

Successes

March 12, 2025 Board Meeting

Bayside

- The W̱SÁNEĆ QELAXEN played during halftime at the UVIC Vikes women's and men's games on Friday, February 7th. The team is coached by Vice Principal Kim Graves, Teacher on Call Teagan MacKinnon, and Cultural Liaison Mariah Curley. The team consists of students from Bayside, North Saanich, Brentwood and W̱SÁNEĆ Leadership Secondary School.



Prospect Lake

- Our teachers are working on a book club for "The Anxious Generation" and will be hosting a parent evening to share their findings.
- During our monthly PAW CLAW assembly, students made personal land acknowledgments. Every student connected to one of ŚÉŚÍŚEJ (Forest), XOĆE (Lake), SNÁNET (Mountain), or TŁÁŁSE (Ocean) and discussed ways to honour these spaces to ensure care for future generations. Three grade 5 students shared their personal land acknowledgements during the assembly, modeling for younger students how to make personal connections to the land.



Royal Oak

- ROMS celebrated our first ever Evening of the Arts last week! More than one hundred students from our choir, jazz band, dance club, performing arts club and improv group performed for family and friends! The event also included a silent auction of student artwork, which raised funds to further develop our Arts programs.
- Pink Shirt Day 2025 at ROMS featured a school-wide assembly with Dr. Lisa Gunderson, a performance by members of our IBPOC group and a presentation of a video created by our SOGI group. Members of the Saanich Police joined us at recess to take our annual Pink Shirt Day photo.

- We are very proud of members of our ROMS IBPOC group who presented at the recent Parent Engagement Evening sponsored by the District and COPACS. They were incredibly brave to stand up and share their anti-racism message with such a large group.

Stelly's

- Led by students from the Global Perspectives 11 class, Stelly's participated in the Coldest Night of the Year on Saturday, February 22nd. Despite the weather, 40 students, staff, community members, and several dogs joined in a symbolic walk to Brentwood Bay to remember those in our area who lack adequate shelter or face the effects of poverty. Through sponsorship, \$890 was raised to donate to Our Place Society to support their efforts in meeting these needs. This annual event has become an important part of the Global Perspectives and Leadership classes. Donations to Our Place through sponsorship of our students can still be made until March 31, 2025.

Indigenous Education

- Students from North Saanich Middle School and Bayside Middle School travelled to Spectrum Community School on February 12 to participate in a tri-district Lahal tournament. Over 350 students from 18 schools participated in the tournament. Lahal – also called “bone game” is a traditional Coast Salish game and is gaining popularity with students around the region.



North Saanich

- Recently, 33 students from NSMS attended the Regional Junior Skills Canada Competition at Camosun College. We had our best performance yet, earning a bronze in Junior Woodworking and golds in both Wind Turbine and Sumo Robot. Additionally, we participated in the Spaghetti Bridge Building and Gravity Car Challenge.