



April 11, 2022

After the returning from Spring Break, students were excited to see the green fields and the return of soccer both in school and with after school minor soccer! We have a busy month ahead with the Easter holiday next weekend followed by the District Professional Development Day on April 25th and Early Dismissal Days on April 27th and April 28th. Students will be dismissed at 1:05. Our Winlaw teachers are going to host a Celebration of Student Learning on both days where they invite half the class and their families to attend on one of the days. More details will be sent out after the Easter holiday.

Sincerely,

Monica Doyle
Principal, Winlaw Elementary School

Here are some learning highlights over the past few months:

Winter Activity Program

The Winter Activity Program was successful again this year! We give a huge shout out of thanks to Ms Peel for being our Red Mountain Teacher Coordinator along with the Winlaw Staff and the parent volunteers for their supervision and assistance with the Red Mountain Ski and Snowboard Programs. We also thank Ms Out, our cross- country skiing instructor, Winlaw staff, and Kindergarten parents for their assistance during the cross- country ski program on the Rail Trails and the Valhalla Nordic Centre.





Pink Shirt Day

We held two Pink Shirt Day Assemblies this year. During our Intermediate Assembly, the Winlaw Music Club provided the guitar accompaniment as their classmates sang the song *Stand by Me* led by Music Club instructor Education Assistant Laura Mikol. This was their first performance, and we could not be prouder of them! The uplifting lyrics were sung beautifully by students encouraging everyone to show kindness and support to one another not just on Pink Shirt Day but every day.



During our Winlaw Primary Pink Shirt Day Assembly, our youngest students learned about how Pink Shirt Day started, listened to a heart-warming story called *A Little Dot of Kindness*, and sang songs about friendship.



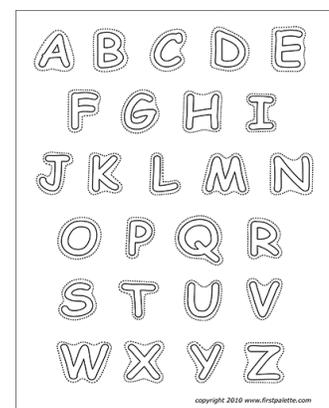
Le Bonhomme Carnaval

On March 8th Winlaw Staff hosted our Bonhomme Carnaval! Students rotated through six stations in multi-age groups participating in making “Tire” the famous maple syrup ice treats, playing snow golf with hockey sticks, doing hoop “canoe” relays, playing bingo with French words and pictures, learning how to draw “Le Bonhomme” and learning about the famous ice sculpture competition. Le Bonhomme himself suddenly arrived surprising students and staff alike!



Kindergarten Registration and Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten registration for the 2022/23 school year is now open. Children who turn five by December 31st, 2022, are eligible to register. To register, you need to fill out a student registration form, available at the school office or at the link found here: <https://www.sd8.bc.ca/kindergarten-registration>. Also required is the child’s birth certificate, MSP care card, and proof of residence (i.e., utility bill, passport, driver’s license). We are excited to share that our Winlaw School Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation will be held here onsite on the afternoon on June 2nd in our new learning space in the modular. More on that to come in the coming weeks!





Winlaw Our Place After School Care

Winlaw Our Place After School Care program opened its doors in the new modular learning space on January 31st. This program is part of the Seamless Day before and after school care pilot program through the Ministry of Education and Sd8. Participating children no longer must travel 30-45 minutes to access after school programs at other sites. Instead Winlaw Elementary Kindergarten children stay in their K/1 class in the modular and the older Gr. 1-5 students walk from their classrooms and join care provider Pati McLaughan. The children were so happy to see Pati on the first day because she had been their StrongStart instructor when they were preschool aged. We currently have space available if you need after school care from now to June 24th. Please contact Principal Monica Doyle at monica.doyle@sd8.bc.ca for information about how to register.

Student Learning Survey

Each year the Ministry of Education sends out the Student Learning Survey for Grade 4 students and their parents/caregivers. I encourage you to take some time to complete the parent version of the Student Learning Survey at <https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp> Scroll down to the Parents Section and use the 'Direct Access - no logon number required' sign-in. Grade 4 students are also completing the student survey prior to the end of April 29th.

Rapid Tests

We have extra rapid tests available at the school. If you would like a kit of five tests for your family, please email the office at clerical.winlaw@sd8.bc.ca or call at 250 226-7217 to arrange a time to pick up.

Student Art 2022 with Ms. Eglis



Easter Weekend Holiday coming up. Four days off. School is Closed Apr 15 and 18.