



Westridge

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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April 22, 2022

WESTRIDGE SCHOOL GOAL 2021/22:

GOAL – WESTRIDGE STUDENTS WILL IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR WRITING IN GRADE APPROPRIATE WAYS AND STUDENTS WILL LEARN TO USE VARIOUS TOOLS TO STRIVE FOR PERSONAL BEST.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- **Friday, April 29th** – Spirit Day – Neon/Tie-Dye
- **Monday, May 2nd** – Class Photos at 11:00am
- **Thursday, May 5th** – COL at 1:00pm
- **Wednesday/Thursday, May 11th & 12th** – Matilda Jr.
- **Thursday, May 19th** – Grade 7 Day Camp
- **Monday, May 23rd** – Victoria Day – No School
- **Friday, May 27th** – SPIRIT DAY – Beach Theme

The May calendar of events is available on our website.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe we are coming to the end of the month of April. Once again, we say a huge thank you to our school community for your on-going dedication to safety protocols, even with things opening up. The daily health questions, staying home when you are sick and respect for those still choosing to wear masks are all pieces that help to keep us all safe and healthy at school. At this time, **we still are not sharing food at school, so please do not send treats for birthdays**, etc.

We have been so pleased to offer the **Gym Sense program** this year! We have been trying to bring this program into Westridge for two years now, so it has been great fun to have the students working with a trained specialist to learn all about Gymnastics!

Thank you to all parents for participating in **the Student-Led Conferences** this week. It is such a wonderful opportunity for your child to show you all the work they have accomplished thus far. We were so thankful to be able to have parents return to the school in person this year, for this event!

Thank you for supporting the **Jump Rope for Heart** fundraiser in February. Our school raised **\$2,408.00!!**

Class photos will be happening this year on Monday, May 2nd.

We are pleased to welcome back **Indigenous carver, Simon James, who is the original carver** of our beautiful wall structure in the foyer of the school. As time has passed, the carving is needing a few touch-ups and Mr. James will be in our school

touching up the carving on April 25, 26, 27. We are hoping to have the students re-connect with the importance of this carving that is directly related to our values in our school.

We are looking forward to the presentation of our **school musical, Matilda Jr.** on May 11th and 12th! At this point, we are anticipating an **in-person audience**, limited seating, nicely spaced and **encourage the wearing of masks** for the comfort of all guests. **Ticket information has already been sent out to the cast members through School Cash Online.** Thank you to Mrs. Rice, Mr. Kane and all the behind the scenes working teams for all their preparations for this much anticipated event!

We are pleased to announce that **Track is returning this year for students in grades 4-7.** We will only have one district meet on Tuesday, May 31st for grades 6-7 and one meet for grades 4-5 on Thursday, June 2nd after school. Thanks so much to Ms. Kainth, Ms. Phillpotts, Mr. Lai and Ms. Astorino for coaching this year!

We will finish off this month with a **Professional Day for staff on Monday, April 25th** where we will be discussing our writing goal, plans for next year's school plan goals, having an Anti-racism presentation among other topics.

Our April Spirit Day is coming up soon on Friday, April 29th. Students wearing **neon or tie-dyed clothing** will earn points for their house team!

We are planning to have another **Food Drive in May**, where the students deliver flyers in the community and families can make **online donations to Ryan's Rainbow**, a local organization that supports our community. Watch for more information next month.

We are starting to prepare for the Westridge Warrior – our annual fitness challenge on Friday, June 3rd. Please note the **early dismissal for students on Friday, June 3rd at 2:05pm.**

Happy Spring!

Mrs. M. Brown



School News

Year Books – 2021-2022



We are pleased to announce the winners of this year's yearbook cover contest! We had so many wonderful entries, it made the decision very difficult. **The front cover design winner is Maggie in Div. 1** and the **back cover winner is Misa in Div. 4**. This year we are offering families the option to **purchase a school yearbook** for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Westridge Yearbook will be available to **purchase for \$16.00**. It will be full colour with one page for each division with pictures and names, the grade 7 photo, grade 6/7 memories pages and an autographs page. It is a lovely keepsake for sure! Our Parent's Advisory Council has **agreed to purchase one yearbook for each grade 7 student**. We also want to recognize and thank the PAC for their generous purchase of one yearbook per student for the past two years, when we could do very little else, due to COVID. **Yearbook purchase information will be coming out soon, through School Cash Online and yearbooks will be handed out at the end of June, to those that purchase.**

ARE YOU MOVING?

