

Successes

April 22, 2026 Board Meeting

Keating

- As part of Black History month, 2/3 students at Keating explored the work of Canadian artist [Sandra Brewster](#) and the themes of immigration, identity, representation, and inclusion. Students explored these themes through art study and creating their own photographic cooperative works in a distressed style of movement and meaning.
- Keating has unveiled its new inclusive climbing spinner, ensuring students of all abilities can play together. This innovative piece of equipment promotes accessible fitness and sensory-rich fun. Thanks go out to Variety BC for their \$10,000 contribution, along with Keating's PAC for funding \$20,000 of this \$60,000 project.



Lochside

- This month, Lochside welcomed fourth-year Bachelor of Science students from UVic into our Grades 1–3 classrooms to lead engaging, hands-on chemistry labs. Our new multilingual, free community library is now up and running along the trail side of the school—thank you to Saanich Councillor Teale Phelps Bondaroff for the generous donation that made this possible.
- Our school courtyard is also thriving this spring. A huge thank you to teacher Ashley Walker for her leadership in securing grants, coordinating materials, and bringing together staff, students, and parents to create nine new garden beds.



Royal Oak

- Four amazing former ROMS students (now in Gr 11 at Claremont) have been running an afterschool Performing Arts Club for the past 3 years as part of the Pursuit of Excellence (PEP) Program. This year they are, once again, putting on a show for family and friends that involves a play written by one of the Gr 11 students, a dance and a couple of songs! This after school class has been running weekly since November and the students in the club are very excited to perform.

Bayside

- Congratulations to WSANEC QELAXEN, which has many players from KELSET, Bayside and North Saanich Middle School, for being the first WSANEC team to play in the Junior All Native Basketball Tournament.

North Saanich

- 14 students participated in Kidovate Victoria on Saturday April 11, at the Bay Centre. North Saanich had the highest participation rate among all middle schools in SD 61, 62, or 63 and the students were amazing!

Deep Cove

- Grade 4 and 5 students explored the themes of immigration, heritage, and identity through a reconciliation-focused lens. With guidance from the Anti-Racism Working Group, teachers supported students in researching where their ancestors originated and where they first arrived in Canada. Using the Indigenous Peoples of Canada floor map, students then identified the Indigenous territories their ancestors immigrated to and settled on. This learning culminated in the creation of personalized territorial acknowledgements that reflected students' family histories, as well as their developing understanding of place, responsibility, and reconciliation. Students shared their learning with peers and families during a celebratory open house, and each day a different Grade 4/5 student begins the school day by sharing their personal territorial acknowledgement during morning announcements.
- Pink Shirt Day was celebrated through a parent-led event hosted in the school gym at the end of February. Throughout the day, students participated in team-building activities and created friendship bracelets to give to a chosen peer or someone new. This meaningful event, entirely organized by parents, was inspired by a desire to deepen learning around kindness, inclusion, and Pink Shirt Day, and was a tremendous success.