



NEWS

Sunset Elementary School

May 2018 'ma'wə'ttanx̱ - sprouts on salmonberry

Check out our website at
www.sunsetschool.ca

Principal's Message

Gilakas'la

Spring has sprung at Sunset and has brought many babies with it. This year Sunset has hosted baby chickens, and various types of tadpoles. These additions to our population never cease to amaze and excite our students. This results in many conversations about taking care of these animals in our school, and how they will survive once released.

This type of hands-on learning is one of the ways we engage students in learning. Spring is the best time for this because of the animals, but we engage your children in other ways and at other times as well.

Coding has taken off at our school and our older students, as well as some of our younger students are able to create computer constructions that follow programmed routines. We have a number of small robots here, as well, and it is fascinating to watch our intermediate students program routines into them and then teach younger students how to do so. This morning a student showed me an electro-magnet he is building using wood, wire, copper, and a remote control truck!

At Sunset we promote curiosity, critical thinking and problem-solving as a means of engagement. We want to give your children experiences that will enrich them. We want to share our space with nature. In fact, we will be hosting caterpillars very soon, and caring for them until they can be released as butterflies!

Gilakas'la
Kelly Amodeo



thank you!

We are having our last hot dog day for the year on May 24th and would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parent volunteers who come out each month to make our hot dog days possible. A very special thanks to Opal Tesch for organizing all the parent helpers and preparing the food.



May 1.....	Ready Set Learn
May 4.....	School Based Pro-D (NO SCHOOL)
May 9.....	STEM Challenge
May 9.....	Flower baskets arrive for pickup
May 10-11.....	Gr. 7 Bake Sale
May 14-18.....	Camp Homewood Grade 5
May 18.....	Jump Rope for Heart
May 21.....	Victoria Day (NO SCHOOL)
May 23.....	Hailey the Adventurer Performance
May 24.....	Hot Dog Day
May 24.....	All School Picture and class pictures at 9:00 am
May 30.....	Talent Show
June 4.....	Bike Rodeo
June 13.....	Track & Field
June 27.....	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony
June 28.....	Last day of School

PAC

PAC would like to thank all the volunteers and teachers who helped with this years Fun Fair. It was a huge success and we doubled our profits from last year making approximately \$2900. We also have our totals in for the chicken fundraiser which brought in approx. \$1600. This is amazing considering we were confined to a long weekend for distribution. We are hoping to do it again next year as the reviews have been awesome, and hopefully we are able to select a better time of year to run it.

PAC has also ordered a new bench for the primary playground and will hopefully be installed soon. Parents will now have a place to sit while they watch their little's playing.

We are coming up to the end of this school year and PAC will be looking at voting in a new board members for the 2018/19 school year. All positions will be available at the AGM which is held in May. If you have been considering sitting on the board, please feel free to reach out to the Chair for more information on the positions available and what they entail. We are desperately in need of a Chair and PAC is not possible without one. We would hate to see it fold. PAC contributes so much to the school and students.

If you would like more information, please email Jaime Gabrielle @ jaimegabrielle@icloud.com

Jaime Gabrielle
PAC Chair

ATTENTION: GRADE 7 PARENTS

NISS is hosting a Grade 7 Parent meeting and tour of the school on:

Wednesday, **June 13, 2018** @ 6:00 p.m.
Refreshments provided

NISS NEWS

Gulliver's Travels – Missoula Children's Theatre DVD

We are taking orders for the DVD of the performance at the Gate House Theatre on April 13 & 14. If you would like to order a copy and pay for it when you receive the disk, please contact Kathy Martin at 250-230-4234 or martinkt@telus.net.

Hopefully they will be ready in about a week and will be delivered to the school.

Are You Going Away? Is Your Child Sick?

Please give Ms. Greenlees a call at the office if you know your child(ren) will be absent from school. As part of our safety plan, we call home if your child is not at school without an explanation.

