



Board Highlights for June 2024

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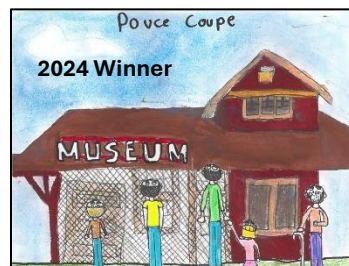
School/Student News

School District No. 59 recently held a contest inviting students from across the district to submit a flag design for the outdoor recreation site at Gwillim Lake. Students were asked to submit a design that was a colourful representation of all the Gwillim site has to offer. In addition, students were required to provide a written description, outlining why they chose the images and colours they used for their design. The descriptions were as much fun to read as looking at the beautiful artwork! In total, 64 submissions were received making the process to select one design to represent the site rather difficult! All 64 submissions are currently hanging in the Young Building on site at the Pat O'Reilly Outdoor Education Site.



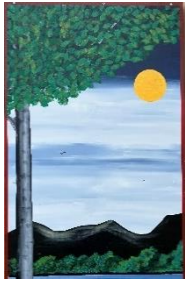
Congratulations to Chloe Park for the winning design that truly represents so many aspects of the outdoor recreation site. Chloe was invited to attend the board meeting to receive a framed picture of her winning design. Chloe chose her design by thinking of where she lived, using the Canadian flag as inspiration, and incorporating all the things that make the Gwillim Lake outdoor recreation site so special.

Ms. Hall's Class at Pouce Coupe Elementary is completing a legacy project in collaboration with the Village of Pouce Coupe and the Art Gallery. Each year, students submit mural designs to the Village Council to select one design to be painted on the boards around the hockey rink.

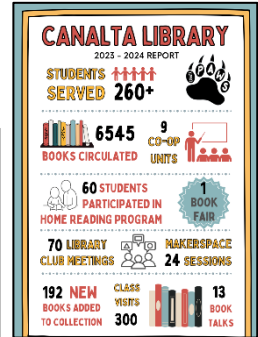


Moberly Lake Students are excited to be completing their ribbon skirts just in time for celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day.

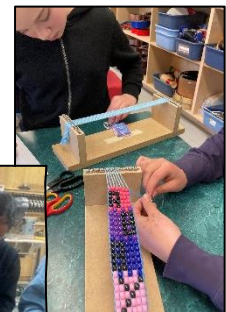




Canalta Elementary has been very busy with the spring concert, school spirit days, house team challenges, hatching goslings, mural painting with Mr. Lariviere, learning about human body parts – while studying the skeleton students created prosthetic legs, learning about Canadian Indigenous people from different areas of Canada, building kites as part of the flight unit, starting a school art club, celebrating the students that participated in the Gwillim Adventure Race and hosting their Welcome to Kindergarten event. The school library is also celebrating its success in supporting students all year long!



Devereaux Elementary intermediate students spent a day at Northern Lights College. The students toured the college in the morning and spent the afternoon in the wood shop building beading loom frames. The students then learned how to bead bracelets, wampum belts, and backpack charms. The loom frames will remain at Devereaux as a legacy project for students to use.



Devereaux students also had fun riding their bikes in and around the school during their annual Bike Week. The week started off with an assembly on World Bike Day and learned about the health benefits of riding a bicycle and bike safety. The week also included a Bike-A-Thon where the leadership students constructed a bike course and each class had 10 minutes to complete as many laps as possible. The students raised over \$1,000 which will be donated to the Cops for Cancer Foundation in September when they visit the school.



Ms. Waddell's class at Tremblay Elementary created a Kindness Wall that started at the beginning of the year. The kindness wall allowed students to write kind things about one another! Everyone in the class had their own paper that had kind words all about them. The Kindness Wall was posted outside their classroom during Pride Week.





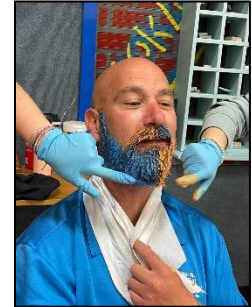
Don Titus Elementary students had fun during Spirit Week which included Twin Day, Western Day, Wacky Wednesday, Backwards Day, and Construction Day.

Don Titus also supports multi-age learning teams that allow the students to work together from different grades. The teams had fun participating in hiking, cooking, archery, drama, cheer, STEM activities, art, dance, card making, and visits to the local recreation centre and public library.



Tumbler Ridge Secondary students and staff are jumping on the Edmonton Oilers' band wagon – Mr. Bertrand promised the students they could paint his beard if the Oilers made it to the final round of the playoffs!

The TRSS K.A.R.T.S. project was a huge success! The students maneuvered their go-karts through an obstacle course on race day, including a pit stop that had students completing a safety check on the kart before it went back out on the race course.

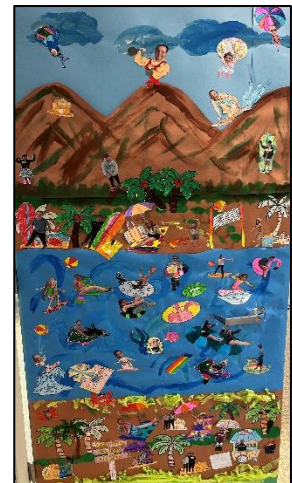


The TRSS CLE 10 class enjoyed a day of team building at the Gwillim Lake outdoor education site including hiking and climbing.



