

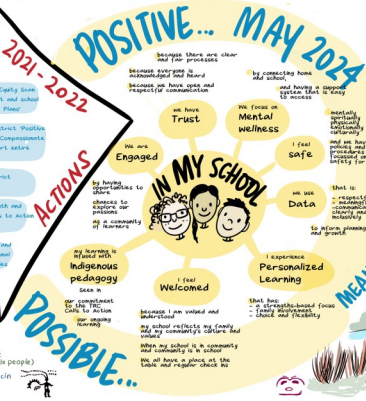
OUR STRATEGIC PLAN: SD58 NICOLA-SIMILKAMEEN

Our goals have us creating a learning community with
 1 meaning and purpose
 2 appreciation and respect
 3 meaningful connections

450 VOICES
 DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES
 HEARTFUL FEELINGS

OUR FIRST STEPS WILL BE:

WHAT NEEDS TO BE A PART OF THE PLAN:



WELCOME POSSIBLE...

Witke?kepmx
 Witke?kepmx Nitke?kepmx me Nitke?kepmx Nitke?kepmx
 (We gather to learn on the land of the Nitke?kepmx and Sylix people)
 Ye le silekshp (It is great you come to visit us) Nitke?kepmx
 Soks, Moxpox (Welcome) Nitke?kepmx
 Moxpoxsilekshpox (Welcome) Moxpox

Superintendent's Report - May 2023

We recognize that we learn, teach and work on the ancestral, traditional territories of the Nitke?kepmx and Sylix people and we acknowledge our Metis communities and their contributions to the Aboriginal ways of being and knowing.

Year-End Activities:

- SD58 POWWOW – May 24
- District Track Meet – June 2
- Fine Arts Celebration - June 7 to 25
- Band Concert—June 12

Staff Recognition:

- Long Service and Retirement Recognition – June 5 (Princeton) & June 6 (Merritt)

Graduation:

- Aboriginal Graduation – June 8
- Merritt Secondary School – June 22
- Princeton Secondary School – June 17
- Kengard Learning Centre – June 22



MERRITT CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We are all Superheroes at Merritt Central!



John Allison Elementary



Planting our garden with community volunteer and retired teacher Mrs. Low.



We have many kindergartners this year.

A class wanted to see how many we could fit on one picnic table!

Vermilion Forks Elementary



Grade 4 students hiked down to the Cormac Marsh cleaning up along the trail to celebrate Earth Day!



École Élémentaire Colletville • Colletville Elementary



École Élémentaire Colletville has been busy!

Our Grade 7s have continued with fundraising efforts toward the Québec trip June 6-10. There has been generous support from the community.

The Awakening of the Canoes was a highlight for the students that attended.



Diamond Vale Elementary School

At Diamond Vale we celebrated World Book Day on April 21st. To prompt conversations about reading, students wore an image of their favourite book on their fronts. Our student leadership group organized a \$1 Book Fair. Students brought in book donations from home, and had the opportunity to restock their home libraries by purchasing books for \$1 each. We raised over \$150 for the BC Children's Hospital.



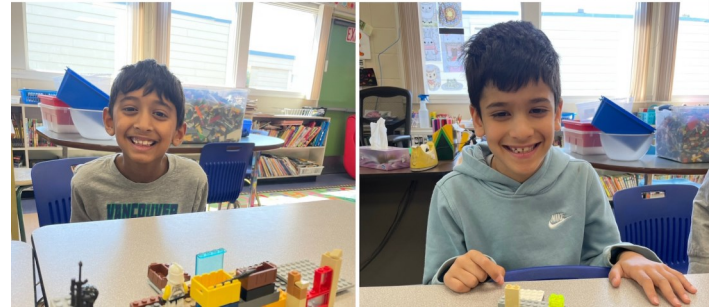
April was rugby season. We had boys and girls teams participating in after-school playdates and the District tournament



May The 4th Be With You Lego Build Challenge with Mr. Dentons Gr 1/2 Class



MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU!



Science 8 eyeball dissection



Skills Canada co2 car





Our chickens have returned to our school site and we have a schedule of caretakers that feed and water the chickens as well as collect the eggs.



Some MSS students through our Indigenous Education team travelled to Victoria to visit UVic and see the sights.



MSS LINK Leaders put on the Spring Carnival for our community. It was well attended by families and was a rewarding experience for our students to play host.



Indigenous Education



TRADITIONAL GAMES

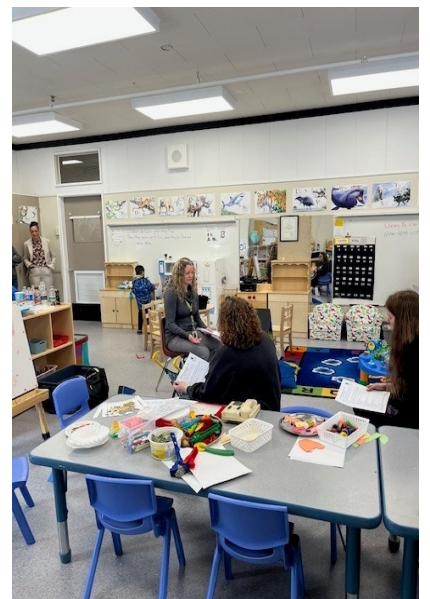
Grade 6

Hosted by: Colletville School



Early Learning and Child Care

StrongStart Facilitators have been busy with Ready Set Learn at each of the elementary schools. We have completed our sessions at Diamond Vale, Merritt Central, and Nicola Canford. We have also completed 1 of the 2 scheduled sessions for John Allison. I've attached some pictures. We've had Jill Starrs, Erin Switzer and Lynn Dixon prepare information and presentations for the parents and the children get to have a visit around the school, see inside the Kindergarten class and they leave with a brand-new book and a small gift. We have 3 more Ready Set Learn events scheduled: Colletville Tuesday, May 9th, John Allison Thursday, May 11th and Bench Tuesday, May 16th.



StrongStart

May 3rd, Kim Hodgson from Metis Nation BC— Metis Family Connections is visiting all 3 Merritt Strong Starts to present cultural information to parents and read stories with the little ones. Here are some pictures from the Diamond Vale Session.



Annual School District
No. 58 Student
POWWOW

Wed. May 24th

9:30 to 2:30

Lower Nicola Indian
Band Arbor

