



STAVE FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Forest & Nature Program

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER VOLUME 18 / APRIL 2021

Dear Stave Falls Families

April Highlights and Reflections

April has come and gone! I hope this letter finds you and all your family well. We continue to work hard to keep our learning community a safe and positive place for everyone as we work within the Covid guidelines and hoping we are all feeling and seeing some light at the end of this tunnel as vaccines are underway.

Our learning community has been so very busy and one of the best things about Twitter is that it helps me keep track about everything that goes on!



From the Cedar Pull with the Kwantlen Elders at the beginning of the month, to the M.E.S.S. society leading us in a litter campaign, to making Earth Day planters, to visits from District

Mentor teachers - Rebekaah Stenner and Peggy Janicki - showing the primary divisions how to build a longhouse incorporating Indigenous learning with mathematics, to learning about ducks, goats, butterflies, hiking to the Rolley Lake waterfalls for the first time and our Reading Link team coming in 3rd in the district wide Fraser Valley Library Challenge, - to name a few of the activities students have been doing. You can see more of the action in the Teacher's Gallery Corner.



Principal's Corner

- Our enrolment has doubled since we opened in September 2019 and at this time we have just under 100 students registered for September 2021!
- We now have a school sign! Hopefully next a playground!





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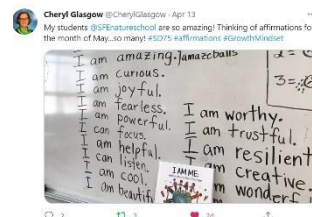
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- Students have started their own “OWL Cleaners” Club!. See them hard at work every Tuesday where they meet under the covered area and determine their course of action! E.A.R.T.H. in Action 😊
- Please ensure your children are dressed for the weather. Rain gear at all times to have on hand at the school: boots, hats, long sleeves and a change of clothes!
- If anyone has any 2 x 4 pieces around that they'd like to donate/sell to the greenhouse project in Div. 1 please let Ms. Angotti know.



SEL and School Growth Planning

- Working on building our school community and our **Owl Star Program**. Students are earning their “letters” and badges by following and demonstrating examples of **E.A.R.T.H.**. Student Council shared this program with students this month.
- Our school counselor and youth care worker are working on **Restorative Circles, Mindfulness and the Zones** with our students.
- Many thanks to PAC for supporting the **Anti-Bullying presentation** with Scott Graham that our students participated in via Zoom presentation this month.
- Daily affirmations and mindfulness continue to be strategies in every classroom.



Teacher's Gallery Corner

Division 3 and 4 - Ms. Pruim's and Ms. Gregson's Class - enjoyed visits from ducks and goats this month - Thank you Rhonda Davidson!

Division 2 - Ms. Glasgow's class guided reading in the forest along with a frog hunt! (catch and release!)





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Division 3 – Ms. Pruim's class - learning math while building a longhouse, observing the butterfly life cycle and best of all eating butterfly cookies with milk and friends on pop up treat day!



shout out to Maren Ross for these cookies!



Division 4 – Ms. Gregson's Class – on a Spring Scavenger Hunt



Division 1 – From Ms. Angotti's Class – Division One has been working hard on their unit in measurement. We are gearing up to start our greenhouse project. The students did a wonderful job on their bottle planters for Earth Day. We have also been enjoying our forest time and walks to Rolley Lake.





MAY/JUNE Upcoming Events – What's Happening



May Events:

PAC - Neufelds Delivery – Monday May 3rd

Class Photos – Monday May 17th

Non Instructional Day – Friday, May 21st

Victoria Day – Monday, May 24th

June Events:

Division 1 to Sto:Lo Field Trip at Xa:ytem – Tuesday, June 15th

Welcome to K Event – June 16th more details to follow

Grade 6 Leaving Ceremony – June 17th or 18th more details to follow

All Divisions year end field trip to Hayward Lake – Monday, June 28th

Last Day for Students /Reports Home –Tuesday, June 29th



PAC CORNER

Thank you to PAC for your continued hard work in fundraising and organizing our Pop Up Treats, Hot Lunches and Fruit and Veggie Program.

Pick up for Neufelds' is Monday May 3rd.

Thank you to PAC for supporting the bus to the Cedar Pull and for supporting our bussing to upcoming field trips in June.

Wishing you wellness and wellbeing and a very happy May!

Sincerely,

Elena Di Giovanni