It is helpful for us to know of those families in our community who plan to move out of the Westridge area or who plan to attend a different school. This enables us to prepare transfer forms in advance, and for the school to have a more accurate count for next year. For those definitely moving this summer, please email carmela.pironaggi@burnabyschools.ca or phone (604-296-9037) and provide your child's name and grade. Thank you!



Spring Musical

We are very excited to invite you to watch a performance of **Matilda Jr.** IN PERSON! The children have been working so hard and we are thrilled to share this experience with you.

Performance dates are:

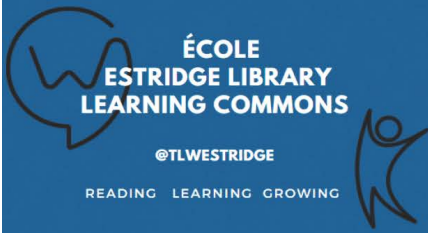
Wednesday, May 11th at 1:15pm and 6:30pm (doors open at 1pm and 6pm)
Thursday, May 12 at 6:30pm (doors open at 6pm)

Tickets will be available by donation through School Cash Online.

RONALD DAHL
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.



Library News



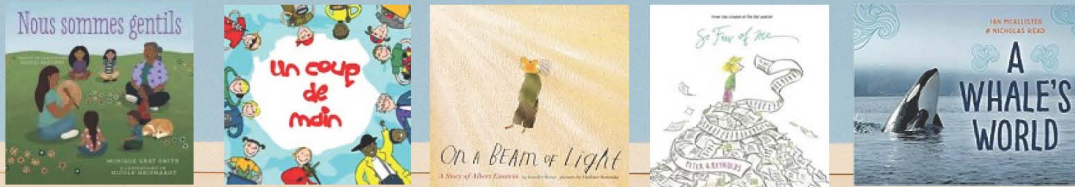
ONLINE RESOURCES

The Burnaby School District offers a number of online subscriptions to its families. One of these is Tumblebooks, a great resource for accessing books online. Inside, you will find books in English, French and Spanish.



To access these resource from home:
1. Go to the Elementary Web Resources Page at: <https://learn.burnabyschools.ca/index.php/staff-resources/elementary-web-resources>.
2. Have your child sign-in to the SD41 learning portal using the login credentials assigned.
3. Click on "Tumblebooks" or whichever other database you would like to explore (National Geographic, etc.).
4. If your child forgets the login password, you can also access Tumblebooks with these generic credentials:
 user name: bbywestridge
 password: search

MY TUMBLEBOOKS PICKS:



Students in Division 1 and 2 are participating in Battle of the Books this year! Why Battle?

- Challenge and competition often motivates students.
- Students read books that they may not typically choose if not for the selection process.
- Students are exposed to an assortment of genres, book formats and authors.
- Students step out of their comfort zones and discover that often a book can't be judged by its cover.
- Students mix with other students outside their natural cohort - both in class and in their communities - virtually for now.
- It is FUN!



NEW DROPS



PAC News

PAC Executive Elections

One of the best ways to demonstrate the importance of school to our children is to be involved at the school! We welcome any time and effort you feel you are able to give – no amount is too little. With our small school population, parents and family play a key role in enhancing our children's educational experience.

The PAC Executive Elections for 2022/2023 will take place on Monday, May 30th at 6:30pm via zoom, at our last PAC Meeting of the school year. We welcome all parents and try to have two parents fill each executive role so there are more of us to help out.

There are several key positions that will be up for grabs as a few long-standing executives will be retiring this June as their children move onto high school. They are:

Co-Chair – 1 position – coordinates and Chairs meetings, acts as a spokesperson for the PAC

French Intermediate Representative – 1 position – link between French intermediate parents and the PAC

District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) Parent Representative – 1 position – link between Burnaby District PAC and Westridge PAC, attends monthly DPAC meetings, more details on DPAC here <https://dpac.burnabyschools.ca/>

Grade 7 Parent Representative – 1 position – link between Grade 7 parents and the PAC

Nominations are encouraged for all positions. If you have ever considered joining the executive, this is a great year to jump in. For further information or to enquire about a specific position, please contact Christine or Krista at westridgepac@gmail.com.

