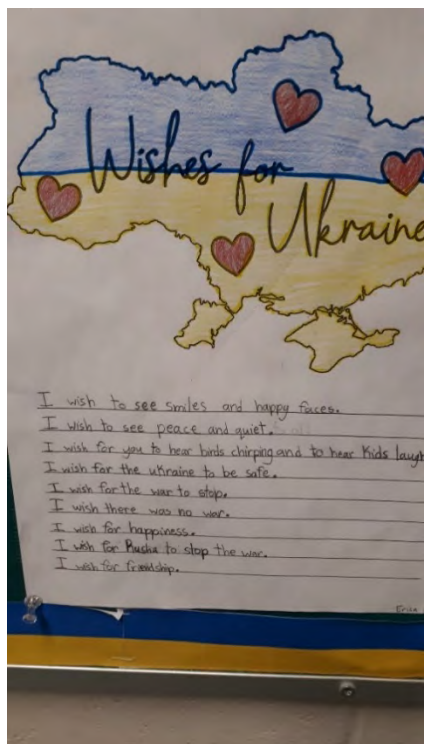
Kidston Elementary

Ms. McAllister's Grade 7s set up a museum to showcase their work from their All About Ancient Greece and Rome projects.

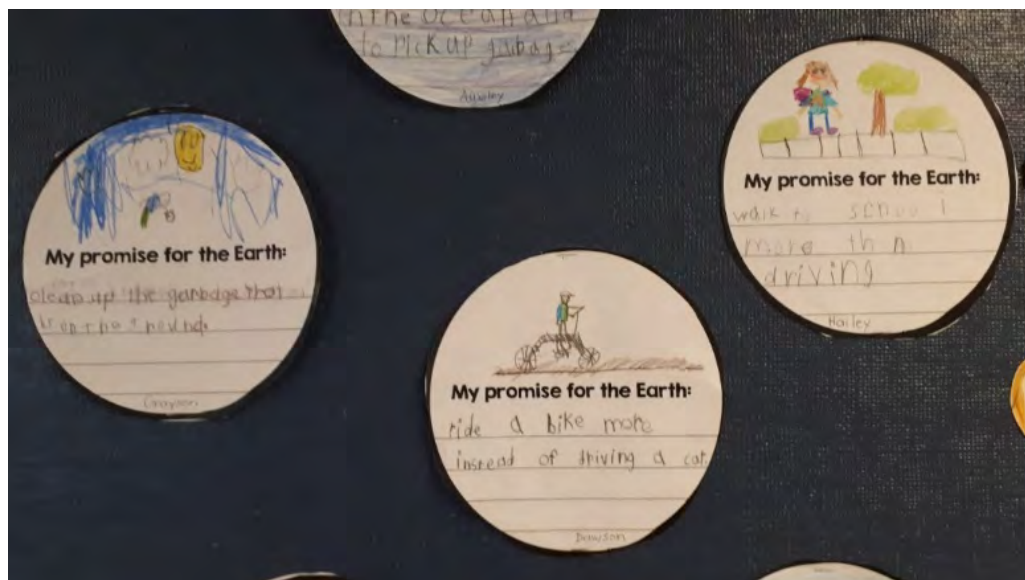
Many students from other divisions in the school came to visit the museum and learn from their visual arts and research.



Wishes for Ukraine from our Grade 3 class



Celebrating Earth Day Grade 1 class – Promises for the Earth





Lavington Elementary

David Wilson Mural:

Thank you to David Wilson, a local artist, for creating our Land Acknowledgement and Welcome to our amazing school. Mr. Wilson introduced himself, shared the meaning of the mural, and taught our students how to create pictographs. The collaboration between David, the school, our P.A.C, and the District has been a positive experience for all.



Connection

We are back!! Spirit Team Fridays, Battle of the Books, Assemblies, Track and Field, Clubs, and of course, a whole lot more.

Go LYNX!!





