

Superintendent Report

June 2024

Submitted by: Dr. Christine Perkins



JUNE 2024 Superintendent's Report

Congratulations and thank you to all our students, staff, and families for another terrific year! Thank you to the Board of Education, the entire Senior Leadership and District Team, the Accounting, Human Resources, Maintenance and Facilities, Transportation, Inclusive Education, Indigenous Education, Early Learning and Child Care, Learning, and International Education departments for all your terrific leadership while keeping students at the centre. A thank you to the best team of Principals and Vice-Principals a district can muster. Your leadership excellence is appreciated more than you will ever know. Thank you to all the families who choose to send their students to public education. You have a great team of educators who make a difference and excellent support from all CUPE staff. Thank you to all our retirees for your many years of service to School District 22 and beyond. This year, we moved further toward achieving the goals of our current strategic plan, graduated 706 graduates, and are ready to welcome our new Kindergarten students and all our Early Learners this Fall. Wishing you all a terrific summer. All the best.

Board of Education: The next public Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 5:30 pm at the School Board Office.

CPR Training – The province has announced its intention to pursue adding cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training as a mandatory lesson in secondary schools. CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) programs are established in 90% of public - secondary schools and the province is working towards ensuring every student receives training. Policy discussions with rightsholders and sector partners will begin in Fall 2024.

CUPE 5523 - A huge thank you to President, Gray Boisvert, for his leadership and continued support. Thank you to all our clerical, custodial and maintenance teams, our EAs and Early Learning teams, and transportation department who assist our students daily during the school year. Thank you to all of you who continue to work through the summer months, refreshing our schools, looking after school grounds and facilities, and maintaining and readying our transportation fleet for fall.

District Parent Advisory Council and Parent Advisory Councils (DPAC and PACs) – Thank you to President Nikky Dunlop, former Chair Sheri Minard, and all DPAC Executive, extended members, and PAC Presidents, for your incredible support this year. Thank you for supporting public education and sending your children to School District 22 to learn.

Education Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC): A huge thank you to: Jacqueline Taylor, Sarah Hanson, Gareth Jones, Tanya Saddleman-Joe, Katherine Oviatt, Raelyn Bauer, Joshua Vance, Luke Friesen, Adrian Johnson, Kim Tyssen and the anti-racism committee, Billie Jo Beaudoin, Charity Sakakibara, Teresa Bigsby, Kelli Sullivan, Vanessa Mitchell, Christine Love and the Inclusion team, Kim Doucette, Gray Boisvert, and Dave Mackenzie and last but not least, our consultant, Anne Cooper, and Executive assistant, Heide Roseberry. The last two years has resulted in 46 years of modernization. A huge task. Thank you, all.

Elementary Track and Field – Congratulations to Alex Whibley and team for all their hard work, organization, and time in coordinating a hugely successful district track and field event. Thank you to the Elementary Athletic Association. Thank you, to all athletes, parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, volunteers, coaches, organizers, teachers, and event sponsors.

Emergency Preparedness resources for summer – for all families, educators, staff, and partners

- [PreparedBC Extreme Heat Preparedness Guide](#) – includes information about getting prepared for extreme heat events and what to do as temperatures rise.
 - o [English](#)
 - o [French](#)
 - o [Simplified Chinese](#)
 - o [Traditional Chinese](#)
 - o [Punjabi](#)
 - [Emergency Ready Planner](#) – an online tool to help families create a personalized emergency ready plan.
 - [Master of Disaster – Youth Emergency Preparedness](#) – a free classroom program designed to help students in Grades 4-8 learn about emergency preparedness, including floods, wildfires, earthquakes, and tsunamis.
 - [BC Wildfire App](#) – provides up-to-date wildfire information, helping you stay informed about wildfires and wildfire-related events and conditions across B.C.
 - o [App Store](#)
 - o [Google Play](#)
 - [BC Provincial Heat Alert and Response System \(BC HARS\): 2024](#) – contains information about heat events and criteria for the two alert levels
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Graduations: Thank you to all who have organized and supported the celebrations and graduations that have passed, and to those who are organizing and supporting those yet to come. Congratulations to all our graduates. Grads still to be held:

- **Fulton Graduation** – Thursday, June 20th at 4 pm at Kal Tire Place (Trustee Mindnich, Trustee Sullivan, and Elder Pauline Archachan)
- **VSS Graduation** – Friday, June 21st at 4 pm at Kal Tire Place (Trustee Mindnich, Trustee Sullivan, and Elder Virginia Gregoire)

- **Seaton Graduation** – Saturday, June 22nd at 3 pm at Kal Tire Place (Trustee Mindnich, Trustee Sullivan, and Elder Virginia Gregoire)

Ministry of Education and Childcare – A huge thank you to the entire team at the Ministry of Education and Childcare including Minister Rachna Singh and Deputy Minister Christina Zacharuk for their commitment and support for public education.

National Indigenous Peoples Day – June 21 - This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

<https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1100100013718/1534874583157>

Okanagan College – A huge thank you to Angie Lof, and the entire team, from Okanagan College for their continued support and partnership. We had over 500 students attend the Experience OC event and many hundreds more attend the sold-out Indigenous Garden tours. We look forward to continuing our relationship in Fall 2024.

Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB) – We would like to take this opportunity to thank our partners in learning at OKIB. We have a recently reviewed and updated *Local Education Agreement* that takes us through July 2025. Thank you to Chief and Council, the Board of Education, and to Gareth Jones, Tanya Saddleman-Joe, Kevin Smeltzer and Lacey Gregoire. Your support, guidance, and collaboration are greatly appreciated. We also thank Ida Scott the **North Okanagan Friendship Centre** and **Vernon & District Metis Association** for collaborating with SD 22, and OKIB, on our updated *Enhancement Agreement*. We have a terrific Indigenous Education Department in SD 22, led by Charity Sakakibara and supported by Dave Lafontaine and team, and we thank you all.

Professional Learning - Thank you to all staff for participating in various professional learning opportunities that were offered this past year. Below is data related to the various topics and offerings provided in 2023-24. Thank you to Luke Friesen, Director of Instruction, Learning; Christine Love, Director of Instruction, Inclusion; and Charity Sakakibara, Director of Indigenous Education; and their teams for the many offerings.

How many attendees for literacy sessions? 169
How many attendees for numeracy sessions? 120
How many attendees for Assessment/CSL sessions? 106
How many attendees for Middle Years sessions? 85
How many attendees for technology related sessions?
 Digital Portfolios 8
 Digital Tools 58
 Innovation & Technology 45

How many attendees for the different strategic plan objectives?

Student Success		# of Attendees
SS01	Close the achievement gap.	365
SS02	Enhance early learning experiences.	119
SS03	Improve literacy and numeracy.	334
SS04	Improve middle grade success and transitions to secondary.	176
SS05	Ensure all students have a three-year graduation plan.	3
SS06	Support student wellness and improve student voice and choice.	334
SS07	Ensure all students graduate with an understanding of Truth and Reconciliation.	74
SS08	Increase percentage of post-secondary transitions.	9
SS09	Ensure our schools are welcoming places to learn and work.	318
SS10	Empower students to support climate action and have a positive impact on the environment.	19
Leadership Excellence		
LE01	Embrace effective school board governance.	n/a
LE02	Improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness.	n/a
LE03	Align facilities to support long-term student success.	15
LE04	Ensure that technology is accessible, functional, and supports learning.	51
LE05	Cultivate positive staff experiences, supporting professional growth and wellness.	283
LE06	Maximize transportation efficiencies focusing on learners and environmental impact.	n/a
LE07	Enhance evidence-based decision making.	154
LE08	Increase strategic engagement with internal and external partners.	n/a
Community Connections		
CC01	Commit to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action.	103
CC02	Fulfill our public responsibility to Indigenous communities: First Nation, Metis, Inuit.	93
CC03	Commit to the BC Human Rights Code – an environment free of racism, biases, and all forms of discrimination.	112
CC04	Increase collaboration between community, regional, provincial, national, and global partners.	4

How many attendees for Learning Department sessions: 375, plus over 400 at the May Pro- day sessions

How many attendees total across all departments: 868

Learning 375

Inclusion 274

Indigenous 173, plus over 1000 for Indigenous Pro-D day in September

Early Learning 30

Unknown 16

RCMP – A huge thank you to Acting RCMP Superintendent, Blake MacLeod, and Tori Romailier. We could not do it without your support especially with our vulnerable students and families. *Please reinstate the School Liaison Officer!* Gentle nudge 😊

Scholarship Donations – Thank you to our community members who continue to support over 212 students in their post-secondary transitions by providing over \$320,078 in scholarships. You are changing lives and we thank you whole-heartedly. This is so exciting because we challenged our donors to break the \$300,000 point and they did. Expect a new challenge for next year!

Strategic Plan and the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) – Each year we make more progress toward fulfilling the goals of our current Strategic Plan and we thank all involved to date. This is the fourth year of our FESL and a huge thank you to the entire SD 22 leadership team of educators for this excellent reflection and look forward on the learning to come. The June report is included in this agenda and on the website.

Student Vote –Teachers and Principals - Empower your students to become active and informed citizens with the Student Vote program. More than 175,000 students are expected to participate in Student Vote BC, coinciding with the provincial election on October 19. Participating schools receive free learning materials to teach about government and democracy and facilitate research into the parties and candidates. Ballots and ballot boxes are also provided to coordinate Student Vote Day. The learning materials are designed for grades 4 and up and are available in English and French. Schools will receive their package of materials in early September if they sign up now.

Register your school today: www.studentvote.ca or 1-866-488-8775.

Vernon and District Immigrant and Community Services Society - Thank you for supporting new SD22 immigrant and refugee students through S.W.I.S. (Settlement Workers in Schools) and the Rural and Northern Immigration Project (RNIP). It is wonderful to welcome all these new families to our district. We hold out hopes for the new Rural and Community Immigration Project (RCIP).

Vernon Teachers' Association – To all VTA members, thank you. Wish you all the best in the future. Don't forget Taylor Mali's poem, *What Teachers Make*.

Welcome to Kindergarten: Incoming Kindergarten students and their families have been warmly welcomed into our schools throughout the months of May and June at *Welcome to Kindergarten* events. These events highlight that families are a child's first and best teacher and we set the stage for lifelong joy in learning by sending families home with resources to support talking, reading, creating, and playing every day! Thank-you to all of the Kindergarten teachers, school support teams, Elementary Principals and Vice-Principals, and our Early Learning & Child Care department staff for helping our September 2024 children and families get off to a great start in School District 22!

Year-end: The final day of school is Thursday, June 27th. Administrative Day is Friday, June 28th at all schools.

