



# Superintendent's Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of November, 2020

## Thank you

Our First Nations Support Workers are committed to supporting the Success of All Learners. They do this tirelessly by providing a wide range of programs and services to students that declare Aboriginal Ancestry as well as supporting all students and staff through their commitment to the Call to Action.



## Remembrance Day

"The pandemic may have changed how we commemorate this year, but we will never forget our fallen, no matter the circumstances," says Legion Dominion President Thomas D. Irvine.

Schools across the School District recognized Remembrance Day through a wide range of activities. This included laying painted stones, sharing stories, sharing music, visits from veterans and first responders, remote/outside assemblies and celebrating the importance of peace.



## Visiting Authors

Virtual visits are taking place regularly in the School District including the annual visits from popular authors. The most recent visits took place at Vermillion Forks Elementary and Princeton Secondary School. Thank you to Learning Commons teacher Mr. Cleaveley for helping to organize these inspirational sessions. The most recent visit was from the popular author Jennifer Nielsen who's most recent books include the New York Times Best Selling Book False Prince.

## Staying Healthy



Both Merritt Secondary School and Princeton Secondary school are doing their best to provide students with health and safe opportunities to maintain their fitness and athletic skills. Both schools not only have their gyms open but have been supporting skill development with regular practices and have even had their cohort groups enjoying some safe competition. Thank you to both our teacher and coaches for making these activities possible.

## World Kindness Day

World Kindness Day is celebrated annually on November 13<sup>th</sup>. This does not go unrecognized by School District 58 which supports random acts of kindness on a regular basis. This year Mr. Duncan was found recognizing and spreading kindness in his grandpa's cardigan in honor of Mr. Rogers.



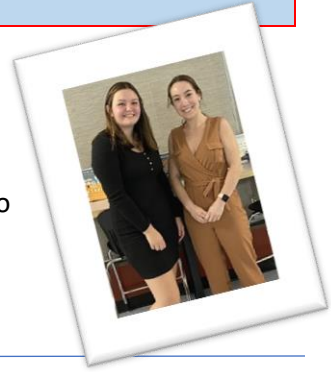


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## Student Trustees

A big welcome to our two new Student Trustees. Kaelan Druck and Carson Anscomb. We also want to extend our appreciation to our second year Student Trustees Rylee Forde and Kassie Moyes. SD58 is very proud to have student voice at the Board Table. Their regular reports, presentations and input provide valuable insight.



## Mental Health Grant

### Connecting with Kids and Teachers in Challenging Times

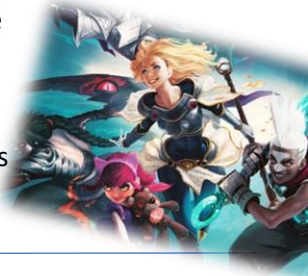
Dr. Jody Carrington, Child Psychologist and Bestselling Canadian author of "Kids These Days: A Game Plan for (Re)Connecting With Those We Teach, Lead and Love" will be a focus in the Mental Health Grant plan for 2020-2021. Look for more information coming forward shortly on the topics of grief & loss, trauma, relationships and connection.



## ESports Trial at B.C. High School Sports

"Esports is a new frontier for BCSS but credit to our Board of Directors who felt it was important to explore every option on how to engage students with their school," Abney said in the GameSeta news release.

Merritt Secondary School and Princeton Secondary School are exploring this new opportunity. This has included games being played across North America, including a recent competition against two high schools in California. Trial season starts in a couple of weeks – good luck to both schools!



## Operations Department

As we go into the winter months we would like to put out an extra thank you to all the members of the Operations Department. During a very difficult time they have worked extra hard to not only make sure that our facilities are ready for learning and teaching but also to help keep us healthy and safe.

**THANK YOU!**



## Inclement Weather

### Winter has arrived early!

Be prepared – check for weather advisories and come prepared with proper footwear and clothing. If you take a bus to school be sure to check our website or follow us on Twitter to receive timely transportation alerts and updates.

