

Successes

May 14, 2025 Board Meeting

Parkland

- Thirty students from Parkland are embarking on a journey in early May to visit war museums and memorial sites in the Netherlands, Belgium and France. For more information please click [here](#).

Brentwood

- A huge congratulations to the Bone Game Club, who participated in the Lahal Tournament. As the only elementary team, they performed exceptionally well, finishing 6th out of 22 teams. Seven students participated, supported by Ms. Morris, Mrs. Warren, and Mrs. Westwood.
- The Cross Country team has been building up their stamina and is preparing for the final district meet on May 7.
- The Grade 3-5 Dance Club is full of energy and enthusiasm! Students are learning new routines, building confidence, and having a blast expressing themselves through dance.
- We're excited to announce that the school choir for Grades 2-5 has kicked off for the season, starting April 24.

North Saanich/Parkland

- Parkland and North Saanich jointly organized an Acknowledgement Walk to honor the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People. The event featured songs and words from W̱SÁNEĆ community members and Elders, creating a meaningful space for reflection, remembrance, and solidarity. HÍSWKE to the Parkland and NSMS Indigenous teams for co-organizing this impactful and thoughtful event.

Prospect Lake

- The April "PAW CLAW" assembly centered on the languages spoken at our school and the concept of Global Citizenship. Students learned to say "thank you" in the 20 home languages represented in our school and participated in a scavenger hunt with their PAW CLAW family groups.
- Melissa Bourdon and Kristen Sinats, along with special guest Shannon Husk, hosted an informative evening for parents about digital media usage among students. The event was well attended and sparked rich discussions.
- Students across all grades have been developing their badminton skills through our comprehensive school-wide PE program.

Stelly's

- Stelly's staff took approximately 40 students on a tour of the Saanich Peninsula, organized by the BC Agriculture in the Classroom (BCAITC) team. The tour included visits to Sandown, Camosun Culinary Arts, and the Saanich Fairgrounds, providing students with insights into local agriculture and food careers. They observed the Camosun Culinary Arts program in full production, engaged in discussions with industry experts, and explored workplace expectations, employment opportunities, and career paths in the professional cooking trade. Additionally, students toured the Sandown Centre for Regenerative Agriculture at the Saanich Fairgrounds and participated in a Network Cafe, where they met and conversed with professionals from various sectors of agriculture and food.
- Our grade 9 FRAL students attended the Francais pour l'Avenir Forum - French for the Future Forum at the University of Victoria. This event offered them valuable insights into language learning experiences in schools through meaningful conversations with teachers, professors, and French Immersion students from the Greater Victoria area. The initiative aimed to empower students by exposing them to real-life

perspectives on language acquisition and encouraging critical thinking about their education and future careers.

- The Stelly's Golf Team achieved 17th place out of 34 in the team category, while a Grade 10 student won the individual category over the 2-day tournament at Olympic View.

Bayside

- Bayside proudly hosted the Climate Changemakers event on Earth Day, showcasing their innovative composting program. Utilizing a Lomi Kitchen recycler, the program effectively reduces composting waste, minimizes rodent attraction, and enhances our school gardens. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of leadership students and staff, this initiative is making a significant impact at Bayside.
- From May 2-4, the W̱SÁNEĆ QELAXEN team traveled to the Indigenous communities of Hitacu, Tofino, and Ahousaht. Accompanied by three University of Victoria Vikes Basketball players, who supported the team and ran a camp for basketball players in Ahousaht, the trip was a resounding success. In each community, we played games, shared food, and enjoyed activities with other teams and community members. It was a culturally rich experience in one of the most beautiful places in the world. The 13 W̱SÁNEĆ athletes, hailing from both Bayside and NSMS, embody the team's goal of inclusivity for all W̱SÁNEĆ athletes, regardless of their school.

Indigenous Education

- The Indigenous Education Department is thrilled to announce the completion and installation of the signage project for ŠEŠÍŠEJ Child Care Centre. A large welcome sign now greets all families at the main entry. In the forested play area, children can discover beautiful signs featuring original artwork of native plants created by Lochside students. The plant names are displayed in both English and SENĆOŦEN, with QR codes linking to the SENĆOŦEN pronunciation. These child-friendly signs encourage children to embark on a scavenger hunt to find these native plants. Special thanks to Darcy McNee, Lorelei McEvay, Jenni Erickson, and the talented Lochside students who contributed their art.

