

## Successes – June 19, 2024, Board Meeting

### KELSET

- KÉLSET is honoring National Indigenous Peoples' Day and focusing our learning on this topic all month! The Cultural Engagement Committee created weekly slide decks for teachers to share with their classes. Our intention is for the slides to be a jumping off point for the learning. Check them out: [Week 1](#), [Week 2](#), [Week 3](#), and [Week 4](#).
- On Friday, June 21st, we are welcoming Toby Joseph from Tsawout First Nation come to our school and share stories with our students. The day will start the day with a morning assembly to welcome Toby and to mark the official day of National Indigenous Peoples' Day. As part of the assembly, we are highlighting all the good work happening in classes over the month leading up to National Indigenous Peoples' Day. Photo 1: Annual canoe placing field trip of the KÉLSET Thunderbird Canoe with the grade 5 students. Photo 2: Students explored the significance of bead work in First Nations culture as they made their own beaded bracelets.



### North Saanich

- Over 100 students and parents attended the recent Open House at North Saanich. Tours were given by the grade 6 students (who did an amazing job)!
- NSMS and Bayside students are collaborating and connecting by playing the Bone Game.
- The Grade 8 Indigenous students visited Tseycum with the Parkland support staff. HÍSKWE to the Indigenous Teams for supporting these important cultural opportunities.

### Parkland

- Three Parkland classes participated in the Red Dress Day (known as Missing and Murdered, Indigenous Women and Girls) activity.



- The Parkland Secondary 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was held on May 3rd. Congratulations on 50 years, and to many more years ahead.

### **Royal Oak**

- A number of grade 8 IBPOC students and their teacher sponsors have been travelling around the district in the last few weeks presenting their 45 minute Readers Theatre and slam poetry performance to elementary and middle school students. The presentation explores the topics of microaggressions, colour blindness and discrimination.

### **SISP**

- There were 120 homestay families represented on May 30, 2024 at the Second Annual Homestay Family Appreciation dinner hosted by the Saanich Schools International Student Program (SISP) at the Saanich Fair Grounds. The catered dinner complete with draw prizes has quickly become a highlight for homestay families. Success stories were shared from multiple homestay families about their now lifelong friendship with their international students. New homestay applications continue to be accepted by SISP for the 2024-2025 school year at <https://www.studyinsaanich.ca/homestay>.

### **Stelly's**

- The Junior and Senior Boys' Rugby teams both qualified to represent Stelly's at the Provincial Championships. The Senior boys brought home gold for the third year in a row and the Junior boys brought home silver. Go Stingers!
- Stelly's Senior Drama Group presented "Puffs" for four shows and did a tremendous job! The show was engaging, funny and showcased the dedication the students have to their talent! We are so proud of all who participated (cast & crew) and to Ms. Bartlett for the tireless hours spent organizing it all.
- Our Indigenous Grads spent a day at Camp Thunderbird for a Day of Recognition where they participated in traditional Indigenous cultural activities including paddling, archery and lacrosse.

### **Claremont**

- The Girls Rugby Team recently won the Girls 7s Provincial Championship for the second year in a row and are back to back champs!
- Just under 80 students were involved in the very successful musical theatre production "Anything Goes", including three woodshop classes that helped build the sets; the cast, crew and orchestra had a very impressive run of ten performances over two weeks.
- Mr. Ryan received a very special "Citation of Excellence" Coaching Award from BC School Sports to signify over 30 years involvement as a revered coach/mentor.
- The Claremont rowers had nine podium finishes at Nationals in St. Catharine's Ontario with two gold, two silver, and five bronze medals.

## **Bayside**

- Bayside has once again collaborated with the Geronimo Canoe Club to have students from Grades 6-8 learn about canoeing and make connections to the local community two times a week. Students are learning the basics of paddling in the 12 person Tribal Journeys Canoe. TSARTLIP Marine group has been working hard to increase connections with Bayside and the entire school community.
- Bayside congratulated seven students who won events at the annual Middle School City Championships.

## **Sidney**

- Sidney Elementary and the Sidney PAC hosted their annual Spring Fling on Friday June 7th. This annual tradition has become a wonderful event for the whole town featuring bouncy castles, lots of games with prizes, raffles, fire trucks, police cars and food trucks. A huge thank you to the Sidney PAC, the many volunteers, the Town of Sidney, Sidney Fire and RCMP, and the many many businesses who donated equipment, food, and lovely prizes for the silent auction.



- A year ago, Sidney Elementary received a \$50,000 grant from Indigo Books. The grant runs over three years and has two primary focuses. The first focus is on ensuring all students have a classroom library full of quality and engaging books. The second focus is increasing library's collection of books that represent the voices, experiences, and histories of under-represented communities and peoples. We have completed our first grant year in which we saw approximately 2,000 new books enter our school!