Kalamalka Secondary

Greetings from Kalamalka Secondary:

April has been a busy month for us here at Kalamalka Secondary with all sorts of events and happiness among all that learning.



This is the AP Lit 12 class enjoying reading death poems in the Coldstream cemetery. The class generated great discussions and great poetry of their own.

Kalabunga happened in April with the wild competitions between the 4 groups of competitors. Some ringing ears, facial pudding smears, bruises, and fun was had by all.



Even the teachers got into it...



And below, in keeping with the theme of 'The Arts', this is one of the entries for Kal's District Project Scholarship going on in May.



Bloom Family of Schools



Charles Bloom Secondary

The winners of our fire building competition, the boys became the fire keepers for their class.



Bloom's District Project Scholarship competitors. School is so proud of these young ladies.



Remembering the lost and missing Indigenous Women.



One of the projects created for the Earth Expo at the Vernon Museum.

Thanks Mrs. Meredith and your class for all the hard work creating wonderful projects.



Cherryville Elementary



Our grade 3/4 class is learning about fractions with playdough! Students are having a lot of fun and lots of learning is taking place.

Learning about teamwork and collaboration through shared art!

Students were given a theme and every thirty seconds they had to move to add on to another student's piece of art.



The final product was cut out and the students collaborated to create a bulletin board together.



Origami and poetry are a great mix!

Students have learned just how difficult it can be to fold paper into different shapes and animals.



J.W. Inglis Elementary



Big and Little Buddies make jewelry bowls for their mothers.

They mixed the modelling clay and then put them onto the bottom side of muffin tins and baked them.

So beautiful!

Mrs. Mailloux helps one of her Grade 1 students learn how to weave. The students were taught about the use of cedar bark by indigenous peoples and were introduced to weaving.

They had the opportunity to see and touch cedar bark items made by Mrs. Mailloux's mother, Glenda Lavallée who is a member of the Heiltsuk Nation.





Ms. Blundell's Grade 2/3 students learned about 'abstract art' and then applied what they had learned using water colour and oil pastels and made this beautiful display. The student in the photo did a great job of explaining what they had learned in a short video which will be shown at our next assembly.

Indigenous Programs

Harwood ISWs Pauline Jackson and Marie-Anick Duchesne created this excellent bulletin board.





At ALP, Frank Marchand works with students to carve this fantastic canoe.

Human Resources

In May Human Resources will be focusing our attention to staffing for next year. Once the district budget has been passed, staffing for next year will be rolled out to district staff and schools with postings for next year to follow through May, June, and the rest of the summer. There is currently a posting on Make A Future for TTOCs that will be open for the month of May as well as known vacancies for Positions of Special Responsibility (POSR). Round 1 of internal CUPE postings will commence May 12. We are also preparing for interviews of EA practicum students in May and June. We encourage all interested and qualified applicants to apply.

Student Learning Curriculum

Jen Carter (Numeracy Coordinator) worked with K/1 students at Coldstream creating addition and subtraction stories during Math Story Workshop inspired by the story, *Dogs on the Bed* by Elizabeth Bluemle.

When students have choice of engaging materials and opportunity to play with concepts, they develop competencies and make meaning for themselves.

Through conferring, they identify strengths and next steps!





Scott Belshaw (6-12 Curriculum Coordinator) explored Rube Goldberg machine with gr. 8's at Fulton. Students needed to create a contraption that transitioned energy three different ways. Through this activity students were focused on science the competencies of predicting, planning, conducting, and evaluating.

Student Support Service

This spring we have launched our Inclusive Field Trips program. Students with diverse abilities from schools across Vernon and Lumby, get together twice a month to participate in community activities designed with their abilities in mind. Students have the opportunity to build relationships and develop friendships with peers from other schools, while experiencing the opportunities available in our community. This week we participated in hands on sensory stations activities and explored the Okanagan Science Center.

The smiles and excitement were contagious for everyone!







