

Successes – May 15, 2024, Board Meeting

Brentwood Bay

- There was a great turnout from community members for our Elders Tea. Students were proud to host this traditional tea. Thanks to Muriel Morris, Holly Vivier and Analiese Brown for planning and hosting the event.
- The Indigenous leadership team from Stelly's have been spending time one on one reading with students at Brentwood. This has been a highlight for many of our students and a great mentorship opportunity.
- Our grade 3-5 students had a successful Cross-Country season.

Stelly's Secondary

- Students from Physics 11 and Science for Citizens 11 measured the stream flow rate in Graham Creek in Centennial Park. Students took measurements of the depth and width of the creek to calculate the average cross-sectional area and then floated ping pong balls down stream to determine the volume of water flowing in the creek. Physics students were looking at measurement techniques, experimental design, rate, and velocity. Science for Citizens used this opportunity to connect to learning about watershed management and stream health. This also kicked off our unit on environmental stewardship and sustainability.
- Science for Citizens class took a trip to SNIDÇEŁ (Gowlland Tod Provincial Park) where we released salmon fry we raised from eggs into Tod Creek. Students were able to compare the two creeks and assess each location for characteristics needed for sustaining spawning salmon populations.
- Stelly's had a few students compete in the Regional Skills Canada Competition and one student won first place in Photography!

SIDES

- Elementary teacher-librarian, Patty Golumbia runs a wonderful weekly program called Midday Mojo (story time online) that has played a significant role in supporting literacy at SIDES - and even cultivating published writers! Recently the SIDES library celebrated when a 9-year-old student authored a story that will be published through the Polar Expression Publishing Writing Contest. Her short story will be included in a book with other budding writers.

Deep Cove Elementary

- Deep Cove was selected to perform at the Greater Victoria Dance Festival **Highlights Performance** on Monday, May 6th. This evening performance featured the adjudicator's favourites from the 160 dances from Elementary, Middle, and Secondary Schools. Both Grades 1 to 2 and 3 to 5 Deep Cove Dances were selected for this special night (2 of 30 dances chosen). Both dances were selected by the adjudicator to win awards! Thanks go out to our teacher coaches for making this happen for Deep Cove students.

Bayside Middle School

- Bayside continues to have record-breaking numbers of students participating in sports; including 100 students in track and field, 4 different rugby teams (including two girls' teams) and the largest field hockey team in history.

ILC

- Hosting the Vancouver Island Career Education conference last week (May 2-3) was an enormous success! The conference theme was Paddling Together in Partnership and was co-hosted with our partners at Camosun through the South Island Partnership (SIP).
- The VICE conference brought 65 Career Educators and partner organizations from post-secondary, the Ministry of Education and Child Care, and community employers to Saanich district on Thursday and then to Camosun on Friday.
- Huge appreciation to Heidi Hackman and Colleen McNamee, (our District Career Leads) and the district career's team (teachers and clerical) who helped with planning, organization, set up, clean up, tending to every detail, and representing our district with class and professionalism.

North Saanich Middle School

- NSMS hosted the Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada Floor Map for the second time. We are so thankful to be able to bring this amazing resource into our school.
- HÍSWKE to Tina Savea who supported the NSMS Indigenous team in facilitating the blanket exercise on the Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada Floor Map for all our Grade 8's (and other guests from our learning community). Having our students engage in this interactive educational program that teaches the history of colonization in Canada was incredibly powerful.
- NSMS is hosting the Salish Weave Art Collection in May. It is so amazing to have this beautiful collection back again and on display throughout our building.

Parkland Secondary

- Sr. Boys Rugby beat Stelly's, the number 1 ranked team in the province, in a great game between the two Peninsula schools.
- Over 400 Parkland Alumni toured the school on Friday, May 3, between 10:00 am and 2:00 PM for the 50th Parkland Celebration. 250 people attended the 50th opening assembly, with Mr. Joe Milligan stealing the show with an engaging and funny 15-minute tribute to past students and staff. 530 people showed up at Mary Winspear for the evening event. All in all, a great day for Parkland!

Royal Oak Middle School

- This week 16 divisions at ROMS took part in the Creatures of Habitat program. They released salmon fry into the Colquitz River and removed invasive species from the forested area at ROMS. The students were incredibly proud of the difference they made to our school community and our school grounds look amazing!