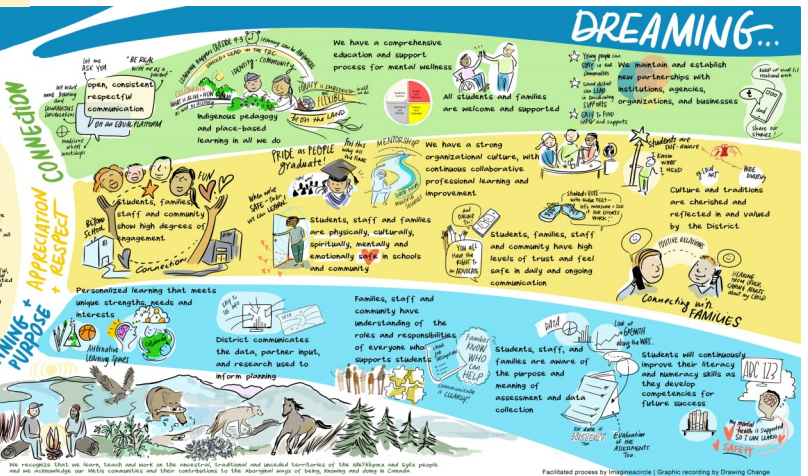
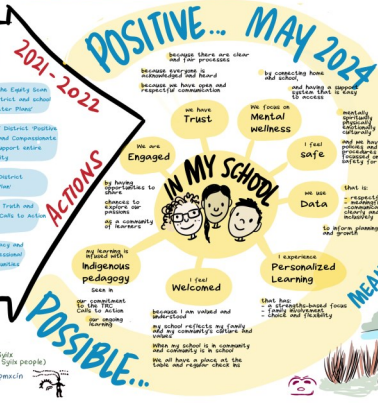


OUR STRATEGIC PLAN: SD 58 NICOLA-SIMILKAMEEN

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

Our first steps will be:
1. We will build a strong foundation
2. We will build a strong foundation
3. We will build a strong foundation

2021-2022
Actions
WELCOME
POSSIBLE



Superintendent's Report - May 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.

Year-End Activities:

District Track Meet – June 7

Graduation:

Aboriginal Graduation – June 5

Merritt Secondary School – June 20

Princeton Secondary School – June 22

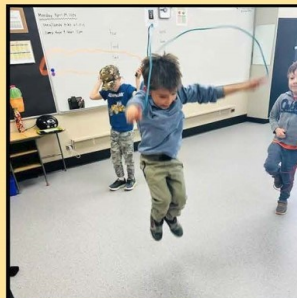
SCIDES - June 20



MERRITT CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Merritt Central Elementary School

Home of the Central Hawks



Earth Day

Classes engaged in various activities that reinforced their connection to the land. We are fortunate to live, learn, and play on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Nlaka'pamux and Syilx Peoples, and activities like this represent simple - but impactful - ways we can show appreciation as fellow stewards of the land.

Jump Rope for Heart

This year, due to weather, we did our Jump Rope for Heart activities inside the school. The weeks leading up to this day were equally fun and put a spotlight on the importance of getting active and practicing healthy habits. Thank you Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Martindale, and Mrs. Cleaveley for taking the lead in this area!

Vaisakhi Celebration

Thank you Mrs. Chhabra for providing traditional clothing for staff as well as samosas for all those who were interested; thank you Diya Chhabra (recent MSS graduate and former Central student) for presenting to the entire school to help us understand the significance of this holiday.



On Friday, May 3rd Merritt Secondary took part in an assembly and walk honoring, remembering and bringing awareness to the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, Girls & Two-Spirit (MMIWG2S) throughout the country. We had guests present on the impact and importance of the day, as well as offering some practical strategies to stay safe. The walk concluded back at the high school where students were able to gather and share stories under the sunny skies.



