

Successes

October 14, 2025 Board Meeting

North Saanich

- NSMS recently welcomed DiverseAbilities to present across all 16 of our Divisions. Youth and adults in attendance gained valuable insights into our IDEAL principles—inclusion, diversity, equity, accessibility, and language. These foundational concepts equip participants with lifelong skills for engaging respectfully and supportively with individuals who experience the world differently. The session also offered practical strategies for fostering inclusive environments, especially in supporting classmates and peers with disabilities, differences, or diverse abilities.
- Over \$500 was raised for the Terry Fox Foundation this year.

Bayside

- Bayside proudly raised \$3,000 in support of Cops for Cancer. During the tour's visit on October 4th, we had the opportunity to present our fundraising total.



Prospect Lake

- Our students recently participated in two meaningful events in support of cancer research: the *Tour de Rock* visit and the *Terry Fox Run*. We were thrilled to see so many families join us for the run, and we're proud to share that we surpassed our fundraising goal!
- This year at Prospect Lake, we took a new approach to our Orange Shirt Day learning. Over the course of a week, all students explored the origins of maple syrup and engaged in a guided water colour painting activity. Many of us were surprised to learn that maple syrup was first created by Indigenous peoples. We also reflected on the symbolism of the maple leaf, discussing how it can represent many things. Our hope is that students who understand more about our shared history can become the "leaves of change" as we move forward together on the path of reconciliation. To extend this learning, students participated in a silent, reflective assembly where we viewed a powerful video created by Stelly's students about Orange Shirt Day. Afterwards, students quietly added their own "leaves of change" to our school's tree. In addition, we hosted the Salish Weave gallery in our Multi-Purpose Room, accompanied by a tea tasting of

Indigenous teas from the district resource kit. Lessons focused on the spindle whorl and Coast Salish design elements.

- Our student leaders are now taking on more active roles in our school community. We have daily student-led announcements, student MCs at our monthly assemblies, and students are sharing their personal land acknowledgements at school events.
- We're excited to offer a wide range of clubs and activities for students to connect beyond the classroom. Current offerings include Musical Theatre, Soccer, Floor Hockey, Tech Crew, PAWS Picks (Library Club) and Football.



Parkland

- Parkland raised \$1500 for Cops for Cancer. Proud of our Panthers!



Royal Oak

- At ROMS, we've introduced monthly mental health themes—one for each month of the school year. Every Monday is *Mental Health Monday*, and during Advisory, all classes participate in an activity aligned with that month's theme. This initiative helps foster consistent, school-wide conversations and practices around mental wellness.

Lochside

- The Lochside Elementary Terry Fox Run was a tremendous success! It was truly inspiring to see our students, along with so many families, come together to honour Terry Fox's legacy and support cancer research. We're proud to share that we raised \$1,143.75 for the Terry Fox Foundation—thank you to everyone who contributed! A heartfelt thank you to our amazing PAC for providing delicious cut-up fruit, keeping everyone energized with healthy snacks throughout the event. We're also grateful to the Saanich Police School Liaison Officers for joining us on the run and cheering on our students. Our Grade 5 leaders did a fantastic job setting up and taking down the course, and a special shout-out goes to our student emcee, Ciahna, who opened the event with a thoughtful territorial acknowledgement and introduction.

