

Successes – June 14, 2023 Board Meeting

Sidney

- This year, Sidney Elementary was selected as one of four schools in BC to be awarded the prestigious Indigo for the Love of Reading Foundation Grant. Sidney Elementary will be receiving \$50,000 over the next three years to invest in books for the school. We are planning to use the grant to strengthen three areas: update the collection in the school library, build classroom libraries that support daily literacy instruction, and ensure the books in our school reflect our diverse student population. Sidney's school goal is focused on improving literacy success for all students, and this grant directly supports that work. Click [here](#) to see the Peninsula News Review article.



Cordova Bay

- Cordova Bay students and staff have been working hard to get ready for their June 19-22 performances of Willie Wonka! What excitement and such an amazing community builder.

Bayside

- Another successful Canoe Club is being hosted in TSARTLIP with the support of the Geronimo Canoe Club. Thirty students participate every Tuesday and Thursday learning about the importance of canoe pulling through story and connection with the water and land.

Stelly's

- Stelly's hosted the grade 9-11 students from WSÁNEĆ Leadership Secondary School (WLSS) to take part in science lab testing of antibacterial properties of local plants.
- Stephanie Glube's Chemistry 11 students are working with Foods teacher Char Vopnfjord to study the Science of Sourdough Bread. Everyone is excited to taste the results!
- The Performing Arts department is in the final stages of their upcoming musical theatre production "Once Upon a Mattress".
- The Stelly's music department has been on tour recently performing music in the park and marching in the Brentwood Days parade.

- The grade 12 Outdoor Pursuits class spent a week on the West Coast Trail, canoeing and hiking the Nitinat Triangle.
- In an amazing show of community, Stelly's students and staff collected 12,486 items for the Sidney Food Bank in the annual Fill the Hive Food Drive.
- Grade 8 students from Bayside have been visiting Stelly's for a variety of transition opportunities through the Trails program. Appreciation for all Stelly's & Bayside staff involved in the planning; there has been great feedback about the program, and it makes a huge difference in successful transition to secondary.