June

National Indigenous History
Month **and** Pride Month

- 20 First Day of Summer
- 20 Fulton GRAD
- 21 National Indigenous People's Day
- 21 VSS GRAD
- 22 Seaton GRAD
- 27 Last Day of School
- 28 Administrative Day – no school in session

Tuesday, September 3, 2024, will be the first day of school. Have a great summer!

School Award Winner - Waterloo Math Contest - Yihan (Cindy) Yang and math teacher Rob Kopera, Kalamalka Secondary





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.

Seaton Family of Schools:



Alexis Park Elementary



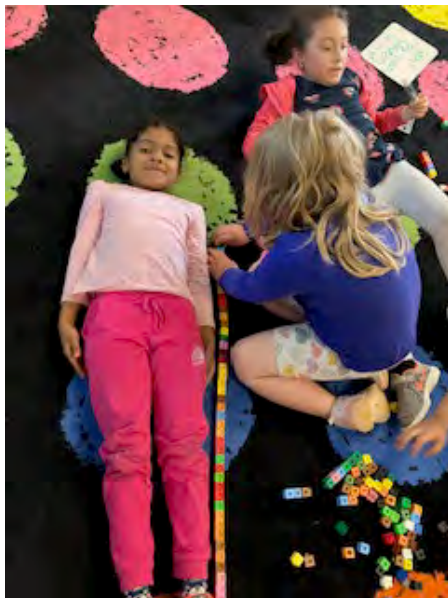
Twin day was a big hit! Staff and students dressed up in matching outfits and hairstyles, and even crutches.



Our grade 7 students do a lolli and a movie as a fundraiser. This is an enjoyable lunch time activity.



Mrs. Huggins has been busy teaching some classes Tinikling, a traditional Philippine folk dance. This dance involves moving their feet in and out of plastic tubing while other students move the tubing in and out.



Classes have been busy with so many different activities. Painting, measuring, building, and computer projects are keeping our students engaged in their learning.



Our students competed in our zone track meet. Great sportsmanship was evident, and the students had a great time competing and encouraging their fellow athletes.



Beairsto Elementary

We have been very busy at Beairsto in May and June! There are a lot of projects on the go, field trips happening and wonderful sharing/celebrations of learning. We had a very successful Track and Field season, here is the grade 4 girls relay team celebrating their first-place finish at the District meet.



Friends, family and staff had a chance to gather together and celebrate the retirement of two long-time Beairsto teachers. Mme Baturin and Mme Allen will be missed, but we wish them all the best.



Our garden is in full bloom right now and is very carefully tended and thoroughly enjoyed by many students. It was selected to be a part of the Pollinator Path sponsored by the Sustainable Environment Network Society to raise awareness about the importance of planting native species to promote pollinators.

Our grade seven classes had the opportunity to hear about a variety of career options, right from the source at the Career Fair. They had the chance to ask questions and learn about many aspects of working as an interior designer, surgeon, paramedic, architect and computer programmer.





We are looking forward to all the fun that June brings by celebrating Pride Month, National Indigenous People's Day, Grade 12 Graduate walk through and saying 'Farewell' to Beairsto's grade 7 class of 2024.





Harwood Elementary

We keep “crankin’ up the heat” here at Harwood heading into the last month of the school year!

This month, Harwood has been buzzing with activity and excitement. We had the pleasure of welcoming the Okanagan Lakers' women's hockey team into our classrooms, where they inspired students with their dedication and sportsmanship.



An afternoon with the Jean Minguy Memorial Youth Academy cadets offered a glimpse into their adventurous training and impressive line drills.



Our students also engaged in creative and meaningful activities, such as crafting special clay projects for Mother's Day and participating in a SOGI coloring book contest open to all students and staff.

Demonstrating our commitment to community and environment, we organized a neighborhood garbage pick-up, fostering a sense of responsibility and care.



Outdoor learning took center stage in our primary classrooms, enriching the educational experience with nature-based lessons.





Additionally, our ADST curriculum saw students creating sundials, merging creativity with scientific inquiry. In our French immersion classrooms, students honed their culinary skills by making fresh salsa, blending language learning with a delicious hands-on activity.



The month culminated in Harwood's book of records event for June, where students aimed to make history with feats like the longest egg toss, a hula hooping marathon lasting over 4.5 hours, and scoring the most goals against Mr. Taylor in soccer.





W.L. Seaton Secondary



Amazing CARE project – a smoker created from a filing cabinet.



Indigenous grads with their family.



Grad class Amazing Race finished at KAL beach.



Vernon Family of Schools



VLearn



What is the history of basketball?



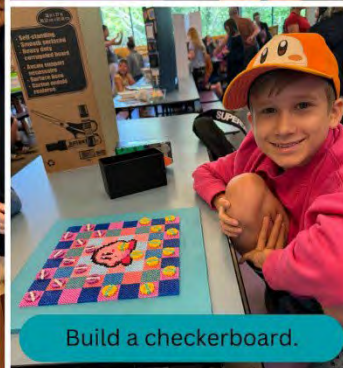
History of the piano?



Build a lemonade business.



What is an earthquake?

