

** Additional updates related to COVID-19 can be found on our district website [here](#).

As part of the updated guidelines and safety measures, School District 60 has been asked to lead a **Rapid Response Team** for both preventative and responsive measures when there is a significant outbreak event. We will be working closely with Northern Health, the Ministry of Education and other northern districts in this regard. More details to come in early March.

Playgrounds in the North are for moose too!

This photo was taken by *Upper Pine Elem-Jr Secondary School* principal, Melody Braun, looking out her office window.



Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL)

Intellectual Development

CURRICULUM

District Reading Assessments

- Development of new reading assessments continues as we look at the Kamloops District version. This will be for grades 4-9 and will provide a Fall, mid-year, and end

of year package. The content of the reading passages is more relevant - including tie-ins with Indigenous culture. Our District Principal Charmaine Chrétien will be getting feedback from the field and calibrating the assessments.

District Numeracy

- Implementation of the Mathematics Assessment and Practice (MAP) tool continues with rubrics and coding being developed in collaboration with teams of teachers
- District numeracy assessment updates:
 - Grades 3-5 drafts will be completed by end of April 2021
 - Grades 6-9 drafts will be the focus for May/June 2021
 - Looking at including data collection in grades 3, 6 & 9 with other grade spans available for teachers/schools
- Mathematics inservices: April inservices up and coming throughout the month for LATs, Middle schools (7-9) and other folks who want inservice support in other grade spans outside of the district license



Learning Resources for Black History Month [HERE](#)

SCIENCE FAIR 2021 !



This year, the fair will be held **virtually**. Information is available on the Regional Committee's website [here](#).

Monday, March 29 - Thursday, April 1, 2021

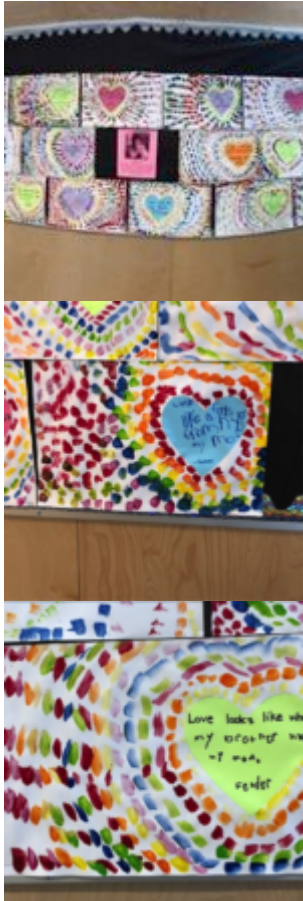
The Science Fair is an opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge of the Scientific Method as well as hone their presentation skills. It does not replace the Science curriculum and assessment, but is rather an enrichment opportunity for students in grades 4-12.

Human & Social Development

Black History Month - February

Art Activity at Margaret 'Ma' Murray Community School





LEA Workshops in Schools

Presentations and workshops continue to be carried out with school staffs around the District. These sessions on Local Education Agreements (LEAs) help create connections/collaborative conversations around Indigenous students with school communities.

Career & Skill Development

Online Production Assistant Training

Applicants need to be at least 15 years old and have a social insurance number.

NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE | MICRO-CREDENTIAL | DIGITAL DELIVERY

Motion Picture Production Assistant

Tuition Free Online Training



This dynamic and integrated self-paced training includes scheduled sessions with live virtual industry instructors. This micro-credential is offered in a digital format; computer and wi-fi internet access are required.

This training is free for qualified applicants. Funding eligibility is reviewed as part of the application process.

Course dates: March 1 - May 21, 2021

Program includes:

- Motion Picture Industry Orientation
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Women in Trades event at Dr. Kearney

Dr. Kearney hosted a Women in Trades event on February 12th. Today, the door is open to women in every BC trades career. You've got great trade career choices — from carpentry and plumbing to aerospace and horticulture. Women are finding challenges, job satisfaction

and good pay in the skilled trades.

Mr. Campbell - District Principal Careers/International

The students from Dr. Kearney connected virtually with:

- Lisa Langevin - Director, Equity & Engagement
- Lisa Ayton - Program Leads
- Elaine Allan - Executive Director, Skills Canada BC
- Michelle Skelly - Program Director, Skills Canada BC
- James Maxwell - Coordinator, Skills Canada BC





Careers / SWIS / ISP - Monthly Newsletter – [FEBRUARY 2021](#)

Operations / HR

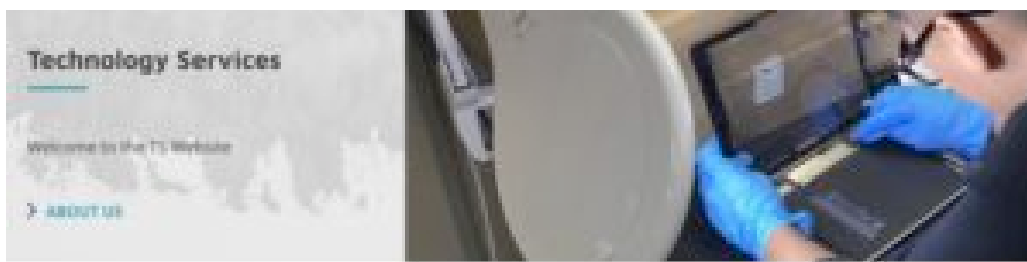
Workforce Reports for January - attached to the public agenda - covers the period from January 11th - February 1st.

