



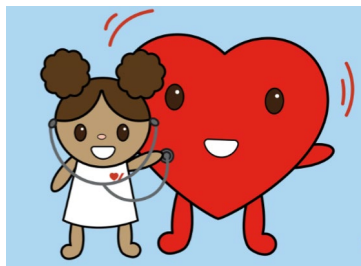
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NewsFlash

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP FUNDRAISERS

This week we celebrated the amazing accomplishments of the top fundraisers for the Jump Rope for Heart event held earlier this month. Our school community raised \$2685 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Congratulations to Ryder R., Auralise Y., Liam R., and Everly F. for raising a combined total of \$1170.



Special recognition goes to Kathina Cash in grade 3. She raised a whopping \$1135 all on her own! Kathina's family has been impacted by heart disease, and Kathina has been determined to help make a difference for her family and for others who need it. Way to go Kathina! Thank you for your leadership (two years running being the top fundraiser to boot!)

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD TURNING 5 THIS YEAR?



Is your child registered for Kindergarten?

If your child will be turning five years old before Dec 31, 2023, it's time to register for Kindergarten

www.sd68.bc.ca/kindergarten-students

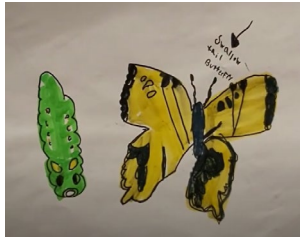
It's time to register for Kindergarten! Use the QR code to find out how to do this - or visit www.sd68.bc.ca and click on the registration tab.

NORTHFIELD MARSH WILDLIFE – LEARNING ABOUT SNUNEYMUXW TERRITORY

Some technical difficulties interfered with a wonderful video presentation by Division 11 at our assembly on Thursday. Division 11 (Ms. Tye’s class) has been learning about the wildlife and vegetation in the Northfield Marsh, did research on a variety of the species, created posters and then shared their learning via an excellent video. We are working on a plan to share the video with family members. In the meantime, check out some of the work done by these students via some screen shots from the video.