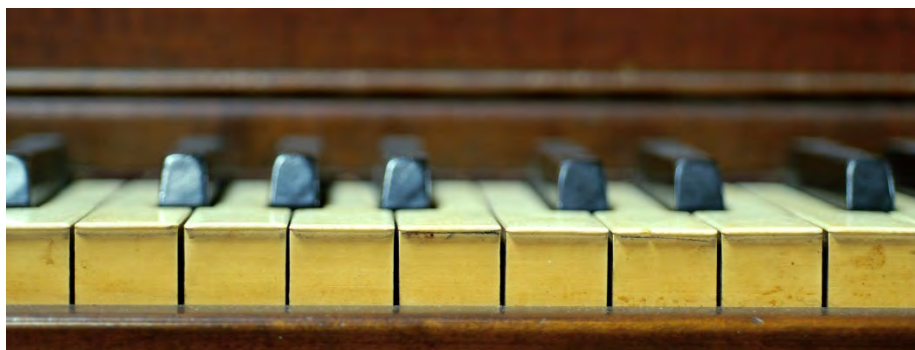


Build a checkerboard.



LEARNING SHOWCASE

K - 7 STUDENTS CHOOSE TOPICS OF INTEREST TO THEM AND PRESENT THEIR LEARNING IN A WAY OF THEIR CHOOSING. THIS IS A GREAT WAY FOR STUDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE AGENCY AND BUILD CONFIDENCE.





Lots of excitement!



What is the history of Ford?



What happens when a cat dies?



Where do northern lights come from?



How do you make soap?



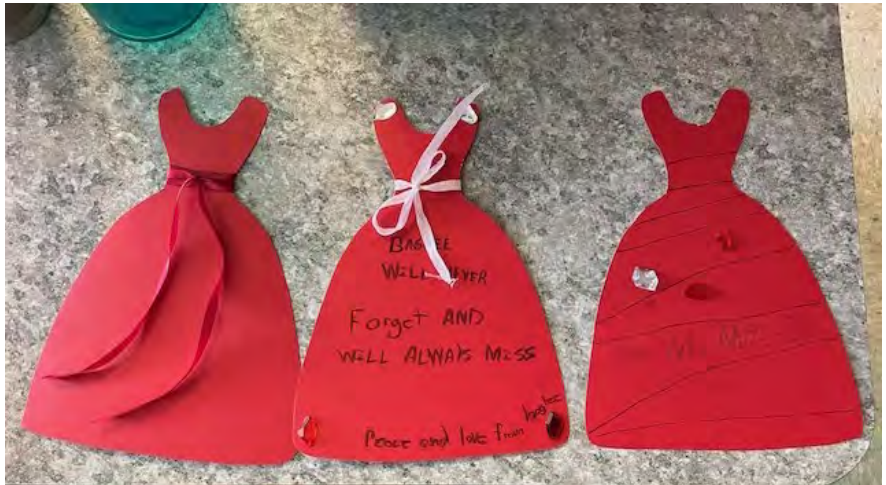
LEARNING SHOWCASE

THREE TIMES PER YEAR
VLEARN ELEMENTARY
STUDENTS GATHER TO
CELEBRATE AND SHARE THEIR
LEARNING THROUGH A
COMMUNITY SHOWCASE.



ALP/Open Door/CrossRoads

Red Dress Day



Soap stone carving



TAH overnight trip



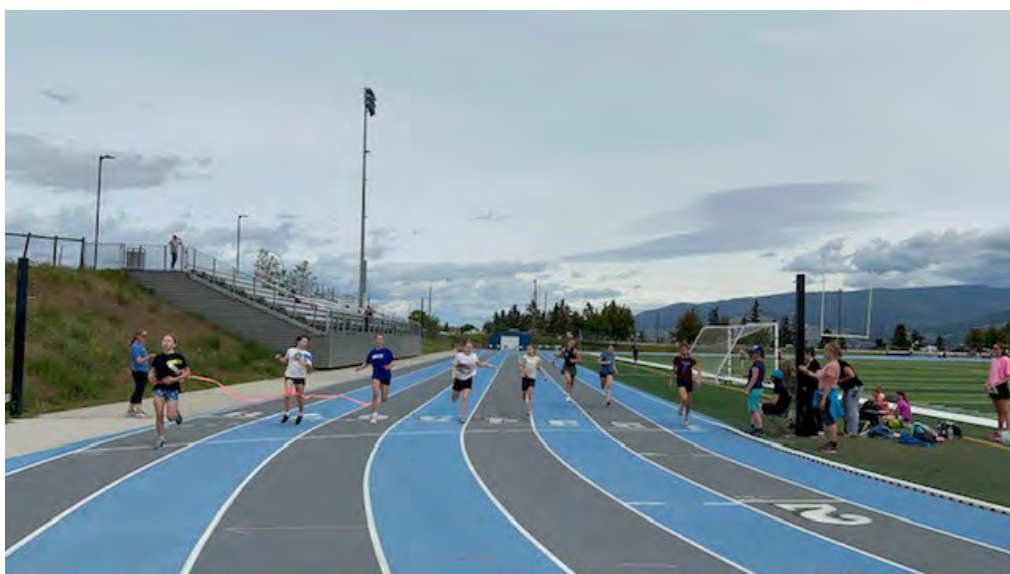


BX Elementary

It has been an exciting season at BX. BC Hydro came to present to our Kindergarten students, and they all got to see a bucket truck in action.

