



**APRIL 16, 2021**

**STUDENT LEARNING SNAPSHOT** There has been a focus on all academic subjects across the grades since our return from spring break. Our staff have noted the significant gains across all curricular areas with our students.

**Releasing Salmon:** Did you know our creek in the nature classroom is called Wray Creek? It is a salmon bearing stream that feeds into Tod Creek. The grade 4/5 classes have been raising salmon from eggs and learning about the lifecycle of the salmon. Today they shared their learning with other classes in the school about our local watershed and creeks and salmon. Way to go Prospect Lake!



**Indigenous Guest Speaker:** Knowledge Keeper in Ethnobotany, JB Williams shared stories and information about traditional plant identification. We learned about Miners lettuce, Snow Berries, Oregon Grapes, and June Plums. Did you know the June berry bush is the first berry bush to flower and it indicates to First Nations harvesters to get ready for the berry season? The plums usually are ripe in June/July.



**Gardening:** Signs of spring have sprung. Students are beginning to work in our new garden. Some lovely tulips and daffodils are here to enjoy and many of our potato plants are now outside.





**Outdoor learning:** It has always a joy to spend time outside. Recently our teachers have been taking their lessons and activities outdoors and the beautiful weather has been a bonus. Students can be seen around the school engaging in their learning outdoors. Here are some photos of this week...Reading instruction, reading practice, writing, PE classes, and Center time.



**Dress for outdoors:** With the warmer weather expected next week please put sunscreen on your children prior to coming to school and send them with a labeled sun hat. We have purchased a few shade awnings for outdoor learning spots to use as well.

## PARENT FEEDBACK

### STUDENT LEARNING FOR GR. 4 PARENTS SURVEY- Open until April 30

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

**Parents Login access:** Parents may access the survey through the Parent Direct Access from the website listed above by selecting their child's district, school's name, and language of preference.

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

In April 2021 the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grade 4, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FEEDBACK SURVEY

If you didn't get a chance to be a part of the budget information evening, the information can be found here and feedback in a survey is open until April 22, 2020

The Board of Education of the Saanich School District invites you to participate in and contribute to the formation of our budget for 2021/22. Public participation in this process is important for the Board's adoption of a budget that reflects the values, beliefs and priorities of the community.

The Board of Education is seeking your input through the completion of a survey and participation in a virtual Community Budget Meeting on April 15th at 7 pm. The survey will be the primary tool for gathering feedback and closes on April 22, 2021 (end of the day). The [attached background document](#) provides information on the Saanich School District and the 2021/22 budget context and facilitates the completion of the survey by those who are unable to attend the virtual meeting.

The survey is available on our website at <https://www.sd63.bc.ca/202122-budget-consultation-survey>

We look forward to your participation in this important process.

## HOMESTAY FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES

Saanich International Student Program (SISP) is in need of host families for international students joining our district in September 2021. Make life-long friendships, receive a generous allowance of \$975 per month to offset expenses and share the beauty of your home and community.

**Apply Now:** <https://mytruenorth.ca/hsportalindex.php?>

## UPCOMING DATES

April 19	Gr 6 Band Registrations due (for Grade 5 students)
April 22	Earth Day April 22- power hour
April 23	Non-instructional day
May 3*	Marathon Math Challenge – Virtual kick off (have runners at school)
May 5 *	Whole class photos
May 18*	PAC meeting – elections Link to follow
May 24*	Victoria day – stat – no school