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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, our school community will be observing **Share the Love Day**.

Each classroom will hear a message from our Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Karla Mitchell. She will provide our students with a special message about being an ally.

Each of our classrooms will be reading the book: **Build a Bridge** written by Irene Latham and Charles Waters. If you want to hear the story of **Build a Bridge**, you can listen to it on youtube.com: "Be a Bridge" by Irene Latham, Storybook Read Along and Worksheets" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1VxvcPGMD2k>).

This story explores themes in kindness and supporting others. It is a message that we share daily at our school as we build interpersonal relationships with one another and support one another by accepting each other. On this day, students will also be working together to decorate our sidewalks with chalk with words of kindness, friendship, and acceptance. We will also play some music outside and jump rope outside with friends for the students who do not wish to draw with chalk.

Respectfully,  
Sigrid Sollbach, Principal

## Mark your Calendars!

### May

- 9 Observe "Bear Witness Day"
- 10 District Pro-D Day—**No School**
- 15 Out-of-Catchment closes
- 15 PAC Meeting 6 PM
- 17 Share the Love Day
- 20 Victoria Day—**No School**
- 24 Gr 3-4 Houston Field Trip
- 28 7-UP Day
- 29 School Photo
- 30 District Track and Field in Vanderhoof
- 31 Gr K-1-2 Houston Field Trip

### June

- 7 Gr 5-6-7 Houston Field Trip
- 21 Indigenous Day
- 24 Francois Fun Day
- 25 Sports Day
- 26 Final Learning Updates go Home
- 27 Last Day of Classes—Dismissal at 11:53 AM
- 28 Student Summer Holidays Begin—**No School!**



## FireSmart Presentation May 2

Students had a wonderful afternoon of learning about fire safety and prevention.

Each class had a presentation focusing on emergency preparedness, FireSmart, and wildfire preparation.

They were introduced to Ember, FireSmart's official mascot. Ember teaches Canadians how to apply FireSmart principles to their homes and properties so they can be more resilient against the threat of wildfire.

Representatives from the Chinook Emergency Response Society, BC Wildfire Services, Initial Attack, and the Burns Lake Fire Rescue team set up their equipment and trucks outside for classes to visit out in the field.





Spring has sprung and so have (gulp!!!) WORMS!!! Our students have been exploring the world!

Last week, the K12s met Bug. Bug is a communication tool for

- Fear of change
- Positive social and academic risks
- Positive self-talk

#### Bug's Story

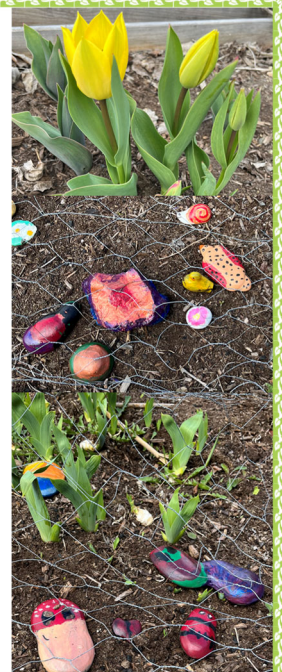
- ♥ Really smart, a skilled conversationalist and is known to talk to himself and the others out of any given situation because he likes to examine all sides.
- ♥ Lives in a Manzanita tree.
- ♥ Has a swimming hole with a tethered rope swing in the center of his living room.
- ♥ Lucky number: 2."

#### Bear Witness Day—Observed and Jordan's Principle

Today, our students were asked to bring teddy bears and share in a Teddy Bear Picnic as a way to observe Bear Witness Day.



And there are little painted rocks everywhere!



We are still in the middle of a custody battle between Winter and Spring! Please send your kids to school with weather-ready clothing!

**Out-of-Catchment applications** will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis up to **May 15, 2024**.



#### Attention Grade 4 and 7 parents:

The Student Learning Survey is open for grade 4 and 7 parents. Please consider completing it.

Go to [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)

1. Under the section Direct Access – no logon number required - select:

- ☐ District: the name of your child's district
- ☐ School: the name of your child's school
- ☐ Language: the language of your choice

2. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.

3. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".

#### PAC Posts...

**Next PAC meeting**  
Wed. May 15 at 6:00 PM in the MPR. All parents are Welcome!

#### Here's Our PAC Executive!

|                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Amy Wainwright  | President             |
| Jessica Shively | Vice President        |
| Johanna Hayes   | Treasurer             |
| Ileasha Gooding | Co-Secretary          |
| Lisa Swales     | Co-Secretary          |
|                 | DPAC Rep              |
|                 | Hot Lunch Coordinator |



**And the last word goes to:**  
Teagan, Tamara, and Belle! They were heroes! They saved the life of a bird they found on the playground! What a lovely demonstration of compassion!