Ecole Frank Ross held a summer concert where students sang, danced, and played instruments. The school also set up a gymnastics circuit for students.

Crescent Park Elementary has been building community connections. The school has been focussing on litter and ways to keep the community cleaner. Students participated in the community clean-up campaign and Ms. Bouchard's class used recycled materials to create a bulletin board display to promote reduce, reuse, and recycle. There is a school wide door decorating challenge going on right now with an inclusive theme. Mayor Dober will be visiting to select a winner and the winning class will receive a pizza lunch!



The school hosted its Welcome to Kindergarten and Ready, Set, Learn events to welcome all future students to the school. The students are also very excited to start using the new Gaga ball pit and of course, everyone is excited to watch the progress being made on the school expansion project!

Dawson Creek Secondary School – South Peace Campus musical theatre program presented the musical Mamma Mia. Congratulations to all the students, staff, volunteers, and musicians for an amazing show! The District is very fortunate to have a theatre program of this magnitude and appreciates the dedication of everyone involved to put on such a spectacular show. All three nights of the community performance were sold out!



2024-2025 Strategic Plan

The Board adopted the final draft of the 2024-2028 Strategic Plan. The plan outlines the top three priorities established by the Board of Education derived from the environmental scans and stakeholder engagement and consultations.

The next step is to develop operational initiatives to meet the goals in each priority of the overarching plan. Targets and fiscal responsibility (if required) are attached to each initiative and reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Access Zones Around Schools

On May 31st, 2024, the Province enacted access zones around schools to protect B.C.'s K-12 students and staff. The Safe Access to Schools Act gives the Province the legal authority to prohibit people from interfering with safe access to school grounds. This includes behaviour such as yelling that causes disruptions to school programs and activities or holding signs with slogans that cause concern for the safety of students and staff.

The zones will be in effect on school days from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. and during extracurricular school activities at all of B.C.'s K-12 public and independent schools, with limited exceptions. The current activation will expire on June 30, 2024.

Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer:

2025-2026 Five-Year Annual Capital Plan

The Board approved the proposed Minor and Major Capital submission of the 2025-2026 Annual Five-Year Capital Plan for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

The Minor Capital submission includes Carbon Neutral Capital Projects, Playground Enhancements, School Enhancements projects and Bus Acquisition.

The Major Capital Plan includes a gym addition request for Moberly Lake Elementary and the school replacement program includes future replacement of Chetwynd Senior Secondary/Windrem Elementary and Canalta Elementary schools.

The district will receive confirmation in Spring 2025 if any projects are chosen by the Ministry of Education and Child Care to proceed and receive funding.

Board Meeting Dates

The board meeting dates for the 2024-2025 school year are set and will be posted on the school district website.

Committee Reports:

Indigenous Education Councils

Both Indigenous Councils held their year-end celebrations. The focus since the last meeting has been on the festivities for National Indigenous Peoples Day. The celebrations will be held on June 25th to not coincide with high school grad events.

The Dawson Creek event is a public event that will host a barbeque, cultural activities, and student achievement awards.

Policy Committee

The Board approved Policy and Regulation 5190 Use of School Facilities as presented.

Regulation 4370 District Code of Conduct was revised to meet the amended *Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order* that came into effect on April 12, 2024. The amended order states that Boards must ensure their codes of conduct include one or more statements about restricting the use of personal digital devices (any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet, such as a cell phone or a tablet) at school.

Boards of Education must ensure their codes of conduct include statements about restricting the use of personal digital devices to:

- Reduce distractions in classrooms and support focused learning environments
- Foster online safety, and
- Promote provincial consistency.

Boards have until July 1st to update their code of conduct to align with the Order. The District's Code of Conduct regulation was revised to add the following:

Each school code of conduct will include a section on "Restrictions on Student Use of Personal Digital Devices*" and the following expectations must be met:

- a) As needed, all students will have access to school/district owned technology at an age-appropriate level that supports learning and the development of digital literacy.
- b) As outlined in an Inclusive and Competency-Based Individual Education Plan (ICBIEP), schools will exempt specific students from restrictions on the use of personal digital devices when they are needed to support inclusion in learning.
- c) Additionally, schools will exempt specific students from restrictions on the use of personal digital devices when they are needed as an essential support for their medical support plan and needs (i.e. diabetes, medication, etc.).
- d) Personal digital devices at the elementary school level will not be permitted at any time during the school day.

- e) Personal digital devices at the middle and secondary school level will not be permitted during instructional time, bell-to-bell. Personal digital devices are allowed during breaks.
- f) The security and storage of personal digital devices is the sole responsibility of the owner/user. The District assumes no responsibility for the safety, security, loss, repair, or replacement of such devices.

District policies are available for viewing on the district website at [District Policies | School District 59 \(sd59.bc.ca\)](#).

Upcoming Dates:

Date:	Event:
June 27, 2024	Last Day of School
June 28, 2024	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend school
September 4, 2024	First Day of School – school starts 2 hours late and ends 1 hour early
September 25, 2024	Public Board Meeting – Dawson Creek School Board Office @ 1:00 pm
September 30, 2024	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – schools are closed

School's Out! Enjoy your summer break!