Long toed salamander



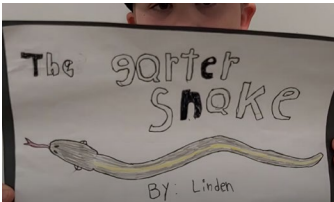
Swallow tail butterfly



Killdeer



Ladybugs



Garter Snake



Red Breasted Sapsucker



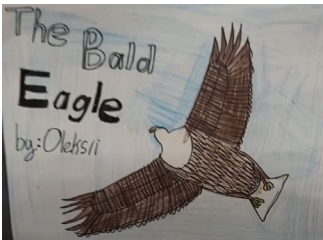
Douglas Squirrels



Blue Heron



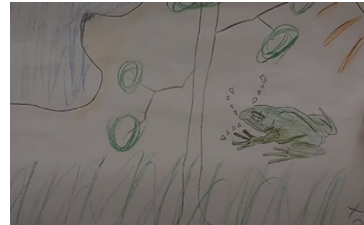
Turkey Vulture



Bald Eagle



Beaver



Pacific Tree Frog



Mason Bee



Flowering Red Currant



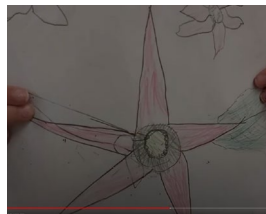
Humming Bird



Robin



Trumpeter Swan



Salmon Berry



Canada Geese



<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>

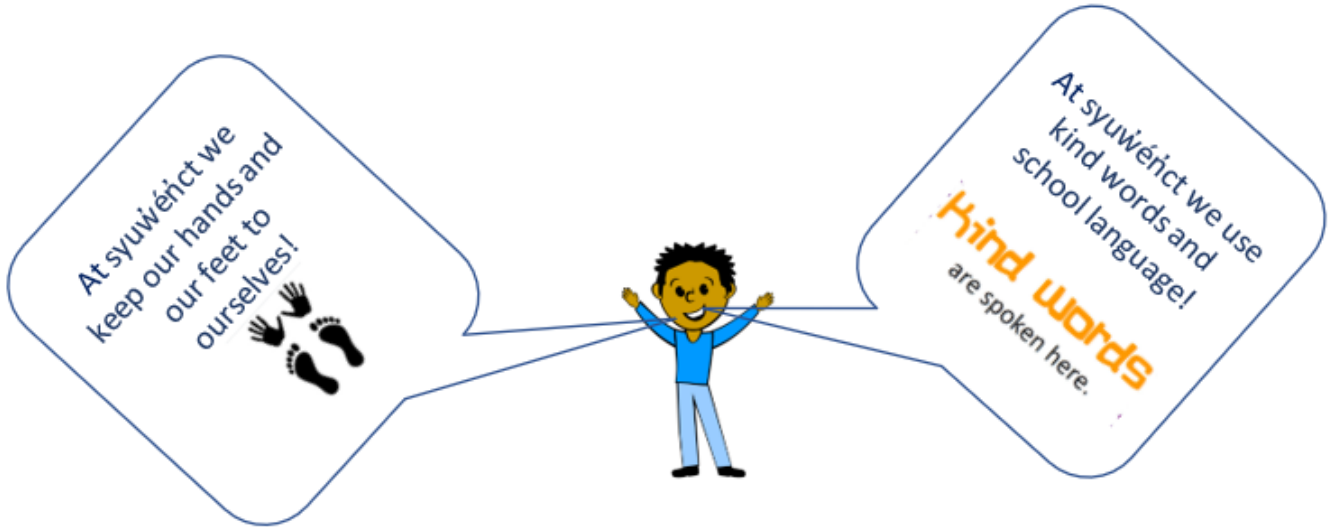
Worried about something or someone?
Use the **erasure** site to seek help!

CALENDAR UPDATES!

Please refer to the weekly NewsFlash or go to our website for the most up to date calendar updates!

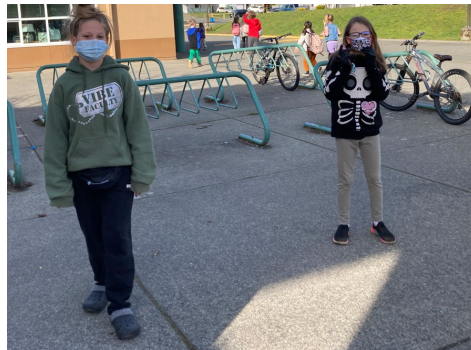
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May 2	Wellington to Meet with Gr 6/7 re: Basketball Camp
May 4	Trade Show – Div 14 Country Projects– Gym AM
May 4	Andy the Musical Scientist (ArtStarts Performance)
May 5	MMIWG – Red Dress Day
May 5	Div 6 & 7 to Fish Hatchery to release the Salmon Fry
May 9	Fruit and Veggie + Milk
May 9	Div 13-16 Skating @ Beban 10:30-2:10
May 10	Div 4 to Museum 9:00-11:30
May 10	Div 9 Comic Con
May 10	Fun Lunch - Subway
May 10	PAC AGM
May 11	Curriculum Implementation Day
May 12	School-Based Professional Day
May 16	School Track Meet Grades 3-7
May 19	Funky Friday!
May 19	Class and all-school Photo
May 19	Swim to Survive Grade 7
May 22	Victoria Day Holiday
May 23	Grade 7s to Wellington for Orientation
May 23	Great Canadian Invention Circus PM (ArtStarts Performance)
May 24	Div 3 to Bowen Park
May 25	Zone Track and Field Meet
May 26	Swim to Survive Grade 7
May 26	Fun Lunch – Cobs/Smoothies
May 29	Div 8 & 9 Swimming Beban Park
May 30	Welcome to Kindergarten!
June 1	May Month End Assembly Div 3 & 4



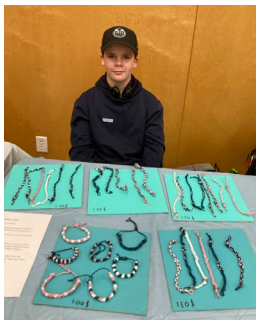
THROWBACK THURSDAY! SO MUCH FUN!

