

DLES

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians of Gr 4s and Gr 7s,

School District 91 is participating in the 2021 Electronic Provincial Learning Surveys in cooperation with all the other school districts throughout the Province.

Parents and guardians can complete the Internet Electronic Anonymous Surveys **any time until April 30, 2021**. Surveys that are completed electronically provide immediate satisfaction level results to the school and the district. The survey is for parents or guardians with a student in grades 4 and 7.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school. Go to www.sd91.bc.ca and click on the Parents & Students tab.
2. Scroll down. Select Satisfaction Survey.
3. Scroll down to Parent section. Select direct access. Select SD91. Select school. Log on.
4. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message, "Thank you for sharing your views."
5. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

Thank you for your participation in this province-wide survey. Your opinions matter to us.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kelemen

Mark your Calendar

February

- 15 Family Day—No School**
- 19 School Science Fair
- 24 Pink Shirt Day & District Science Fair
- 25 District Science Fair
- 26 Pro D Day— No School**

March

- 5 Report Cards Home
- 19 Last Day of School before Spring Break**

What makes DLES such a great school?

"Caring Staff."
—Anonymous Staff Member

DLES PAC EXECUTIVE 2020-2021

Co-chair: Shawna Abietkoff
250-304-8398

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250-691-1094

Secretary: Amy Dash 250-691-1612

Treasurer: Dallas Matson
250-692-0516



DLES Kindness Hero !

Antoine raised \$1000.00 for his classmate, Zander, who lost his home to a house fire over Winter Break. He organized a very successful Bake Sale!

Health and Wellness...and Other Business

Have you done your **Daily Health Check** in with your child? Is she or he experiencing any of the following new or worsening symptoms?
If yes, please keep your child home.

- ☐ Fever or chills
- ☐ Loss of sense of smell or taste
- ☐ Difficulty breathing
- ☐ Sore Throat
- ☐ Loss of appetite
- ☐ Extreme fatigue and tiredness
- ☐ Headaches
- ☐ Body aches
- ☐ Nausea or vomiting
- ☐ Diarrhea

Recipe for an active year

An active year means moving your body in lots of fun ways in all sorts of weather and environments. Try a couple of these winter “ingredients” from the list below. Remember to mix it up with a variety of activities throughout the year that get you moving on the ground, in the air, or in water or snow! Stay tuned for more “ingredients” in our next newsletter edition!

- ☐ build a snowman or snow fort
- ☐ ski—downhill or x-country
- ☐ make snow angels





JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL TOWN HALL ON THURS. JAN. 28TH @ 4:30 PM FOR AN UPDATE ON:

- SD 91 SCHOOLS - COVID-19 PLAN
- COVID-19 = WHAT ARE WE LEARNING
- A LOOK AHEAD

HOSTED BY SD 91'S DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

We had questions prepared for our Dec. Town Hall and will use them for this event. If you have questions for us to consider, please email info@sd91.bc.ca

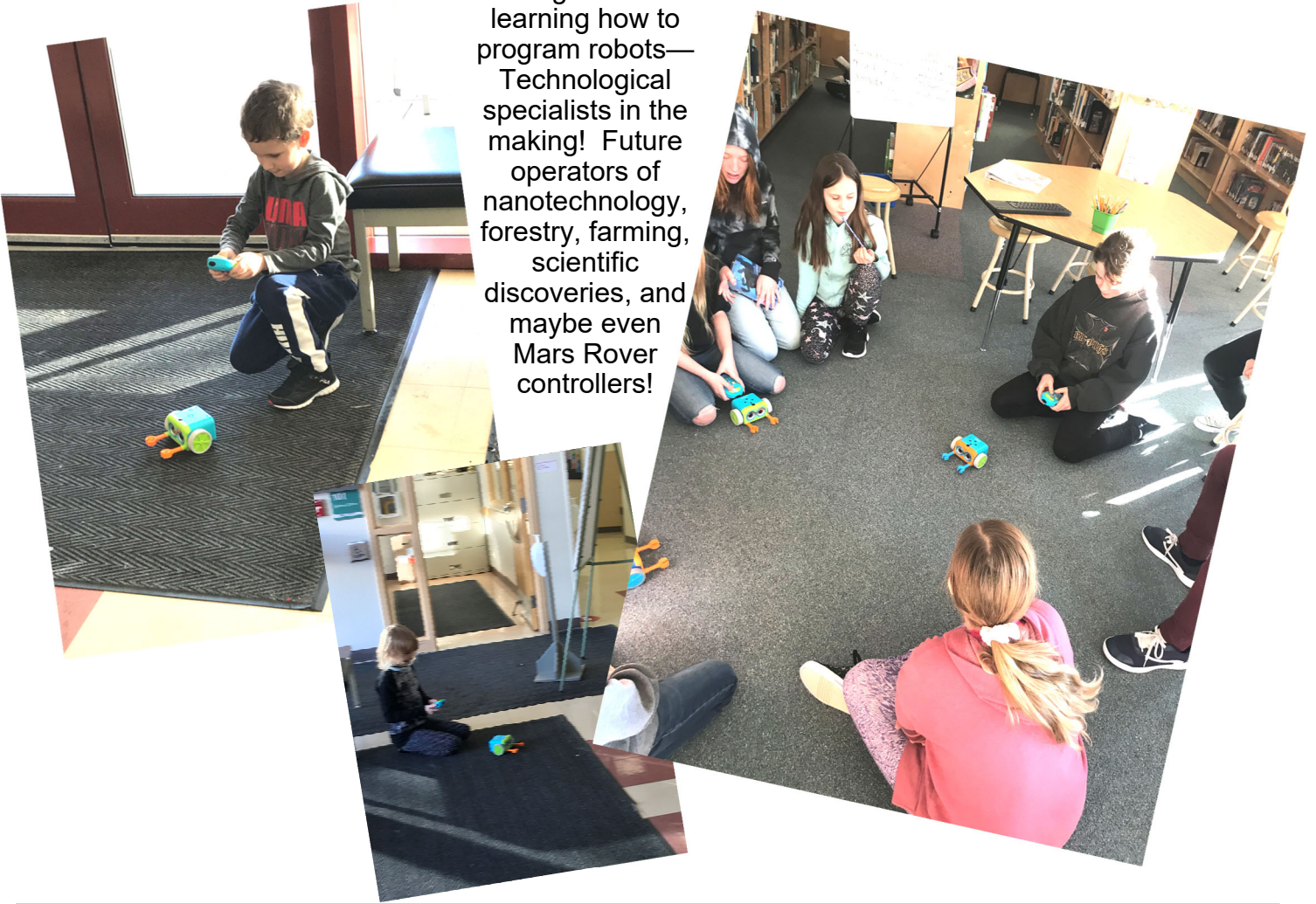
The link to this meeting will be shared on Jan. 27th on the school district's website and Facebook page.



