

Successes

May 13, 2026 Board Meeting

Deep Cove

- We look forward to the official opening of Wolf's Orchard on May 13, a new park space located directly across from the school. This project reflects a meaningful partnership between our District and the District of North Saanich and will provide our students with access to garden beds for outdoor learning. The relationship connected to this property spans more than a decade, originating from the strong connection developed between school staff and the former owner, Gerry Furstenau.
- We hosted the Story Theatre Company for a new performance developed with the BC Black History Awareness Society. The immersive program highlighted the life of Mifflin Gibbs, Victoria's former Deputy Mayor and the first Black person elected to public office in BC, engaging students through in-character sessions and a school-wide Q&A focused on advocacy and change.

Sidney

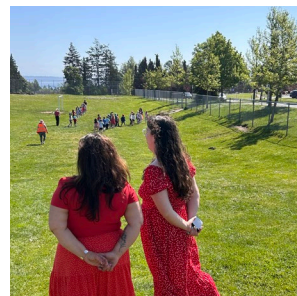
- Jen Alberring's Grade 4/5 class and Carla Coppock's Kindergarten buddy class collaborated to create Salish weave-inspired artwork using Coast Salish wood and plastic 3D design elements. The project was a beautiful example of creative collaboration between intermediate and primary students.

Prospect Lake

- 38 students in Grades 3–5 participated in the musical theatre inaugural club, performing at the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival (UVic) and the Saanich Showcase at Parkland.
- This month's Paw Claw assembly focused on collaboration with a STEM egg-drop challenge. Two of twelve eggs survived a 20-foot drop! Thanks to district Health & Safety, Maintenance, and IT for making this possible.
- On May 13, all students will perform songs from popular Hollywood movies in an outdoor school concert at HEL,HILEŁ Park in Brentwood Bay, allowing more families to attend and enjoy the show.
- Teachers are preparing for our second school-wide write, aligned with our literacy goal, with continued staff collaboration on writing alignment and assessment.

KELSET

- The entire school took part in an Honor Walk to recognize Red Dress Day and to remember missing Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit people. The red dress serves as a symbol of compassion, respect, and the importance of caring for one another.



Parkland

- On April 29, dancers from nine Saanich schools—Parkland, Stelly’s, Claremont, Prospect Lake, Cordova Bay, Sidney, KELSET, NSMS, and ROMS—came together for a morning of dance. They performed for one another as well as for an adjudicator, Claremont alum Carmen Gans. The purpose of the event is to give K–12 students the opportunity to share their passion for dance while receiving professional feedback to support their growth and improve their performance. It was a wonderful day for both students and staff to come together and celebrate their love of dance.



- Our second joint Indigenous Family Dinner was a great success, bringing together about 150 students, families, and staff from Parkland, North Saanich Middle School, and KELSET. Hosted by North Saanich, the evening highlighted community, culture, and connection. Students and staff prepared and served a delicious meal, with many volunteering their time. It was especially meaningful to welcome grandparents and great-grandparents. The event continues to strengthen relationships and celebrate Indigenous learners and their families.
- Parkland and North Saanich Middle School, along with students and staff from ILC, marked Red Dress Day with a meaningful learning experience. Led by Brayden Cook, the event honoured missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit people. We were grateful to hear from guest speaker Karen Harry and to experience an honour song by Peyton Siah. Indigenous students also created Red Dress pins, adding a personal touch. Thank you, HÍSWƷƷE to everyone who helped make this important event possible.



