PRINCIPAL'S REPORT– OCT 2026

Recent Events:

1. Staffing Update
    a. Mr. Bradley – New EA this year working at grade 2/3
    b. Ms. Pettigrew – New EA this year also working at grade 2/3
    c. 3 UBC Student Teachers in upper intermediate (Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Shirley, and Ms. Brooks)
2. Cross Country wrap-up, and Volleyball startup
    a. Cross Country wrapped up last week with almost 60 students competing on the Steelheads team. Huge thanks to Ms. Smith and Mr. Stoffberg for coaching & giving their time.
    b. Volleyball started last week with our first games this week. Huge thanks to Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Shirley for coaching.
3. Trees are here
    a. Last week, we planted 2 Western Red Cedars in the back behind the playgrounds. The hope is that they will not only beautify the area, but more importantly, soak up all the extra water which tends to turn the back grass area into Stoney Creek Lake.
4. Preschool and Before & After School Care on the horizon
    a. It has finally been confirmed that Puddle Splashers has been given the go-ahead to open the Preschool and before and after-school care.
    b. They are working with the YMCA to adhere to the current waitlist with the hope of opening in November or December. They will be taking K – grade 5 students for before and after school care.
5. Earthquake Drill Done…next up is the Lockdown
    a. We performed an Earthquake Drill on Thursday, Oct. 15th, and the students did wonderfully with the Drop, Cover, Hold.
    b. We will be doing a Lockdown Drill tomorrow afternoon (Oct. 22nd @ 1:30) with lots of preamble and prep beforehand to ensure students aren't overwhelmed or scared
6. Cyber Issue Update
    a. Phones are back, new WiFi is up and running, we can "kinda" print, staff laptops are currently with I.T. getting updated.
    b. Next is our ability to print from computers and we should be back to normal 😊
7. Jackson Pollock Painting
    a. Made for a great end of day community event for a sunny Friday in October.
    b. Thanks again for all the fundraising support.



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Upcoming Events:

1. Provincial Pro-D Day (Friday, Oct. 24th)
    a. No school for students
2. Spirit Day Assembly on Monday, Oct. 26th @ 1:00 pm
    a. It's BACKWARDS DAY! Dress backwards and join in on the fun!
3. Photo Retakes on Friday, November 6th @ 9:00 a.m.
4. Remembrance Day Assembly on Nov. 10th @ 10:45 a.m.
    a. Families welcome
5. Remembrance Day is on Wednesday, Nov. 11th (no school)
6. Ski/Snowboard Program will run 2 Fridays in February (likely Feb. 19th @ 26th)
    a. We are planning on running another physical activity on those days for grade 5 – 7 students (Possibly orienteering, Ultimate Frisbee, Golf, etc…)

Possible Projects:

- Water Fountain and Refill Station on Top Floor = Unfortunately, not possible due to drainage issues from upstair's hallway location
- SeaCan = $3000 still needed
- Mural on gym wall = Grants
    - Slated for Spring 2027
- ADST supplies support