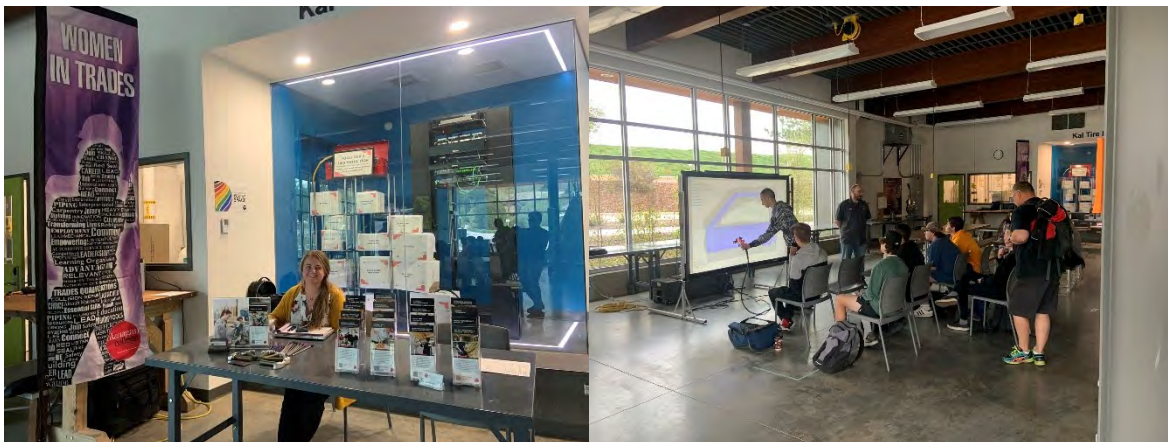
Career Programs



Career Programs took part in the Community Expo at Kal Tire Place on April 30, 2022. The Community Expo hosted over 90 booths from our community.



Grade 10 students from Seaton Secondary joined Lieutenant Reich at the Vernon Fire Department for Female Firefighter for a Day on April 26, 2022. Students participated in drills and were able to listen to various experiences from the voices of firefighters.



On May 4, 2022, Okanagan College hosted over 400 students from SD22 for Experience OC. Students participated in fun interactive sessions led by OC Professors.

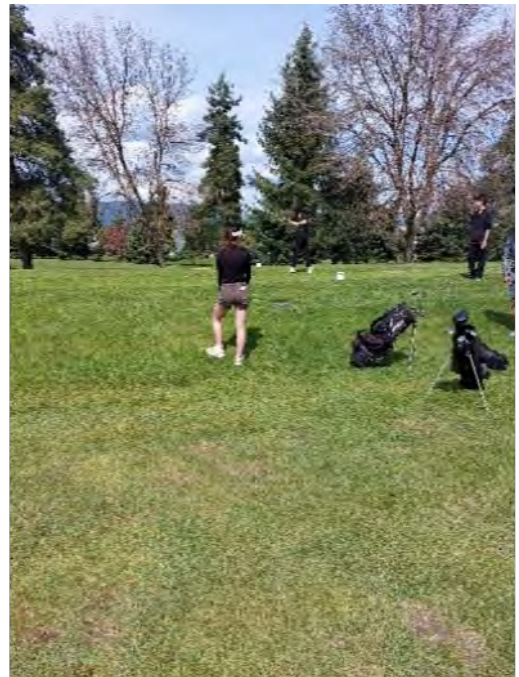


Kingfisher Boats is one of the fastest growing brands of welded heavy-gauge boats and students from SD22 were able to tour the Kingfisher plant, learn about processes and operations, as well as get an inside look at the industry.

International

International students at Kalamalka this month have been energetic, with many students enjoying tennis in preparation for competition in Penticton, the Girls' soccer playoffs with 5 international students on the team, and 3 students singing a big welcome to next year's Grade 7 students!