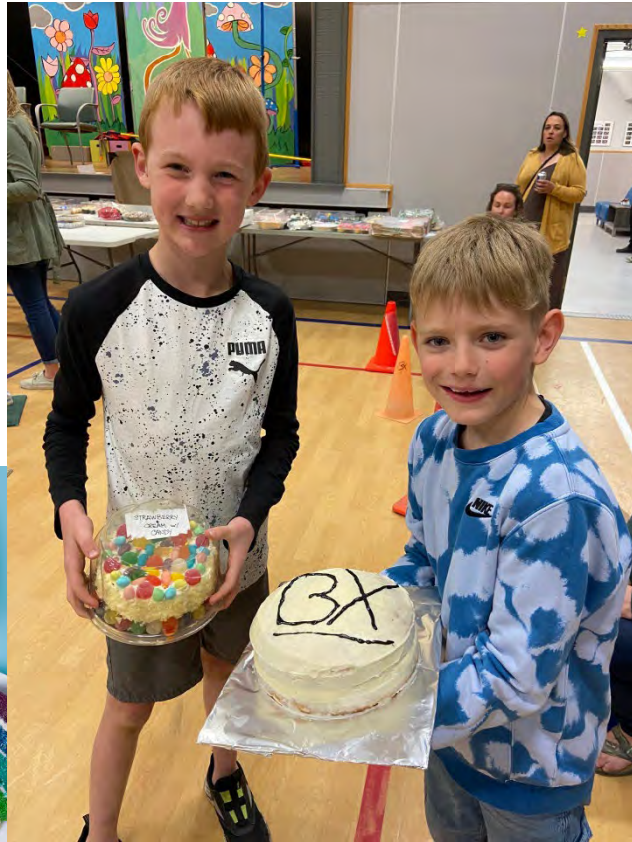


Our intermediate students have been practicing non-stop for Track and Field. Students started the season by practicing long jump, high jump, sprints, and ball throw at the school. Students then competed in our school Track and Field event. Some students competed in the Zone event and qualified for Districts later this month. We are very thankful to the parent volunteers and the staff organizers who make Track and Field such a wonderful highlight for students.





Our PAC hosted the Apple Blossom Fair, which was a wonderful event. Once again, the cakewalk was a huge hit! Thank you to all the parents who made the fair happen for students and families.



Hillview Elementary

It is hard to believe that we are winding down another amazing year at Hillview Elementary! As one year comes to an end, we have already begun preparing for the newest Hillview Heroes to join us. We recently invited all the new Kindergartens and their families to the school to learn about all the great things they can expect next year. We were thankful to have the transportation department on site to train our soon to be students on bus safety.



Of course, we love to build connections and relationships between all our Hillview Heroes. As you can see below, our older students are helping to explain the proper technique to get out of a sticky situation, if our heroes ever find themselves in a “sticky situation”.



Part of the annual hero training involves quick thinking on your feet. During our spirit assemblies, Mrs. Britton plans out “minute to win it” training drills for all our Hillview Heroes. This month, students (and some staff) had to work on their communication and visual spatial skills as they built a tower and took it down faster than Superman!



Finally, even heroes need some time for fun. The amazing Hillview PAC re-introduced the annual Spring Carnival, and it was a huge success.





Silverstar Elementary

What an amazing wrap to a busy, exciting, and phenomenal year of growth and progress! The Silver Star Wolf Pack is ending strong!

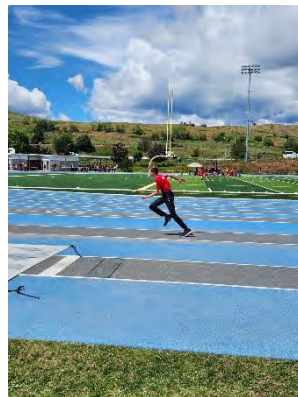


Welcome to Kindergarten was a resounding success this year, with help from our Admin team, SBR Team, our Literacy Support teacher, primary teachers, and of course – our K teachers!

New students were welcomed and enjoyed a fantastic Gingerbread Hunt before participating in a bus safety presentation. Way to go Team!



Primaries released fresh butterflies after watching their metamorphosis in class all Spring!





And finally...our Intermediate Track team had an amazing time at our School meet, Zone meet, and Districts! The weather held out, and all our athletes worked hard to represent the Silver Star Wolfpack! We are proud of all our students and their successes this year. We look forward to a much-deserved, restful, summer break and we can't wait to see everyone (and our new Kindies!) in September!



Vernon Secondary School

VSS participated in the Moose Hide Campaign this month and shared valuable information with all our students.





ICBC speaker Kevin Brooks presented to our grade 12's about the importance of making good decisions, especially before getting behind the wheels of a vehicle.



VSS hosted a district chess tournament in early May. Congrats to Hayden Blundell as district chess champion 2024.

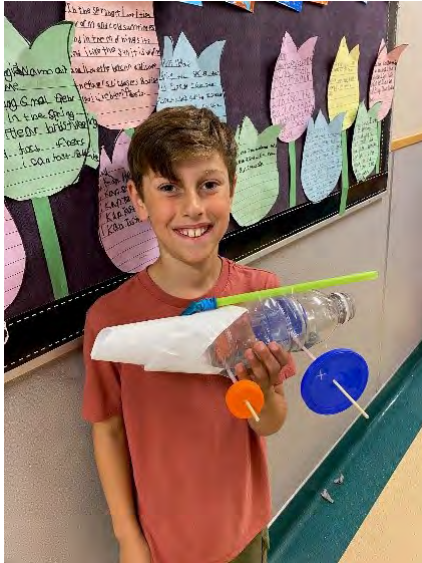
Thank you all for allowing VSS students to participate in the tourney during class time.



