



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of June, 2021

Thank you – Health and Safety

We can now see the light at the end of the tunnel! As a result of everyone's patience, perseverance and support planning for a Stage 1 September start up is underway. We would like to thank students, staff, families and community for the ongoing support they have provided throughout the pandemic. We are almost there!



Kamloops Indian Residential School

On Wednesday, June 2nd the District came together to participate/witness a “walk in”, two honor songs and a moment of silence in memory of the missing children found at the Kamloops Indian Residential School. Schools across the district are participating in activities to help support all of our students, families and community members that are grappling with the tragic news and the ongoing impact of residential schools. Our hearts and thoughts go out to our students and families during this difficult time. Linked to the image to the left is a listing of supports that are available for those in need.



Graduation and Act of Kindness

We would like to acknowledge our graduates across the district as well as the Leadership class at MSS, who provided each of our grads at the Bridge, KLC, PSS and MSS a gift bag celebrating their achievement.

Kindness projects are wrapping up – happy rocks have been delivered and hidden throughout the community. We hope you find one and your day is brightened.

Battle of the Books!

Congratulations to all our schools and students that participated in this year's Battle of the Books! If you haven't had a chance to check out one of the books be sure to do so. A list is available in your school's library and your learning commons teachers would be happy to help. A special congratulations to Vermillion Forks Elementary who took the top two places by answering 33 and 31 out of 40 questions correctly.

Thank you to all those who made this event possible and we encourage everyone to keep on reading!

Summer Literacy Boost!

The District is pleased to offer the Family Summer Literacy Boost video series to all our students and families. The video series will provide parents with the knowledge, understanding, skills and practice strategies for the five most important literacy foundational skills. The video are done with a light-hearted and enthusiastic approach that parents are sure to enjoy using with their children.

The series of ten 20-minute videos can be easily streamed online by families for playful practice activities with important foundational skills all summer long. Each video is accompanied by a package of handouts that include instructions, games and activities. Be sure to check it out!

Success for ALL Learners – Today and Tomorrow





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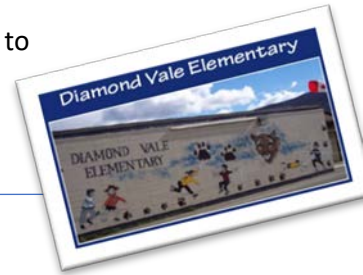
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Administrative Changes

Some changes are taking place to the Principal Team for 2021/2022. The District would like to wish the following principals all the best at their new schools:

Becky Puterbough – Diamond Vale Elementary

Kevin McGifford – Merritt Bench Elementary



Learning Outdoors

A full range of activities and opportunities continue across the district. Check out the following school based activities and strategies:

PSS – Traditional Tea Workshop

MCE – Kamloops Wildlife Park

NCE – Archery

JAЕ – Gardening

MSS – Disc Golf at McArthur Island Park

VFE – Ecommunity Place



Spotlight on Local Languages

We are proud to live in the traditional, unceded territories of the Nte?kepmx and Syilx people and we recognize the contributions of our local Metis communities.

With this in mind we encourage all of our staff to consider learning some of our local language. If you are interested in learning Nte?kepmxcin, Nsyilxcen or Michif reach out to one of our First Nations Support Workers or go online and check out sites like First Voices where you can practice your skills.

FirstVoices

Summer Health Tips



With summer holiday around the corner, we want to ensure safety conversations continue at home. Check out this month's Canadian Centre for Child Protection newsletter for great information. Examples of topics include: Parenting Teens in the Digital Worlds, Safety Habits for Life, and Healthy Relationship Videos.

Pandemic Response Update

Vaccinations are well underway across the province. To find answers to the question of who, when and where be sure to visit the BCCDC website.