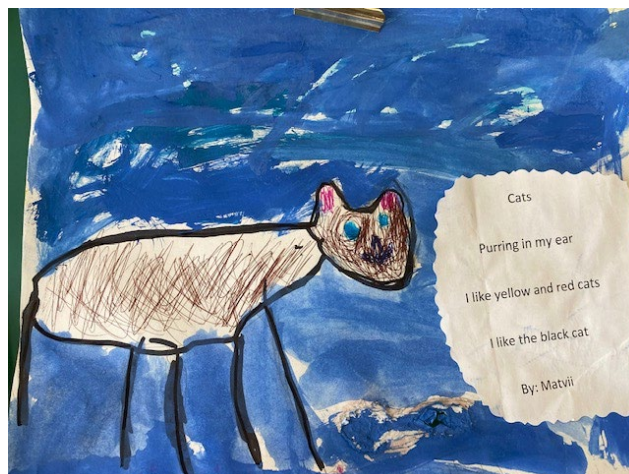
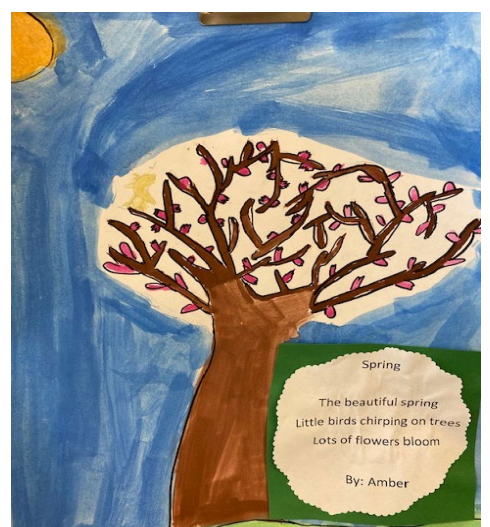
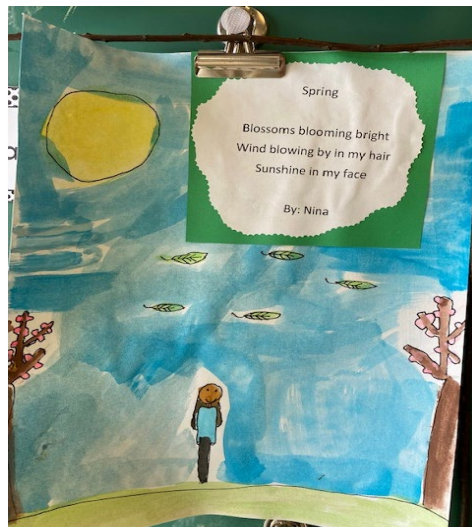
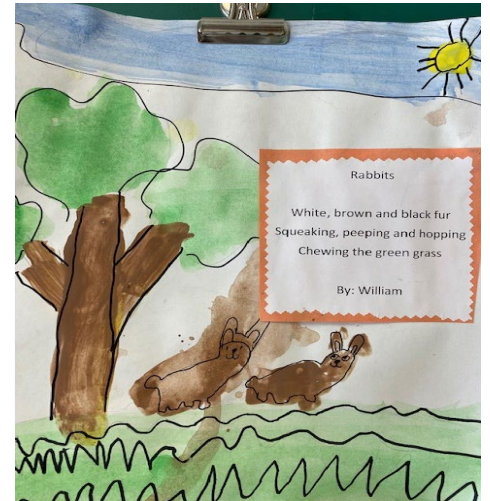
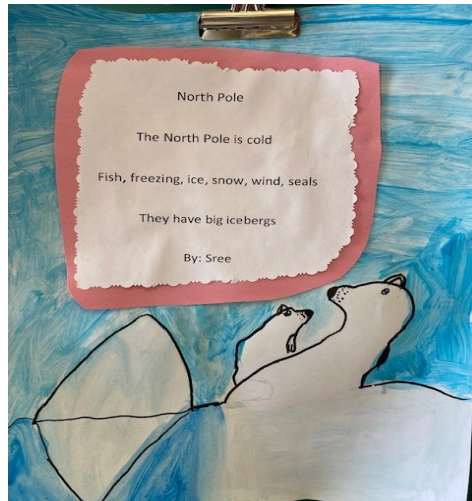
Grade 7 Grad Fundraiser



Our Westridge PAC Committee held a Purdy's fundraiser for Easter to raise funds for the Grade 7 year-end activities and **raised just over \$450.00**. Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser. We hope you enjoyed your yummy Easter treats!