Fulton Family of Schools



Ellison Elementary



Grade 4/5 students have been learning about force and motion. They created their own cars out of recycled materials.



We hosted a primary cross country run and the kids were excited to compete against their peers.





Mission Hill Elementary

Mission Hill inducted Andrew Allen into the Mission Hill Hall of Fame.

The leadership students did a freeze fundraiser to raise money for Andrew's charity.



Students at the Middle Years Day, releasing butterflies in grade 1/2, and building zoos in grade 4 to learn about perimeter and area.





Okanagan Landing

Some amazing happenings during the year at Okanagan Landing Elementary:



Our grade 6/7 classes hosted an entrepreneurial fair for the school.



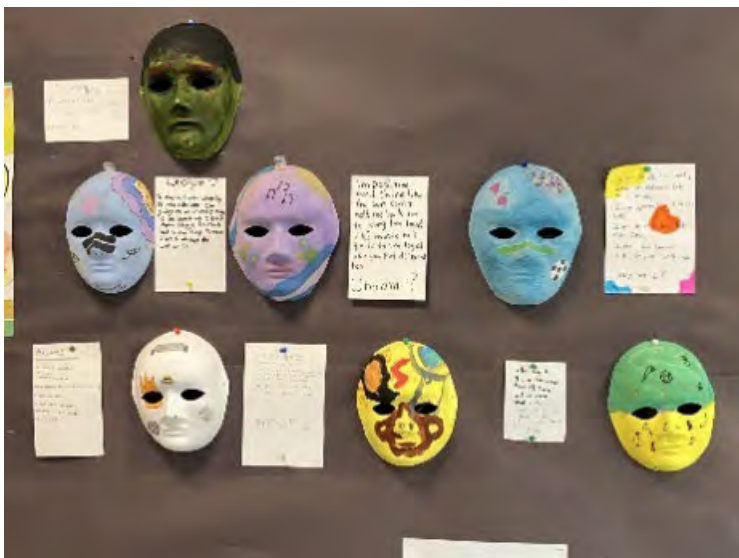


Some wonderful guests that visited and shared their passions-fencing, performing, big truck vacuum...



Some fun times....







Clarence Fulton Secondary

Fulton Track and Field athletes heading to provincials this week in Nanaimo.



Anatomy 12 students working on cow heart dissection.





Fulton students getting “blanketed” during the Indigenous Graduation Ceremony.



Kalamalka Family of Schools



Coldstream Elementary





Kidston Elementary



Kidston had a neon dance party put on by our fabulous PAC! We had a great turnout from our community, and everyone had a great time. Admin went with a safety neon theme!





Kidston had their first talent show. We were blown away by how talented our students are.



Our grade 4 class shared their social studies learning and projects with parents and the rest of the school using our outside classroom to present their amazing work!





Csetkwe Fortier painted a mural for Kidston school, and it has been hung in our entrance way.

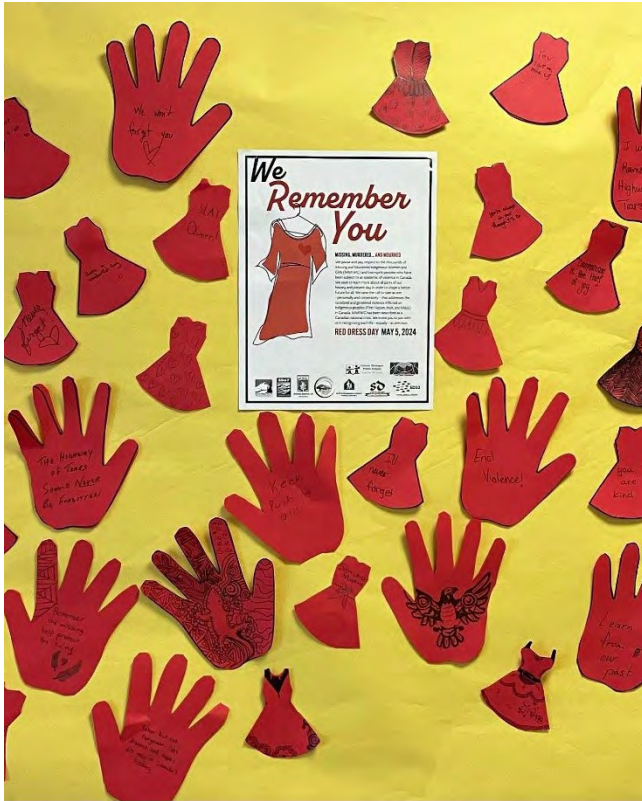


Thanks to generous donations from the Greater Vernon 2022 Winter Games Legacy Fund, TOLKO, and our Lavington PAC, we are grateful to have our own Gaga Pit! Thank you to the SD22 Maintenance Team for installing it so quickly!





Kalamalka Secondary



Many Kal students and staff wore red on May 3rd to remember and honour all Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ people. A wonderful art installation with words of hope was created by our art students.

Kal's Gr.9 Foods classes absolutely rocked their Food Truck projects, creating tasteful menus and delicious meals. Way to go Gr.9s!





Four of our Indigenous grads were honoured at the SD22 Indigenous Grad celebration – we are so proud of all their hard work and honoured to recognize their accomplishments!

Kal Foods 10 students performed well at the CARE Climate Expo. Students worked hard to prepare projects focusing on sustainable food and agriculture.



