

Successes

October 21, 2026 Board Meeting

Royal Oak

- Royal Oak, in recognition of Orange Shirt Day, went for a mindful walk around the community. During that walk students and staff looked for the various elements and pieces that have importance to the W̱SÁNEĆ people including cedar trees, Arbutus trees and the school welcome figure created by local carver Doug LaFortune.
- September 24th Royal Oak participated in the Terry Fox Run where all students ran for Terry to keep the dream alive. The school raised over \$2000 in donations to support the Terry Fox Foundation.

North Saanich

- NSMS Raised over \$700 for the Terry Fox foundation in pursuit of Terry's dream to end cancer through research.
- NSMS hosted Creatures of Habitat and the students participated in real-world conservation work.

Keating

Social inclusion speaker Michael Bortolotto presented to all students at Keating on October 8, sharing his experiences living with cerebral palsy and emphasizing that anything is possible. He encouraged students to appreciate how our differences make us stronger. When asked, “What is the single most important thing each of us can do to make our community and world a better place?” his response was immediate and heartfelt: “Just smile.”



- This presentation tied into Keating recent whole school art project on belonging,



Stelly's

- Stelly's students from the I,TOTEL,NEW ,E TFE Á,LENENEŁTE class participated in a pit cook at ȲIXEN (Tsawout Spit) on October 8. Students, staff and community members enjoyed learning about the cultural significance of pit cooking, and enjoyed a meal of venison, salmon, and vegetables.

Bayside

- Orange Shirt Day was marked with a school-wide assembly featuring a guest speaker, as well as drumming and singing. The event provided a meaningful opportunity for reflection, learning, and personal growth.
- The Terry Fox Run was complemented by a variety of school-wide fundraising activities, including half-court shot challenges, one-on-one dodgeball competitions, and many other engaging events in support of the cause.

Deep Cove

- Deep Cove Elementary has enjoyed a wonderful start to the school year, highlighted by two meaningful events in September. On September 24, our entire school community, joined by approximately 100 family members, participated in our annual Terry Fox Run and fundraiser. The day was filled with fun, community spirit, and a celebration of Terry Fox's lasting legacy.
- On September 29, we came together to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The gathering included many students proudly wearing orange and featured a powerful presentation from a Residential School Survivor, who shared important messages about love, acceptance, and understanding. We were also honoured to welcome a Grade 12 student from Parkland Secondary School, who shared drumming and song with our students.

