

Successes

January 14, 2026 Board Meeting

Prospect Lake

- We hosted both family Literacy and Numeracy mornings at the end of term 1 with wonderful attendance.
- Staff participated in a learning session with District OT, PT, and SLP staff to increase knowledge of how to support our students, particularly those who may not have language skills to communicate.
- Staff collaboratively implemented and assessed our school-wide write to create a school scope and sequence of exemplars.
- Our school hosted a cereal collection project for the Peninsula Lions Food Bank to support our December theme of "Generosity." We collected 208 boxes of cereal and made a domino track with them throughout the school before loading the boxes into the foodbank trucks.



Deep Cove

- On December 5, Deep Cove Elementary hosted its 45th Annual Winter Fair, the school's largest community event and fundraiser of the year. Organized by a dedicated parent team and supported by over 100 volunteers, the Fair drew hundreds of attendees for an evening of games, live music, food trucks, raffles, and a silent auction. The event was a tremendous success, raising more than \$20,000 for the Deep Cove PAC.

Bayside

- Bayside once again brought their giving spirit and was able to raise over \$15,000 for Santa's Anonymous ensuring many families in Victoria had a happy Christmas.

Cordova Bay

- We have been fortunate to experience several wonderful examples of community spirit recently. Prior to the winter break, Cordova Bay held a highly successful used book sale organized by teachers Lisa Wergeland and Hayley Mollberg, with strong support from staff. The event raised over \$1,300 for the Peninsula Food Bank.
- Mme. Wires also coordinated two excellent winter concerts during the final week of classes in December. Each class performed in one of the concerts, and families were invited to attend their child's presentation.
- Additionally, we enjoyed one of the most well-attended Family Read-In mornings in recent memory on the last day before the break.

Parkland

- Parkland held several fundraising initiatives over the last few months – the food drive collected \$1,014 and many food items for the Peninsula Lions Food Bank. Leadership students gathered several boxes of warm clothing for the Our Place Society fundraiser. The Parkland Social Justice class donated \$277 to the BC Cancer Foundation from their large bake sale. Forty-five pairs of new socks were donated to the Out of the Rain Youth Shelter.

Keating

- Following the fall announcement of a \$10,000 Variety BC playground grant, Keating will be adding an accessible climbing spinner to its grounds. The Canadian-made 'Apollo Spinner' is unique to the Peninsula, accommodates an entire class, and is designed for use by all students, including those with physical limitations. The total value of the project is \$55,000, and Keating is grateful to its PAC for contributing \$20,000 toward the initiative. Installation is expected in spring 2026.



Stelly's

- We had a very successful hamper drive in December, organized by our Social Justice and Vital Youth students, who collected more than 1,300 donated items. Their efforts resulted in 23 well-stocked hampers, along with a significant amount of extra food that was delivered to the local food bank.
- During the final week of school in 2025, Stelly's was buzzing with activity as we hosted a wide range of festive events for students. Highlights included an early-morning hot chocolate station, themed dress-up days, several Christmas concerts, a holiday breakfast, and the beloved Stelly's tradition—the Staff Christmas Show.
- Our Choir and Vocal Jazz students also had the opportunity to perform at the Mary Winspear Centre alongside the Festive Brass ensemble from Butchart Gardens. It was an inspiring collaboration, and we are grateful to the Festive Brass musicians for their mentorship and support.
- Stelly's band students helped spread holiday cheer in the Sidney Sparkles Parade. A certain staff member even donned the Stelly's Bee costume to add to the fun! Our students did a wonderful job representing the school as they marched and performed for the community.