

Successes – October 23, 2024, Board Meeting

Stelly's

- The first Wellness Day at Stelly's was a huge success! Our student leaders did a great job opening and closing each session and thanking our guest speakers. A wellness focus at Stelly's aligns with student feedback, school survey data, and provincial health survey data from youth. Student voice and survey data are at the crux of our school plan.
- A video was created by the Indigenous Leadership students for Orange Shirt Day. Please watch and listen to this powerful message. See the [video here](#).
- Student participation in sports this fall has been overwhelmingly positive! Stelly's has 4 junior volleyball teams and 2 senior volleyball teams! Each and every one of them have been doing exceptionally well during regular game play and in tournaments!
- The Social Studies Department held an All Candidates debate on October 3rd that was a fabulous success in terms of the turnout of students and staff. On October 18, we will be holding a Student Vote event where students will vote for one of the 4 candidates who attended the debate. It will be very interesting to see the results of this Student Vote and to compare our school's results with other schools in our district and with the actual "adult" vote results. Stelly's is among the many schools nationwide that take part in Student Vote during every election. Candidate debates and the Student Vote initiative are essential resources for fostering democratic literacy among students, preparing them to engage in the electoral process when they reach voting age. Although hosting our school as a polling station for this election may present some challenges, it also provides a fantastic learning experience.

Parkland

- Parkland Wide Skill Building Classes - All Parkland students in grades 9 and 10 just completed two blocks of skill-building lessons in the Teacher Advisory Groups. The focus was on organizational and research skills that all students need to be successful in secondary school.
- The Welcome Song on Orange Shirt Day was fantastic. Two Parkland students sang, danced, and welcomed our students into their learning:



- Beginning in the November edition, Parkland will have six students writing a bi-weekly column for the Peninsula News Review.

Deep Cove

- The new inclusive playground opened at Deep Cove. Thanks to Trustees Elder, McMurphy, and Silzer for attending the grand opening! The newspaper article is located [here](#).

Bayside

- Bayside honoured Orange Shirt Day by bringing the entire school staff to participate in a Morning Protocol. This event had our Indigenous leadership students starting the day with a song, and then a morning intention was read in both SENCOTEN and English. The entire school sat in a circle around some laid out cedar and this was done intentionally to ensure that everyone in the entire Bayside community understood that they were part of the team and we are all committed to doing the work around Truth and Reconciliation. This experience allowed for an entire school to start this very impactful day in a good way.

KELSET

- KELSET had a very successful Orange Shirt Day Assembly and classroom learning activities leading up to the day. All the classes chose a message relating to Truth and Reconciliation and it was ironed on their class orange shirt. Representatives from each class shared their learning at the school-wide assembly on September 27.



- Rotating student leaders in grades 4 and 5 share the morning announcements over the intercom every school day. This includes a SENCOTEN word of the week, where the students share a word, how to pronounce it, and what it means. This word and meaning is also posted in our Cultural Centre each week.
- KELSET has started "Morphology Mondays" for all classes. Groups of classes come together every Monday to learn about Morphemes with a team of staff (Classroom Teacher, SLP, Literacy Teacher, Learning Assistant Teacher, and ELS Teacher); a super fun way to dive deeper into their literacy learning!