K1 Class in X-Country Lessons

Our Future!!! We have talented students everywhere!

We've got students learning how to program robots—Technological specialists in the making! Future operators of nanotechnology, forestry, farming, scientific discoveries, and maybe even Mars Rover controllers!



What is SQx? SQx is a dance program that is usually presented live with our students. It uses contemporary dance, athletics, and teamwork. It is used to promote leadership, cooperation, and selflessness. This year SQx is being presented online—and the students are participating in class. Below are some pictures of K1 students learning to move their bodies in cooperation as part of choreography.



What??? How Did We Miss THESE Bits of News???
Well, you know what they say...Better Late than Never!

November:

Last November, students at DLES entered the annual Royal Canadian Legion Branch #50 Remembrance Day contest. We submitted entries in both the Poster and Literary categories. Awards were given to the following students:

Int. B & W Poster	2nd Place—Alyssa Wall
Jr. B & W Poster	2nd Place—Haven Wilejto
Int. Colour Poster	2nd Place—Caomi Benoit
	3rd Place—Alyssa Wall
Jr. Colour Poster	3rd Place—Haven Wilejto
Int. Essay	1st Place—Caomi Benoit
Jr. Poem	1st Place—Destiny Wooldridge
	2nd Place—Nicole Magel

Some entries were sent to the Central Zone competition and the following prizes were awarded:

Int. B & W Poster	2nd Place—Taylor McKee
Jr. Poem	2nd Place—Abby Harder

Congratulations to all the winners and all the students who entered the contests!



Calling parents and youth in BC!



COVID-19 and Youth Mental Health

Since COVID-19 was declared a pandemic, many public health responses have been implemented including social distancing measures and school closures.

These measures may have an impact on the mental health of children and teens, and we need to adjust the type and amount of resources being offered our children.

The MyHEARTSMAP team needs your help to measure how much and in what ways the changes in our lives during the pandemic have affected the social and psychological wellness of our children and youth.

Using the MyHEARTSMAP online psychosocial self-screening tool, children, youth, and (or) their parents, can learn about which aspects of their mental health may be of concern and might benefit from support resources, and where to find them in BC.

Learning about our children's needs will help guide our provincial mental health resource planning.

Who can participate in this study?

- Children and youth aged 10-17 in BC
- Parents with a child aged 6-17 in BC

What is involved?

- Answer questions about how COVID-19 has affected you
- Complete the MyHEARTSMAP Self-Screening Tool after enrolling, and again in 3 months

If you are interested in learning more and participating, please visit our website at:

MyHEARTSMAP-Pandemic.bcchr.ca



December:

Last December, students at DLES had the splendid

opportunity to donate to our local food bank! For each item of food donated, the student got an entry slip to a draw for gorgeous baskets and mugs. The winners of the baskets were as follows:

Michael Hull, Kindergarten; Rhys Griffin, Grade 6; and Abby Sapach, Grade 2.

The winners of the mugs were as follows:

Dylan Stewart, Grade 6; Julien Benoit, Grade 5, and Abby Harder, Grade 6.

Congratulations and THANK YOU for your generous food donations!!! Multiple boxes of food were donated to the food bank!

And the last word goes to:



SD91 is Now Hiring – Support Staff in all Areas!

We are currently hiring:

- Custodians (Training Provided)
- Bus Drivers (Class 2 Drivers License – Additional Training Provided)
- Learning Support Workers
- Aboriginal Education Workers
- Clerical Support - Casual

If you are interested in joining our team for casual or regular positions, please check out our external job postings at www.sd91.bc.ca and apply. Please contact us at cupejobs@sd91.bc.ca if you have any questions.