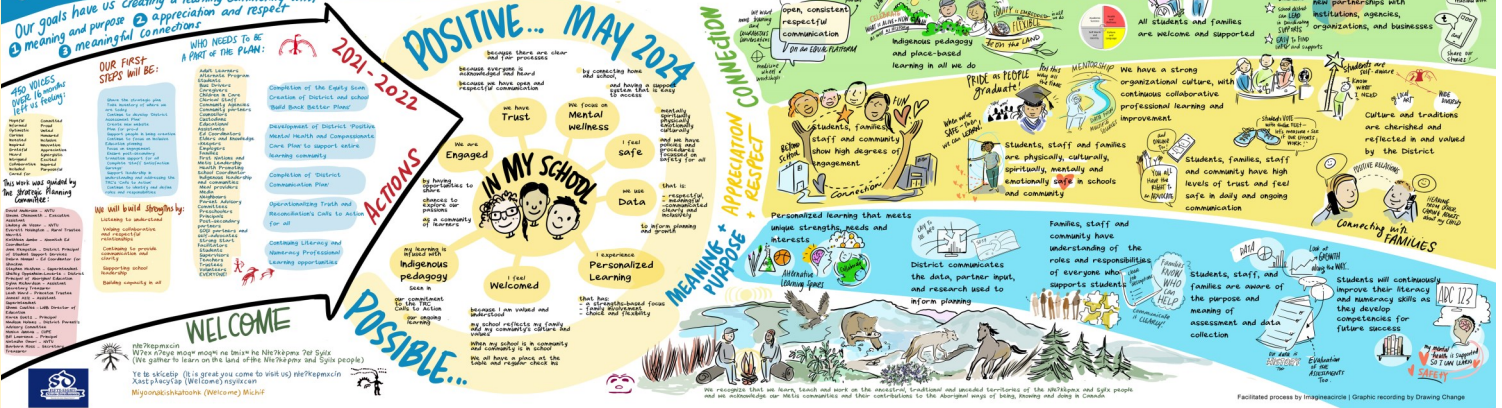


OUR STRATEGIC PLAN: SD 58 NICOLA-SIMILKAMEEN



Superintendent's Report - April 2024

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

THANK YOU!

We are very proud of all our Science Fair participants who worked hard on their projects. Congratulations to the students representing their schools and the district at the Regional Science Fair.



MERRITT CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Merritt Central Elementary School

Home of the Central Hawks

<p>Handball Season Comes To An End</p> <p>Thank you to the players, coaches (Mr. Shea and Ms. Chillihitzia), and school mascot (Charlie) for contributing to yet another action-packed season of Handball. <i>Go-Hawks-Go</i></p> <p>Next up: softball!</p>	<p>Cariboo-Mainline Regional Science Fair</p> <p>We are so proud of the students who represented Central at the Regional Science Fair on April 3. Congratulations Mya & Stella (Gr 6) and Michael & Will (Gr 7) for winning Bronze! Thank you Ms. Morrison and Mrs. Martindale for helping the finalists prepare for this day. It was a great day to be immersed in all things science at TRU.</p>	<p>Grade 2/3 Field Trip to Local Art Gallery</p> <p>Students made paper crafts, created clay structures, and went on a gallery tour. The Gallery staff complimented students for being a respectful and curious group.</p>
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Staffing Update: Merritt Central is pleased to welcome Connie Moojelski – Indigenous Student Advocate, Doddi Terbasket – Nsyilxcan Language Teacher, Jessica Ballard – Education Assistant, Harpreet Kaur – Prep Teacher, Lisa Nelson-Smith – Health Promoting Schools Coordinator, and Julia van Rossum – English Language Learner Itinerant Teacher.



