

## **Principal's Report - November, 2015**

### **New Staff**

I would like to welcome Angelle Neuman and Eric Fair to our staff. Beginning Monday, Angela will be working as an Educational Assistant in our school. Angelle is a well respected worker in our District and brings a strong resume to Prospect. Eric is a teacher who is currently working three mornings per week, supporting students in various classrooms. Eric comes to us from the Comox School District where he was an instructional support teacher for many years. Welcome Angelle and Eric.

### **Reporting On Student Progress**

Although teachers continually use a variety of assessment strategies to guide their instruction, November is a month when they will be reporting about your child's progress in a formal manner. Individual student reports will be sent home in late November and, as you may encounter terminology such as assessment and evaluation during this time, it is important to understand that they represent different aspects of determining a student's progress. Assessment is a formative process of collecting information that a child knows, is able to do and is learning to do. This information is gathered in many ways and is used by both the child and teacher to develop effective learning plans. Evaluation is the process of making judgments and decisions on a child's progress based on evidence gathered for the purpose of goal setting or reporting. The teacher or the student may do evaluation independently or in collaboration. Finally, reporting is the process of presenting and communicating information about a student's learning and progress, gained through evaluation and based on identified standards. Reporting may be done in writing, through a conference or informally. The processes of assessment, evaluation and reporting are ongoing but parents will receive three formal written reports each year in November, March and June.

### **Remembrance Day Ceremony**

On November 10 the students of Prospect presented a moving tribute to those members of our Armed Forces who have sacrificed to allow us to live in peace and freedom. Thank you to the staff, parents and leading seaman Gregory Davidson for their contributions to this ceremony possible and especially thank you to our students for their wonderful performances.

### **Goldstream School Field Trip**

Our school field trip to Goldstream was a great success once again this year. In addition to viewing the salmon in the river and participating in programs presented by Park Naturalists, everyone enjoyed lunch provided by our PAC.

### **Weekly Assemblies**

The staff at Prospect have embarked on an initiative to help strengthen the culture and spirit of our school. We will be conducting assemblies every Monday morning to help children remain connected to their school and to teach them ways to support their fellow students.

### **Dance Club**

Ms. Close and Ms. Comer are sponsoring a Dance Club for children in grades three, four and five. Sessions take place at lunchtime on Tuesdays.