Please call us at 250.956.4434

email—dgreenlees@sd85.bc.ca



STEM Day
Science, Technology, Engineering, and
Mathematics

All the grade 6 & 7's attended the STEM challenge
in Port Hardy at the Civic Centre.



Mrs. Soltau's grade 1/2 class got the
opportunity to see the new totem
pole that will be raised on May 17th
at NISS while it was still being
carved.



Students from our Grade 6/7 classes took part in the School District's Annual Lahal Tournament. It was the first time that our students have taken part in the tournament, and call it "beginners luck", but they came home victorious against 8 other teams!! As the winners, Sunset will host next year's tournament. Congratulations to our Lahal Players!





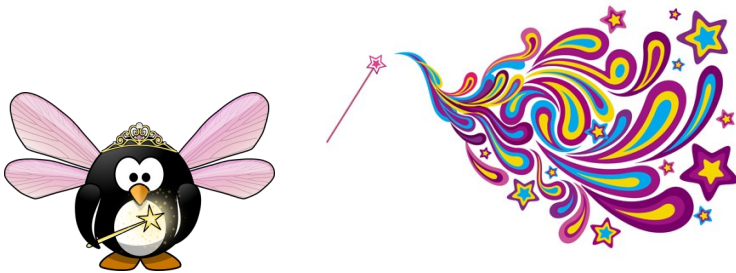
Ready Set Learn



We had a great turn out of 19 pre-schoolers for our fairy themed event.

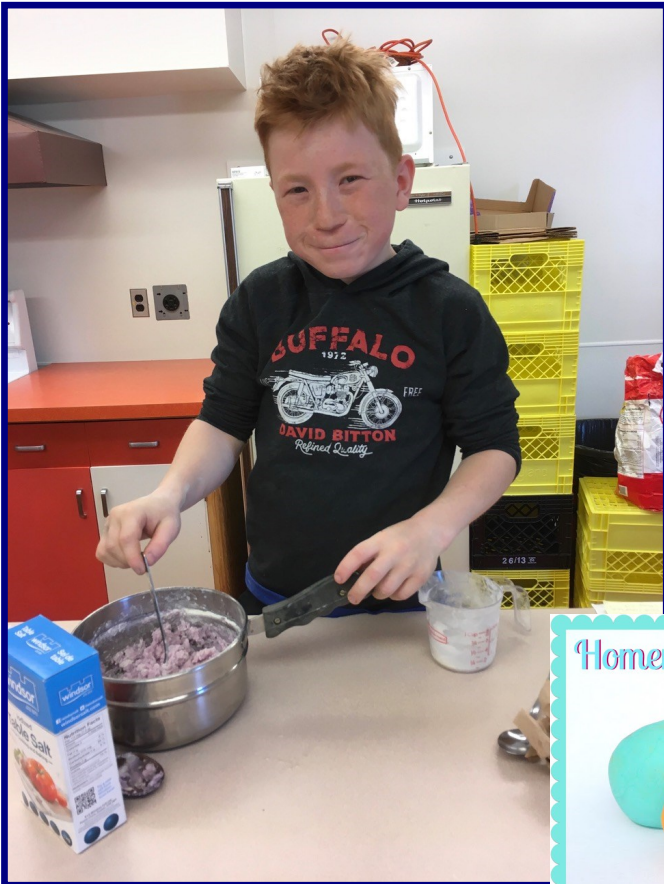
There were crafts, snacks, gift bags, the Literacy Bus and a magic show put on by Mr. Ogren.

It was a truly a magical afternoon!