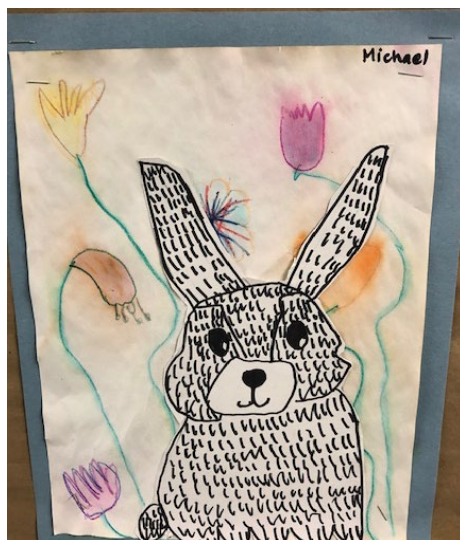
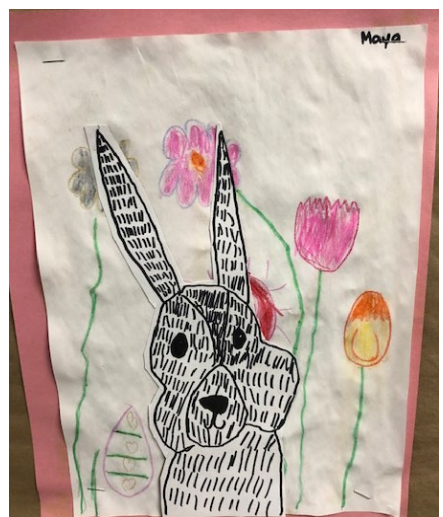
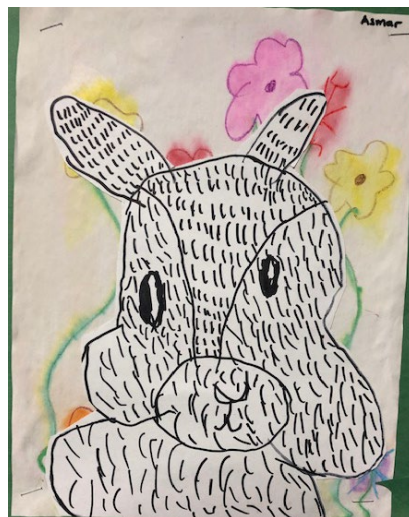
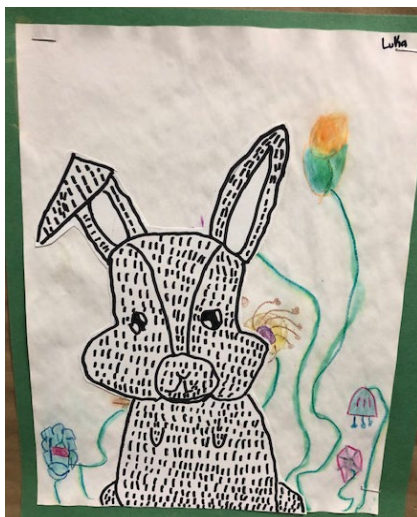
Celebrating Student Art

Division 7– Haikus



Celebrating Student Art

Division 12 – Bunnies



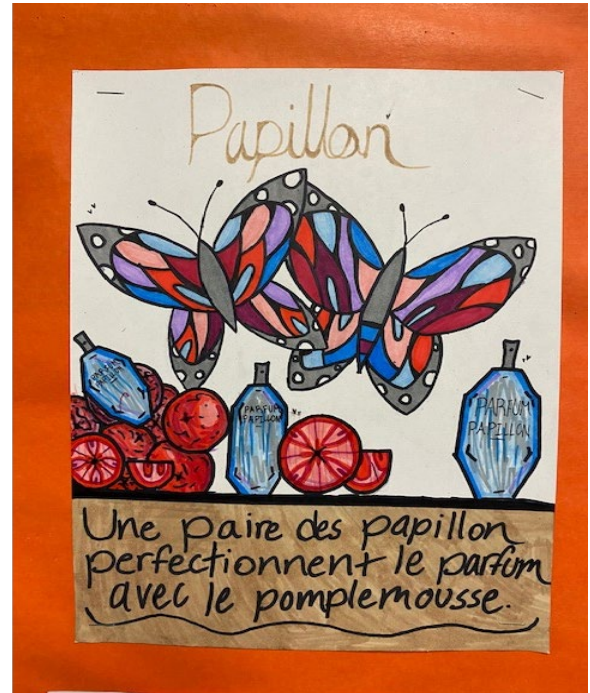
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Division 2's Values illustrated with Coast Salish Inspired Art



Celebrating Student Art

Division 4 - Illiterations



Celebrating Student Art

Division 9 – Spring is in the Air



Celebrating Student Art

Division 5 – Ted Harrison Styled Landscapes