Kal's AppleBox Theatre once again put on an incredible show in late May/early June! The show, Village of Idiots, was directed and produced by one of our talented Gr.11 drama students. The cast featured performers from Grade 9-12. Congrats to all the performers on a wonderful show!



Bloom Family of Schools



Charles Bloom Secondary

A beautiful photo of the CBSS Class of 2024!





Cherryville Elementary

Funs times out and about

Gr. 5/6 hiking at Rim Rock



Salmon Hatchery in Lumby

Gr. ¾ Rock Garden Climbing Center – Vernon



Track and Field – Zones



Good bye Cherryville... Hello Charles Bloom The Grade 6's who will be heading to Charles Bloom in September.





J.W. Inglis Elementary

This past month has been an exciting time out at JWI with lots of field trips, school sports games, Track and Field events and dance parties! June is even more packed with cool trips, swimming lessons, Air Band (which JWI takes VERY seriously), and Inglis Mania.



We would also like to introduce a new member to our community. Meet Steller, our super cool P.A.D.S dog! He certainly makes all of our days awesome



Indigenous Programs

Indigenous Grad was held at Fulton this year and was filled with heartfelt recognitions celebrating the unique paths of each graduate. Special recognition to Lisa Elder and Kathy Morgan, Indigenous Support Workers, at Fulton for their extra efforts in supporting this very special event.



Christine Perkins is blanketed by Gwen Louis Torres at the Indigenous Graduation. Our department honored Dr. Perkins unwavering support for our Indigenous students, staff, and parents, over the past three years.



Human Resources

Human Resources is currently working to fill all vacancies for both teaching and support staff for the upcoming 2024-25 school year. Support staff and teaching postings are on the SD22 Website under the [Employment Tab](#). All teaching postings are completed on “Make A Future” and Support Staff postings are through the internal application process or external postings are through “Make a Future”.

On May 23, Lisa Leslie, HR Executive Assistant, and Erica Schmidt, Assistant Director of HR attended the OKIB job fair in Vernon. We are looking forward to seeing more job applications as a result of this recruitment fair! Erica also presented a recruitment session to current EA practicum students on May 24th.



The retirement event was held on June 3, 2024, for the 2023/2024 retirees at the Prestige Inn. There was a large group in attendance at the event.



Malcolm, Erica and trustees recognizing the service awards and all of the retirees at the event.



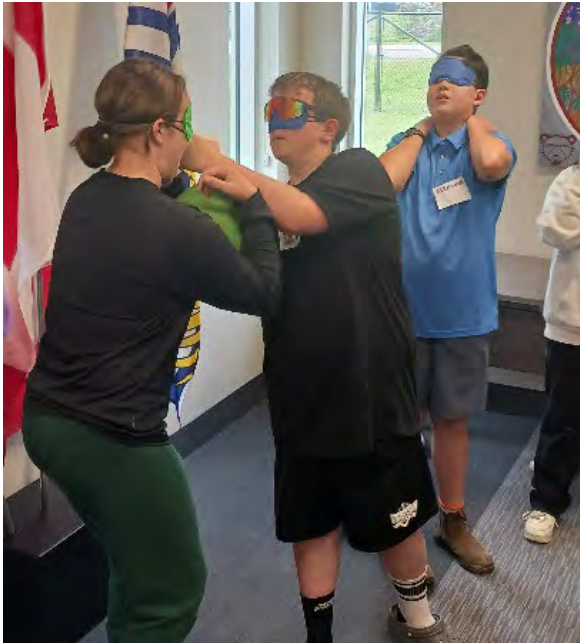
Jim Garlick was the valedictorian of the night and gave a wonderful speech.

Group photo of the retirees and trustees.



Student Learning

Our 2nd Annual Middle Years Day took place at the Board Office on May 7th where 10 teachers and 35 students from the Seaton and Fulton families of schools came together to collaborate, build, share, and play. Our theme for the day was Belonging, Community and Connections and these learners offered us information on what belonging looks like, feels like, sounds like as well as what we can do to help others feel like they belong to our secondary communities.





Five grade 12 student trustees, with the support of Learning Coordinator, Kimberley Tyssen, created an anti-racism presentation for grade 7 students. These students travelled to 7 different elementary schools and presented to over 400 grade 7 students. They created an informative and engaging presentation that involved discussions around what is racism, what is the difference between being not racist and anti-racist, and how they can be anti-racist in their school and community. These presentations were an empowering experience for the student trustees and a powerful learning opportunity for students to learn from other students. Thank you to those student trustees to show other students what it means to be anti-racist through their words and actions!



Mentorship

School District 22 has had a longstanding, rich history of professional growth and learning, which has included teacher mentorship. This program has been supported over the years by both the district and the VTA (through a Ministry grant) within a common structure of teachers supporting teachers through ongoing professional collaboration and conversations.

The Mentorship program is a three-year opportunity for teachers who are new to education, new to our district or new to a role. Mentees apply to be assigned a mentor to collaborate with around a professional learning goal.

This year Mentorship has been supported by our Learning Department, facilitated by Jen Carter (Learning Coordinator) and had over 50 Mentors/Mentees learning together.

