

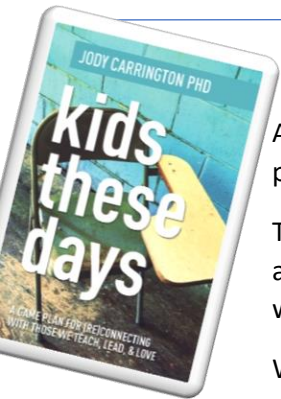


# Superintendent's Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of February, 2021

## Thank you

This month we would like to thank Interior Health. They have provided outstanding support during the recent exposures at MSS, MBE and NCE. Their additional help to complete a Health and Safety audit at Merritt Secondary School was also appreciated.

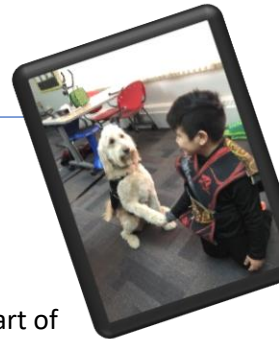


## Kids These Days by Dr. Jody Carrington

A reminder to all staff and our SD58 partners that on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> Dr. Jody Carrington will be presenting to approximately 250 participants on her book "Kids These Days".

This book and presentation brings together her years of experience working with children and parents and the stories they have brought forward. The presentation is aimed at acknowledging the important work that you do and inspiring us to be our best when we are working with our students.

We are all looking forward to this valuable opportunity!



## A Big SD58 Welcome to Roxy!

Therapy dog Roxy's first visit to Merritt Central Elementary took place on February 4<sup>th</sup>. It was clear that students and staff enjoyed her visit as there was lots of smiles and warm hugs. Therapy dogs help build confidence, decrease learner anxiety and improve learning outcomes. We are so pleased to have Roxy part of the team and we want to thank everyone involved.

## Kindness Projects

Acts of kindness ramp up during February in SD58. Check out the following examples of kindness:

- Students making cookie jars for the local food bank / Mason Jar (VFE)
- Leatherwork crafts for Indigenous elders, community members and family members (NCE)
- Kindness Bench and Planter / Operation Care Package (MSS)
- Community Kindness Plaques (MBE)
- We Will Rock You (JAE)
- Lifted Spirits (DVE)



## New 3D Laser Printer

3D printers have been described as a secret weapon when it comes to sparking creativity in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM). 3D printers can help engage students by allowing them to solve problems and participate in hands on activities. Check out this link to some examples of lesson plans and activities created by teachers: <https://www.makersempire.com/10-inspiring-3d-printing-lesson-ideas-created-by-teachers/>



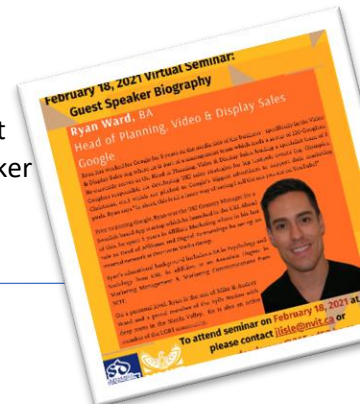


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## Exploring Careers

NVIT is working in partnership with School District 58 to coordinate a series of online guest speaker webinars profiling various careers. Join us February 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm for guest speaker Ryan Ward, Head of Planning, Video & Display Sales for Google.



## Nicola-Canford Morning Show



COVID-19 getting you down?

The answer to that question is try something different and make it fun. Students at Nicola-Canford have started a morning show that highlights their favorite music and some humor. This fun is backed up by some serious learning as students are demonstrating numerous competencies and are practicing the real-world skills of creativity, public speaking, and organization.

## Black History Month

Every February, people in Canada are invited to participate in Black History Month festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians in their communities. Black history in Canada has not always been celebrated or highlighted. This month is about celebrating resilience, innovation and determination to work towards a more inclusive and diverse Canada – a Canada in which everyone has every opportunity to flourish.



## Winter Sports

"Building back better" when we get through the pandemic will no doubt include the increased focus on outdoor activities. The January and February weather hasn't stopped teachers from heading outside. With protocols in place, students have been participating in snow shoeing, cross country skiing, skating and curling. Thank you to all of our teachers who continue to support healthy activities.

## Updated COVID-19 Protocols

Be sure to check out the K-12 Schools and COVID-19 website produced by the BC Centre for Disease Control.

This new micro-site provides accurate and update information for parents and students, school staff and administrators.

