

Successes

January 15, 2025 Board Meeting

Indigenous Education

- Indigenous Learner's Day t was created by Parkland's Indigenous Support Teacher, Brayden Cook, who attended the event with Saanich students, and Bethany Schaftlein, clerical at Parkland. It showcases Indigenous students at Camosun's recent multi-district Indigenous Learners' Day on November 27. Students from SD61, SD62, SD63, SD64, and SD79 attended.
- Twenty-two Indigenous students from Saanich attended, and it sounds like it was an awesome day. Students explored Trades, Technology, IECC, Health, and Nautical themes through the course of this one-day event.

Bayside

- The school showed their incredible generosity in 2024 by supporting vulnerable families and raised over \$6,000 for Santa's Anonymous and collected over 20 large boxes of food to support the Sidney Foodbank.

Prospect Lake

- Thanks to the PAC for supporting winter centerpieces and successful winter concerts.
- Our food drive supported many in the community.

Parkland

- Over 90% of the Grads attended the Winter Formal at the Capital City Yacht Club. It was a fantastic venue and an enjoyable evening.
- North Saanich and Parkland held the Elder's Luncheon on December 3rd to honor the WSÁNEĆ communities. These communities have generously shared their knowledge and history with the schools over the years. As a gesture of gratitude, students and staff prepared, served, and shared a meal with respected Elders and Leadership at the new Tseycum Wellness Centre. The Elders and guests offered encouraging words to the students and staff.

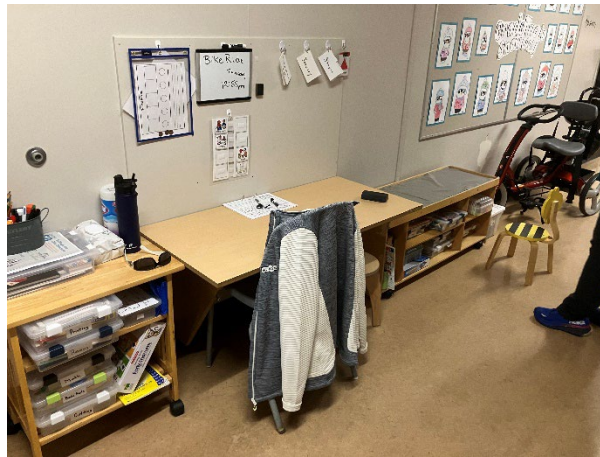
Stelly's

- The 2025 Grads had an incredible Winter Formal! The Grad Exec group did an outstanding job transforming the MPR into a magical masquerade party with dancing, food, games, and a photo booth.
- Stelly's students and staff enjoyed a variety of festive activities, including a holiday band concert hosted by our wonderful band department, a 'treat trolley' where admin traveled through the school offering cookies and treats to staff, Spirit Week with holiday-themed days, a pancake breakfast hosted by Stelly's staff, and a holiday show presented by staff for everyone to enjoy.

- Stelly's was honored to host the Facilities luncheon. The Learning Commons was transformed into a bustling place filled with conversations and connections over a delicious meal for the hard-working Facilities crew.

Sidney

- The picture below showcases a hallway space transformed by a Sidney EA to support a child with autism. The EA has created and installed some incredibly thoughtful learning materials to engage the student with the curriculum when the student is struggling to be part of the busy classroom environment. There are countless adapted work bins and activities at hand which stemmed from some powerful collaborations at our monthly EA meetings. I am so grateful to Linda Leippi, EA, who has taken such pride and ownership of this space. Brilliant! We are happy to report that our safety concerns from earlier in the school year have reduced to almost nil and the in-class engagement of the student continues to grow with student's peers.



- For over two years, we have been working with the Pacific Animal Therapy Society (PATS) to secure a school wellness visit dog. We are thrilled to announce that on January 14th, we will have our first visit with Wellness Dog Jura, a 100lb Bernese Mountain Dog and certified PATS dog. Jura is calm, unbelievably quiet, and incredibly gentle. She loves having her belly rubbed and will lie peacefully while being adored by enthusiastic little hands. We extend our gratitude to Director of Instruction Westhaver for consulting on this initiative and supporting Jura's integration into the Sidney community for 2025.