Teachers interested in taking part either as a mentee or a mentor for the 2024-2025 school year can apply here: <https://www.sd22learns.ca/teacher-mentorship>



On May 28th, students from throughout the district showcased 122 climate focused projects at the 2024 CARE Summit. Together with their mentors, students collaborated on topics related to nature & biodiversity, waste reduction, human health & culture, and others. One category, eco-friendly transportation, had several projects to encourage students to reduce their carbon footprint. Two students from Clarence Fulton Secondary, through their project Transit 4 Teens, advocate for free bussing for students under 18. They have recently been invited to the BC Minister of Transportation and train other students around the province on how to lobby their own communities. The focus of CARE is to have a ripple effect throughout the community, it is exciting to see that action take place. Our student trustees also focused on green transportation with their project highlighting GoByBike week. They ran celebration stations to encourage and reward being active and riding bikes, scooters or skateboards to school. We are proud of the work our students have done this year!



Career Programs

Students completed the Trade Sampler Program at Okanagan College on May 10th and were awarded their certificates of completion! Congratulations!

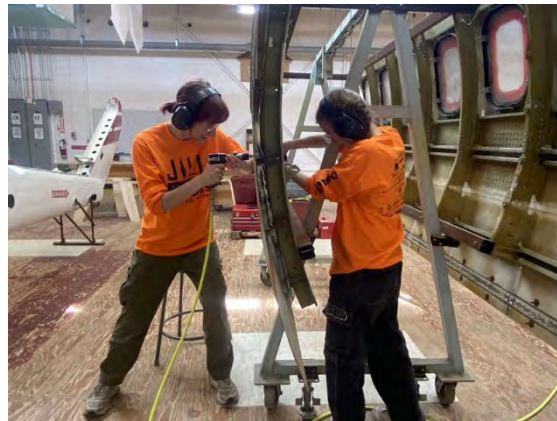




Career Programs also hosted the Jean Minguy RCMP Youth Academy May 12th to 17th at the Vernon Army Camp. Thank you Cst. Neil Horne and everyone from the RCMP for their hard work and dedication to giving our students an amazing opportunity through this Academy!



The Jill of All Trades event took place on May 15th at Okanagan College Kelowna Campus. This is a day-long event to inspire young women in Grades 9-12 to pursue education and careers in skilled trades and apprenticeship. The event included many hands-on workshops in the motive power, manufacturing, and construction trades sectors. Female mentors lead these workshops to help young women develop a better understanding of the potential of skilled trades' careers.



Inclusive Education Department

The Connections Team did a Car Rally Scavenger Hunt on Professional Development Day to learn about all the different outside agencies that help support youth in our schools. So much fun connecting!



Early Learning & Child Care

Exploring environments as the “third teacher” has been an area of focus this year in StrongStart and Preschool programs, where ECEs design the environments with purpose and intent using the book study “The Gift of Playful Learning” to guide them. As children explore their space, their interests, curiosities, and wonders their learning deepens.





“Like a gift, the children we are entrusted with daily are precious and unique. And as they **invite us to learn** more about **who they are** and **what they know** through their actions, words, and thoughts, we too have opportunities to gift them with learning that is **intentional, differentiated, and responsive to their strengths, needs and wants.**”

-A. Thompson & N. Kenisha Bynoe, *The Gift of Playful Learning: A Guide for Educators*

The Strengthening Early Years to Kindergarten Transition (**SEY2KT**) emphasis this year was focused on building professional awareness of community and school roles and the services that each provide to families to create smooth transitions and strong foundations for school. An event is planned for June to honor this work and to continue to build these relationships across systems.



International

It's that time of year when International Program students are nearing the end of their stay in Canada and are preparing to return home for the summer. For some, this means graduation in Vernon, then moving off to post-secondary studies elsewhere, for others, it means going home to family and returning to school in their home country, and for others still, it means enjoying summer with family and friends back at home before returning to Canada. This is always a bittersweet time of year for international students as they finish up their school year and have to say goodbye to the friends and family they have made in Canada, while also being excited to return home and see their friends and family in their home country.

This year has been a very successful, memorable, and enjoyable year for SD22 international students. In recent weeks, international students have been busy with school life, athletics after school, district project scholarships, and International Program events. In May, several of our students did a terrific job at district project scholarships and created wonderful displays sharing aspects of their Nigerian culture.



Also in May, the International Program soccer championship took place over the course of 5 weeks, with Clarence Fulton's team going undefeated for this year's championship.





Students also had the opportunity to enjoy trips to Oyama Aerial Park and Kal Park/ Juniper Bay to finish up their year in a memorable way.



No matter where next year takes our SD22 international students, we wish them all the best of luck.

Finance Department

Wow, it is June again and Finance is still the same and Full of Fun! We are busy ramping up for Year End (otherwise known as Jump for Joy June 😊) so please review the Year End Memo that we have published to the Finance SharePoint site for all the exciting news, new processes and deadlines. Kayla sent out an email recently with the link to the SharePoint site so please use this as a guide to complete any year-end processes at your school or department. We will be finalizing and closing the books shortly after June 30th so if you have any transactions after the stated deadlines that are for the current school year, please contact Chelsea, Kayla or Raelyn and we will assist.

We wish you all a safe and fun summer!



IT

Students at BX worked together with our Technology Innovation Coordinator to create prototypes of solutions for Global Warming using our Climate Action STEM kits. They presented their pitch to guests and had a lot of fun learning about their topics. Their work is an excellent example of how technology can seamlessly enhance learning and engagement.



Transportation



Maintenance



Great big thanks to our custodial crew for all their hard work during the year and thank you for the work they do during the summer to get schools ready for September.



**Have the most amazing summer vacation.
Be the best possible version of you!
See you September 3, 2024.**



DREAM. BELIEVE. ACHIEVE.