



# Superintendent's Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of October 16, 2019

## Nicola Canford Elementary School – Traditional Outdoor Calming Space

- Nicola-Canford would like to thank their learning community for attending their welcome dinner and the official opening of the Traditional Outdoor Calming Space. An innovative and impressive project that connects with our local communities.



## Do you feel welcome at school?

- Starting a new school year can be scary. Schools across the district are supporting activities that promote inclusion and connection.
- Vermillion Forks Elementary celebrated friendship and Merritt Secondary School participated in “Change it Up” – a powerful program focusing on building positive relationships.



## Localizing Truth and Reconciliation

- One of our local community members, Arnie Narcisse (Tonemsha) presented his residential school experience with Merritt Secondary School students and staff.
- Arnie's book “Hard to be a Good Indian” brings to life his truth and moves us forward in the reconciliation process.



## Professional Learning – Two great activities making a difference!

- A big thank you to Gold Trail for hosting our admin and teachers in the first of three sessions on the with Peter Lilliejdahl and the “Thinking Classroom”.
- Literacy 2021 and our goal of 90 percent of grade 2 students is alive and well. Dr. Janet Mort is spending two days with our admin and grade 2 teachers this month.



## Wildlife Safety Education

- One of many presentations taking place in Princeton - Grade 5s during a presentation that introduced students to the concept of human-wildlife conflict and encouraged them to take an active role in reducing human-wildlife conflicts by helping their families identify wildlife attractants around their home.





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## First Nations Support Workers

- A huge thank you – so many fantastic activities going on! Your work makes a difference!

## Celebrating World Teacher Day

- It was a pleasure to thank our teachers and acknowledge the difference they make in the classrooms, schools and community.
- Congratulations to Robert French who was one of the 30 finalists in this year's Premier's Award for Excellence in Education process. So many great teachers to choose from.



## Enhancing Student Learning Framework?

- Strategic Planning is underway. Part of the process is to review where we have been. If you are interested in knowing more about the last five years and what the current plan looks like click on this link:  
<http://www.sd58.bc.ca/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/District-Enhancing-Learning-Plan-September-2019-V1-1.pdf>



## Supporting Inclusion – Five minutes that can make a difference.

Spread the word – SD58 is listening. All students want to be seen. Five Moore Minutes is a website with videos dedicated to empowering schools and classrooms to support ALL Learners! Created by Shelley Moore, this website is designed with teachers in mind. We encourage you to take a look. <https://fivemooreminutes.com/>

## Everyone Makes a Difference

"When a kid walks in a room--your child or anybody else's child--does your face light up? That's what they're looking for . . . let your face speak what's in your heart. It's just as small as that." Toni Morrison



Thank you for lighting up when you see our students!