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YOUR MONTHLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

April 7-16 Gr 8 Yale Secondary
Transition Visits

April 20 - Gr 7/8 Band @ Abby Arts
12:15 pm

April 21 - ZOOM PAC Meeting
7:00 pm

May 4 - Jazz Band @ Abby Arts
12:15 pm

May 21 - Non Instructional Day #7
No School

May 24 - Victoria Day
No School

June 18 - Sports Day
June 29 - Students Last Day
June 29 - Report Cards Go Home
June 30 - Last Day

BAND - ABBY ARTS

BY MS. HOLLAND

Tuesday, April 20 – all grade 7 and 8 band students will travel to Abby Arts Centre in band uniform to do a professional recording and hear comments on our performance by a guest adjudicator. We will leave the school at approx. 11:55 am and return at 1:50 pm. All safety protocols will be followed.

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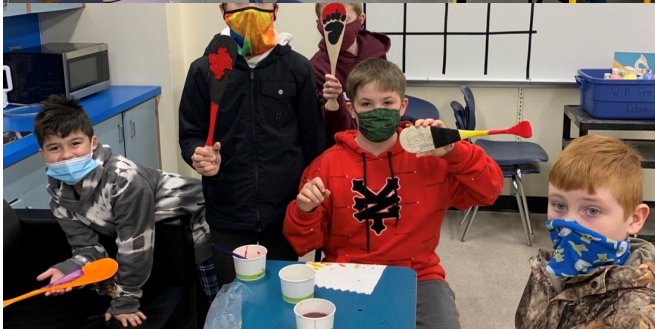


COMPUTERS

BY MR. PAGULAYAN

With new Lenovo PC's in our Computer Arts Lab this year, the activities have changed for the 20/21 school year. Students have been discussing data safety, security, as well as being internet savvy. Students have been learning how to touch type with a target of 95% accuracy and with some even reaching over 80 Words Per Minute!

We are currently finishing up graphic-novel style stories using StoryBoardThat and will be learning coding through Scratch. The 6's and 7's will put their coding experience to the test by coding a mini-computer called Micro:bits while the grade 8's will be teaming up to code robots (Sphero Sprk+) to navigate an obstacle course. - Mr. Pagulayan"



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

BY MRS. NAHANEE

During the month of March, our Indigenous program focused on Sumas Lake during Cultural Friday meetings.

Top left: Artist, Conny Stach, explains the inspiration behind the Sumas Lake Mural being painted in the Library Learning Commons. As well as a little bit about the way of life of the Semá:th People a hundred years ago, and how important the lake was to them.

Bottom Left: Students have also been enjoying painting and designing their own paddles. They are on display in the Library Learning Commons.



WOOD WORKING

BY MR. MEYER

Our grade 7 students have been busy designing, cutting, engraving and painting logos or cartoon characters.

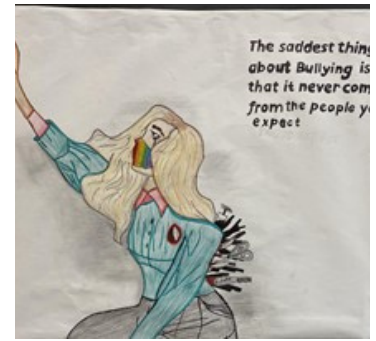
Bottom Right: Mrs. Webster's class showing off their woodwork creations.

VALLEY HOUSE

BY MRS. PESTANA



One of our school goals is Social Emotional Learning. Teachers have been using the Second Step Program as a tool to open conversations and encourage collaborative initiatives. During the second term, Valley House students learned about Harassment and Bullying; about finding their voice.



February 24th was Pink T-Shirt Day and Valley House Grade 8 Students decided to create edgy posters that highlighted the harsh realities of harassment and bullying. Valley House Grade 7 students created posters of encouragement and support. While the Valley House Grade 6 students had engaging classroom conversations about Pink T-Shirt Day and showed their support by wearing pink. A huge thank you to all Valley House students and teachers for the tremendous work that was done.



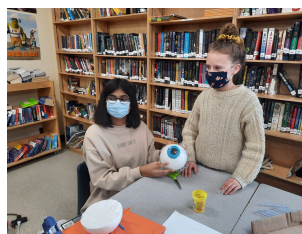
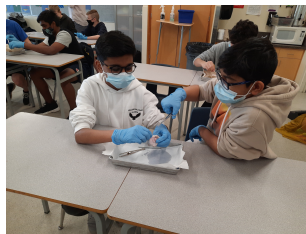
GRADE 8

BY MR. BOLDT & MME. LAPLANTE

WOW, this year has been full of transitions... and our grade 8's are looking forward to another big one! In April, we are working with Yale to introduce course selection and register for our first year of High School. Before we move across the field, there are so many exciting things going on here too.