VSS has a long history of international student engagement and excellence in the arts, specifically in the 2D and 3D art programs. Here are just some samples of great work!





Beautiful Trio of Pottery Vases



Blue Door Miniature



Is this one a piggie or a pup?

Horse? Giraffe? Or...??



Finance Department

FINANCE FUN FACT:

Each working day, our fabulous finance team processes payments of approximately \$500,000.00! This includes accurately processing 8 payrolls per month which is equivalent to over 2,600 payments serving over 1,300 valued employees! It also includes processing approximately 1,000 invoices per month in accounts payable, satisfying many suppliers and vendors!

Transportation



Nothing quite like one of our electric buses basking in the last light of the day.

IT

IT Projects – Update	
<i>Business Process Automation</i>	<i>The department has been streamlining and automating several administrative processes to increase efficiency, increase service, and decrease paper. The processes that we have been working on this month include new account</i>

	creation, new device requests, and device returns. The IT Department is close to completing the testing of these new workflows and expect to go live in June 2022.
School Based Tech Planning	The IT and Curriculum departments have completed the new framework for school-based Ed-Tech planning. We are currently working on migrating the entire process into a website. The draft website has been completed and can be found HERE
Single Sign On: Google for Education	Plans are underway to synchronize our traditional login system with Google for Education. This means that students can login just once to access key district resources including the network, wireless, Office 365 and Google for Education. This project will be executed in the summer. The department has engaged with 3rd party experts who will assist us with this project during the summer of 2022.
District Wireless Refresh	The department is currently working with vendors to refresh our current wireless infrastructure in all schools. The project involves replacing all switches and access points related to the wireless infrastructure. The department has received final quotes from all vendors. We are now completing our qualitative analysis, and meeting with other districts to assist with our due diligence. Final recommendations will be presented to the Secretary Treasurer in June 2022. It is expected that this project will take 3 years to complete.
Technology Planning	The Director of IT will present a Technology update to the Board in May 2022. The presentation will include the updated LT Tech Plan, a summary of all Ed-Tech related activities and projects for the year, a summary of all key completed and planned infrastructure projects, and a snapshot of our current technologies.

Engagement – all are invited to get involved

May

5	Red Dress Day	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Dress_Day
8	Mother's Day	Mother's Day 2022 - Date, Founding & Traditions - HISTORY
10	Moose Hide Campaign	https://moosehidecampaign.ca/
16	ProD (no school in session)	
	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia	https://may17.org/
18	Regular Public Board Meeting	
	National Bike to Work Day	NATIONAL BIKE TO WORK DAY - Third Friday in May - National Day Calendar
20	Endangered Species Day	Endangered Species Day 2022 - Event Info and Resources (twinkl.ca)
20	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development United Nations
21		
23	Victoria Day (no school in session)	
24	National Scavenger Hunt Day	NATIONAL SCAVENGER HUNT DAY - May 24, 2022 - National Today
28	World Hunger Day	World Hunger Day

June

	National Indigenous History Month	https://www.thereisadayforthat.com/holidays/canada/national-indigenous-history-month
1	Global Day of Parents	Global Day of Parents United Nations
1	International Children's Day	International Children's Day around the world in 2022 Office Holidays
4	National Doughnut Day	NATIONAL DOUGHNUT DAY - First Friday in June - National Day Calendar
5	World Environment Day	https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day
6	Higher Education Day	NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION DAY - June 6, 2022 - National Today
8	World Oceans Day	World Oceans Day United Nations
15	Regular Public Board Meeting	
19	Father's Day	Father's Day in Canada (timeanddate.com)
21	Indigenous Peoples Day	National Indigenous Peoples Day (rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca)
21	National Selfie Day	NATIONAL SELFIE DAY - June 21, 2022 - National Today
21	World Music Day	World Music Day (June 21st) – Days Of The Year
21	First Day of Summer	
23	Last Day of class for students	
24	Administrative Day (no school in session)	