John Allison Elementary

Spring 2024 – Meaningful Moments at JA

Teddy Bear Picnic for pre-schoolers with Community Partners



Learning about MMIWG2S



Cross Grade Buddy Activities



Baby Chicks hatched in Strong Start



Raise and release Salmon



Early Learning and Child Care

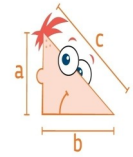


Princeton SEY2KT (Strengthening the Early Years To Kindergarten Transitions) planning table was happy to hold our first Teddy Bear Picnic at Veteran's Square. We had approximately 50 children in attendance with their families. The day was terrific, and the weather cooperated! Children and families received sandwiches, fruit and veggies, a lunch container, books, bubbles, and teddy bear cookies. This was a fantastic way to make some connections with families and children. We had music, crafts, storytime, literacy games and lots of smiles! A huge thank-you goes out to our SEY2KT committee – Princeton Family Services, The Okanagan Regional Library Princeton Branch, Little Seeds Early Learning Center, and Princeton Leaders for Literacy. We also thank the community members who came to support through providing face painting, information on vision and dental services. Janis Chase of custom baked goods by Jan- is made the wonderful teddy bear cookies and sandwiches. We gratefully acknowledge that the SEY2KT project is fully funded by the Ministry of Education and Childcare.





Penticton Secondary Jazz & Concert Band.



$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

Grades 7 students take math into the real world—surveying activity for students after learning about Pythagoras Theorem.

Vermilion Forks Elementary



VFE celebrated Earth Day by doing a cleanup hike to the Cormack Marsh. Where they were met by members of the Vermilion Forks Field Naturalists, who gave talks on various aspects of the area

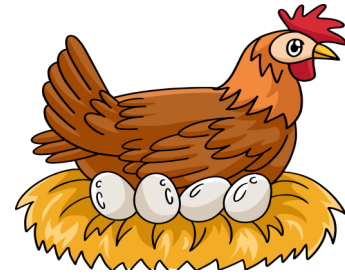


The Tech trailer arrived at VFE and the students had the opportunity to make a bird-house, a toolbox or a taco board.





WELCOME BACK



EARTH DAY



HARVESTING



Frisbee Rob!



We welcomed the little ones!



All hands on deck this week!



SPRIT WEEK GRADE VS GRADE

DRESS UP & GAMES THROUGHOUT
THE WEEK OF MAY 6TH - 10TH

SPORTS DAY - FRIDAY MAY 10TH

DRESS UP & GAMES

MONDAY: ADAM SANDLER

TUESDAY: HOCKEY MOMS VS BBQ DADS

WEDNESDAY: BATMAN VS JOKER

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITY: BINGO IN THE LC

THURSDAY: CHILDHOOD DREAM JOB

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITY: PRINCETON TRIVIA IN THE LC

FRIDAY: GRADE VS GRADE COLOUR WARS!!!

LOOK BELOW FOR THE COLOURS OF EACH
GRADE, MAKE SURE TO SUPPORT YOUR
GRADE AND SHOW OFF SOME TEAM SPIRIT!!!

GRADE 8: ORANGE

GRADE 9: PINK

GRADE 10: GREEN

GRADE 11: RED

GRADE 12: BLUE

TEACHERS: GREY



Friday: Sports Day!

We are excited to be hosting the first PSS Sports day. This will be happening from 8:35 - 12pm outdoors. There will be loads of grade vs grade games as well as teacher involvement. If you are interested in helping with this fun day please reach out to Kabrie, Wyette, or Ms. Swetlikoe

Grade 12 ANP 12
distance students
enjoying a
dissection!



Following our
presentation
and walk, our
SBA shared a
delicious
Bannock
snack with
us.





Metis Dance Group from the coast came to visit Collettville.



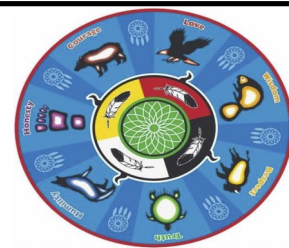
Diamond Vale Elementary

April is rugby season and we have had some of our Grade 5-7 students, along with Merritt Bench students, training with Mrs. Tjorhom in preparation for the District Tournament, which was held on May 3rd, and hosted by our school. We were grateful to some volunteers from the MSS girls' rugby team who continued the tradition and came out and refereed on the day.

Throughout April, classes have been having conversations around the theme of community safety. This culminated with our community safety walk on Friday morning.



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

Students at CLC this month have been focusing on some science experiments in the kitchen! This has been a great opportunity to combine both the science and foods curriculum. Students also had a chance to try out their bowling skills at the local bowling alley. CLC finished the month off travelling to Kamloops to watch the performance, *Inner Elder* at the Pavilion



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