In recent weeks we have had the chance to take deeper dives into literature (poetry, short stories and novels), get hands-on experience in science (light labs, vision tests and dissections), hone our skills in language and the arts and develop our mental health literacy. As we move into April, students will also be taking time to work towards a greater understanding of social and community health through a joined program with ARJAA called Safe Relationships.

In POD D students have up to their "eyes" in different activities this spring. Students enjoyed created group models of the human eye and dissecting a sheep's eye. The ladies of the pod relaxed and pampered themselves with a mini spa say at lunch- complete with masks and snacks.



FRASER MIDDLE MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB

BY MR. HIEBERT

Fraser Middle Mountain Bike Club is in its 6th season and will be starting up next week, Thursday, April 15. Mountain Bike Club is made up of an inclusive group of students from all grades and all skill levels who enjoy the challenge of riding single track trails.

Having some experience riding difficult and steep off-road terrain is very helpful, but is not necessary, as we are all learning. All obstacles, features, and jumps along the trail have ride-arounds for those who'd prefer to opt out. There is no pressure or expectation for anyone to attempt these features. Students interested in joining the club will need to hand in all forms and permission documents and fees by Tuesday April 13. Permission forms can be picked up outside the office. There will be a short meeting after school for all interested students on Tuesday April 13.

The fee for membership is \$25. This fund will go towards program costs and will be used to provide each member with a team jersey.

Please note, transportation will not be provided to and from the trails.



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POD 6H2/3 DIRECTED ART



STUDENT OF THE MONTH MARCH

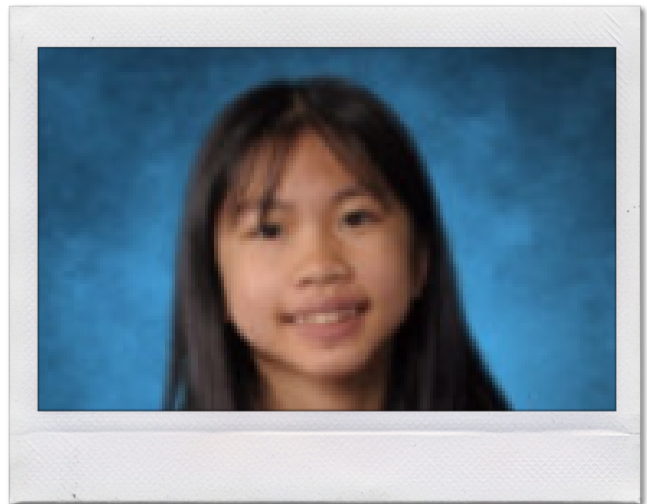


ARWEN ZHENG - GRADE 8

Arwen is a top scholar. She is hard working and always **perseveres** no matter how challenging the task. This is evident by her apparently easy adaptation to our pod from the transition program. Her work shows excellent attention to detail and strives to extend her understanding. Arwen has only ever shown kindness and **respect** to those around her. She is always inclusive and works well with others. She has a strong character and always leads with **integrity**. Arwen embodies all the virtues of a Fraser Falcon; she is a well deserving recipient of the accolade "Student of the Month".

SABRINA TROUNG - GRADE 7

Sabrina is an outstanding member of River House and POD G. She is a positive force in our community – always upbeat, enthusiastic and smiling. Sabrina always puts her best foot forward. She happily takes on new challenges and **perseveres** to extend her thinking and abilities is everything we do. Sabrina is inclusive of all her peers - able to work cooperatively and effectively with everyone. She encourages her peers and helps them in any way she can. She is dedicated to doing her best and to being her best. These are just a few examples of why Sabrina is so deserving of being recognized as the Grade 7 Student of the Month.



JAYDA SMITH - GRADE 6

Jayda is an exceptional student who puts excellent effort into all that she does. She leads by example and is kind and **compassionate** towards others. She is cheerful and asks insightful questions about ways to extend her learning. Jayda is a great global citizen who is encouraging and **respectful** of her teachers and classmates. She is an eloquent writer and a talented artist. Jayda is highly involved in dance and typically trains over 20 hours a week! She has a fantastic work ethic, showing **perseverance** through any challenges that arise. Well done Jayda!



ABBOTSFORD MIDDLE SCHOOLS
PRESENT

The Parent Cafe

*Emotion Coaching and Mental Health
Parent Sessions*

APRIL 14 TO MAY 12
WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30-7:30PM
ON GOOGLE MEETS

Email Kai.Schindel@abbyschools.ca to register