We had a great showing of school spirit on Thursday with our "Throwback Thursday" themed day. It was a really busy day and I wish I had been able to capture some more pictures!



YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR FAIR – THAT’S A WRAP

The gym was bustling with activity Friday with the second iteration of the Young Entrepreneur Fair. This time Divisions 15 and 16 shared their business plans and their creations, offering a variety of items for sale. Students were excited to visit the fair, and it was great to see the number of family members who were able to drop in to see this work.



BIKES, SCOOTERS, AND SKATEBOARDS

It is wonderful to see the increase in bikes, scooters and skateboards being used as a green travel method with our students. Here are some reminders as to the expectations for arriving/leaving via these personally powered devices.

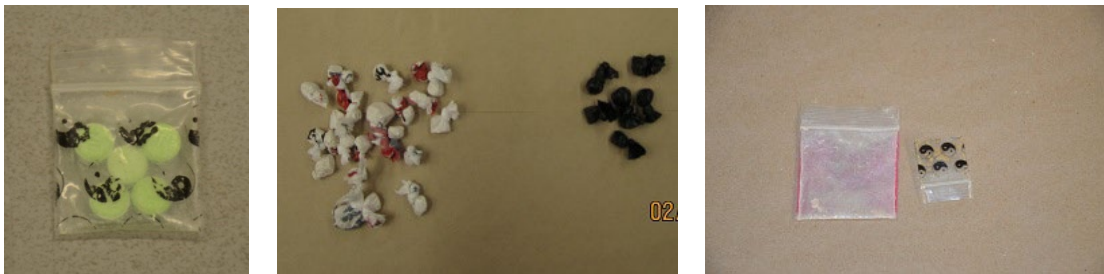
1. Walk your bike, etc., on to and off of the school property.
2. Wear a helmet!
3. Lock your bike/scooter for safety
4. Share the road – be aware of other vehicles and pedestrians

CHILD GOING TO BE AWAY?

Email info.CT@sd68.bc.ca or call us at 250-729-0450.

[Our new name populates in the email message](#) 😊

SAFETY MESSAGE FROM THE RCMP



Several recent incidents of young persons finding discarded plastic baggies with possible drug residue has prompted the Nanaimo RCMP to respond with some basic safety tips around proper handling and disposal of these items. The attached pictures show typical packaging of illegal drugs. Other commonly discarded items may include glass pipes, tin foil and needles.

The drugs currently being used on the streets are toxic and if mishandled or accidentally inhaled, can cause severe and in some occasions a life threatening reaction, said R/Cst Gary O'Brien of the Nanaimo RCMP.

The following tips are provided for your safety:

- Never pick up discarded drug items unless you are wearing protective gloves
- Place the item in a zip lock baggie then if possible, discard the item in a black or green garbage bag and tie it so that the item cannot be seen
- If you are using a claw or other item that may be used again, be sure to decontaminate it first
- Young children should be told to never touch or pick up these items and if found, tell an adult as soon as possible

Police officers do not need to attend to dispose of these items but they are available to answer any questions or concerns the public may have. It should also be noted that the recent change to the consumption and possession of small quantities of street level drugs, does not apply to school grounds and playgrounds. If you suspect an individual is consuming or possessing illegal drugs, at either of these noted areas, please call the Nanaimo RCMP non-emergency line at 250-754-2345.

Make sure to check out the collection of lost and found items - they need to go home! Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the year.



Join the Facebook Group!
Family and Friends of syuWén'ct Elementary School
stay in touch with all that is going on.

<https://munchalunch.com/login>

For returning families

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/syuwenct>

For new families



Need help in providing your child with the
Fun Lunch through MunchaLunch? Please
reach out to the school or the PAC!

If your child is absent on
a "fun lunch" day, please
contact the school by
noon if you want to pick
it up, otherwise we will
donate the meal to
another student.