Safety Website on SharePoint for Staff

This site is in development and should be available by Spring Break. It will capture all the information related to Health & Safety as well as processes and links for reporting injuries, etc.



Weekly Updates from Technology Services – for staff – available [here](#).



Featured Links

[PRN Intranet - Staff Portal](#)

[Self-Service](#)

Latest news posts from Technology Services

Latest News

Feb 8, 2021

[ShareEd BC](#)

Truth & Reconciliation

[Backgrounder #9 Citizenship](#)

Equity Scan

With the complexities associated with COVID-19 (and navigating in-person meetings),

Equity Scan has been in a holding pattern. In conversation with the Ministry and other districts who are further along in the Equity Scan process, a recurring theme is that in-person dialogue is at the heart of the process (as opposed to just sending out surveys and focus questions).

For now, staff are working on a learning series for our leadership group and will be bringing together the working committee after Spring Break to put together plans and timelines when in-person gatherings are possible.

Support to Indigenous Students and Families

As part of the Federal Funds and subsequent mandate, we have hired additional teacher staffing to help provide instruction and support to students and their families who are not attending regularly. This is done in collaboration with the home school.

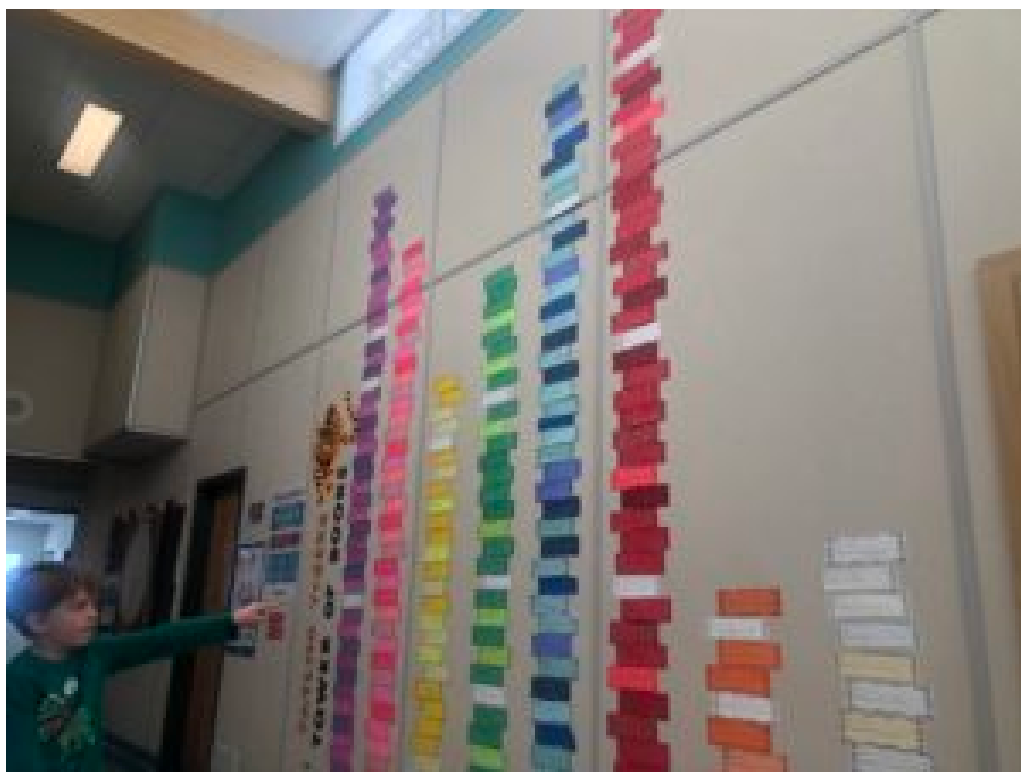
“Take 3”

Prespatou Elem-Jr Secondary School

Science

At Prespatou, all grades enjoy learning about Science through hands-on activities and experiments. Why read or hear about something happening, when you can experience it first hand. We find this helps build students' curiosity and interest in the subject.

Taylor Elementary School



We are having a most successful Reading Challenge event called a Tower of Books. Students walking by are always commenting on how well their class is doing. One class is almost 100% weekly for their at-home reading goal and others are not far behind! With a week to go in the challenge, we are running out of room!

C.M. FINCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grade 6 students have been working on STEM projects in February. This was completed as a class challenge to create an environmentally friendly habitat that is sustainable now and into the future using tools and materials from our MakerSpace.