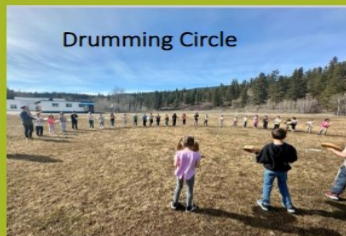
Submitted by Mr. Finch – Teacher Chaperone

It was my pleasure to be asked to participate as a chaperone on the recent MSS & PSS EF tour of Italy. From the minute we left for Vancouver until the time we returned, our students were the best ambassadors of MSS and our community. Verona was our first stop, and what a first impression. The beautiful town center focused on the Colosseum, which set the tone for a very historical and picturesque visit. The glass blowing and a gondola ride in Venice to the amazing visit to Florence and Michelangelo’s David to the quiet town of Assisi, on to Rome and Pompeii! It was a trip packed with so many things to do that there was no time to be bored. Lastly was the food – the gelato, pizza, and pasta!

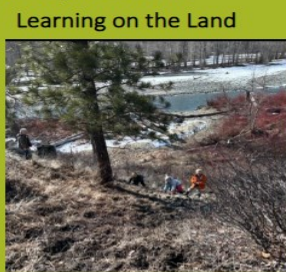


John Allison Elementary

John Allison Spring 2024 – Lots of Ways to Learn



Drumming Circle



Learning on the Land



Cooking



Recess Play



With tech



Science Experiments



Through Story



Celebrating Spring

Teddy Bear Picnic in Princeton!

April 20th

8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Teddy Bear Picnic!

Children age 3-6 and their families are invited!
We will have songs, crafts and games!
Lunch is provided!
Bring a blanket and your favourite stuffy!

April 20th, 2024
11:00am -1:00pm

Princeton: Veteran's Square

For further information please contact:
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The Strengthening the Early Years to Kindergarten Transitions (SEY2KT) planning table is geared towards making connections with community representatives and engaging Early Years Families. Our team is comprised of Nicola-Similkameen School District staff, Princeton Family Services, The Princeton Public Library, Little Seeds Early Learning Center and Princeton Literacy.

We gratefully acknowledge that this project is fully funded by the Ministry of Education and Childcare SEY2KT project



Seamless Day ChildCare doing some colour mixing art and exploration.

Family Engagement Night Pound Aerobics



Grad Hockey 2024



Italy!



PSS and MSS Italy travelers explored massive cities and countryside villas, enjoying the culture and food along the way. Ancient ruins of the Colosseum and Forum, the cathedrals, basilicas, and Venetian gondola ride left them awestruck. So many memories to cherish!



SCIENCE FAIR



Vermilion Forks Elementary



Our students were treated to a session of sound therapy with Naomi from Summerland.

Our maintenance crew installed a gaga pit over the Spring Break. Our students were thrilled to come back to it!





Science World made a visit to
Colletville Elementary.



Diamond Vale Elementary

Our Grandfather teaching focus this month is humility. Students are learning that each of us plays an important role that is no greater or no less than others.

We are pleased to be welcoming Science World this week who will presenting a 'How 2 Show' to Primary students and an 'Earth, Wind & Science' show to our Intermediates. At the end of the week, we also have a presentation from Earth Rangers who will be teaching students about the wonder of Earth's animals and the threats they face in the environment.



THE SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS



"We want to take back our education and teach our history, our language and our culture. We have begun to tell our story – our history – and we want to tell it in our own words to the world, so that this will never happen to any of the other nations in the world."

- Shirley Williams, Residential School Survivor

Community Learning Centre



CLC is deeply saddened by the sudden loss of our Indigenous Student Advocate, Charles Oppenheim. The staff, students and families honored him through ceremony on Friday, April 5th. We are grateful for the time he spent working with us at the Community Learning Center and in his work with the Boys' Group at DVE. He will be missed.

Upcoming Calendar Reminders

April 26, 2024	Friday	MSS Grade 9 to 12 & PSS Report Cards go home.
May 20, 2024	Monday	Victoria Day.
June 27, 2024	Thursday	Last day of classes.
June 28, 2024	Friday	ADMINISTRATION DAY - SCHOOLS CLOSED.

Success for ALL Learners ~ Today and Tomorrow