Making playdough in the Focus Room

PLAY
DOUGH



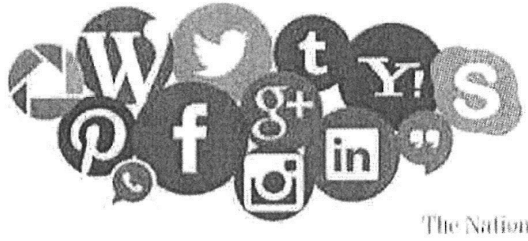
Homemade Playdough



www.nctime2bored.blogspot.com



RAISING DIGITALLY RESPONSIBLE YOUTH



Tuesday, May 22
7 pm
North Island
Secondary School

With society heading in a direction of being constantly connected to technology, what do we need to know as parents to protect our kids and teach them responsible and appropriate use of technology? The parameters of rules and expectations that you put in place at home will undoubtedly guide their behaviour in the years to come. Please join us for an informative presentation which will cover the following topics and more:

- **Social Media Update** – The most current apps & trends in their social media lives
- **Pick Your Battles** – You will have to balance promoting independence whilst taking a strong stance on certain subjects
- **Current Research** – Brain development and technology, violent video games
- **Digital Footprint and Reputation** – With their future approaching, recruiters and employers are taking note – what will they find?
- **Tips and Tricks to Use at Home**

PARENTS: DO NOT MISS THIS FREE EVENT!



May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Ready Set Learn</i>	2	3	4 <i>School Based Pro-D</i>	5
6	7	8	9 <i>Flower Basket Pick up in the Gym</i> <i>STEM Challenge</i>	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Camp Homewood</i>	15 <i>Camp Homewood</i>	16 <i>Camp Homewood</i>	17 <i>Camp Homewood</i>	18 <i>Camp Homewood</i> <i>Jump Rope for Heart</i>	19
20	21 <i>Victoria Day—<u>NO SCHOOL</u></i>	22	23 <i>Hailey the Adventurer performance</i>	24 <i>Hot Dog Day</i> <i>Class Picture day—9:00 am</i>	25	26
27	28	29	30 <i>Talent Show</i>	31		

2018/19 SCHOOL CALENDAR

2018

September - 18 days
 School-based In-service Tuesday, Sept. 4
 Schools Open Wednesday, Sept. 5

October - 21 days
 Thanksgiving Monday, Oct. 8
 Provincial Pro-D Friday, Oct. 19

November - 20 days
 Remembrance Day Monday, Nov. 12
 School-based Pro-D Friday, Nov. 23

December - 15 days
 Christmas Break Monday, Dec. 24
 to Friday, Jan. 4

2019

January - 18 days
 School-based In-service Monday, Jan. 7
 Schools Re-open Tuesday, Jan. 8

February - 18 days
 Family Day Monday, Feb. 18
 District Pro-D/In-service Friday, Feb. 22

March - 16 days
 Spring Break Monday, Mar. 18
 to Friday, Mar. 22
 Schools Re-open Monday, Mar. 25

April - 19 days
 Good Friday Friday, Apr. 19
 Easter Monday Monday, Apr. 22
Non-Instructional Day Tuesday, Apr. 23

May - 21 days
 School-based Pro-D Friday, May 10
 Victoria Day Monday, May 20

June - 19 days
 Administrative Day Friday, June 28
 Schools Close Friday, June 28

Board Approved: February 15, 2016
Amended: February 20, 2018



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Summary of 2018-2019 School Calendar

Instructional Days	185 days
Professional Development Days	3.75
In-service Days	2.25
Administrative Day	1
<i>* Additional Non-Instructional Day</i>	<i>1</i>

Total Days in Session 193 days

Days of instruction are different than "days in session". Days in session are days that school is "open" but the students are not necessarily in attendance. On a "day of instruction", students are to be in attendance and under supervision for the purposes of receiving instruction in an educational program.

Prescribed Minimum Hours of Instruction

In accordance with the School Act, a Board of Education must offer not less than the following hours of instruction in a school year to students enrolled in the schools in its district:

848 hours of instruction for students in Kindergarten
873 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 to 7
947 hours of instruction for students in grades 8 to 12

** The Ministry of Education has mandated the addition of one non-instructional day for discussions/activities that develop evidence-based approaches to curriculum implementation.*