



Principal's Report to SAC

May 10, 2022

Shout out to Nelson Whynder!

Anne and Alicia were invited to present at the EECD *Think Together/Time to Thrive Event* this week at PIER 21. We presented the HRCE P – 2 Literacy Priority through Nelson Whynder's Journey. The presentation and collaborative time was well received. People are watching and noticing the amazing things happening here in terms of teacher professionalism and more importantly student improvement and achievement. We should be very proud of our school. I of course mentioned the support we receive from SAC and the high level of expectation SAC and parents have.

Student Success

We continue to see and celebrate successes in student achievement. Teacher teams continue to meet to discuss and determine specific strategies to help bring students not yet meeting grade level benchmark to improvement and success. We aim to be very specific and directed in student centred approaches.

Events & Recognitions to Support Well-being

- Let's Talk Science is a national charitable organization committed to inspiring and empowering Canadian youth to develop the skills they need to participate and thrive through science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) based programs. They visited our grades primary and 1 class in April in collaboration with the Dalhousie Dentistry program.
- On Friday April 22nd grades 3 – 6 traveled to the Halifax Central Library to participate in the Funny Pages Festival.
- Special guest presenters in Gym classes throughout the months of April/May: Fabulous Yoga Balls virtual workshops, Kah-Life. Thanks to CC for arranging and delivering the yoga balls. Sport Nova Scotia Softball workshop with Glen MacKinnon Master Coach Developer with Softball Nova Scotia. United DFC conducted soccer workshops.
- School field trip to see the Lion King tomorrow, May 12th at by Young Performers Collective at Prince Andrew High

- Big Crunch Apple Day April 14th was a great success. We had a fun day celebrating the with apple yoga, apple story time, apple art, apple tasting, apple bingo and yummy apple crisp made by the grade 4/5 and 5/6 students. Everyone got to take home a delicious apple at the end of the day.
- School Well-being activity Day May 20th
- Student Well-being Day May 20th, agenda will be shared
- Students in 4/5 S and 5/6 CA have won the lottery for a trip to the Discovery Centre on May 19th, 2022.
- Our school Running Club have been training for the Bluenose Marathon May 21st in downtown Halifax. If you see them on the road with their teacher/coaches toot your horn and wish them well.
- Parent Well-being workshops June 4th – details will be shared for confirmation.
- Grade 6 Black Excellence Conference June 14th.
- Grade 6 Transition Activity with Ross Road June 16 (tentative)
- Grade 6 closing event June 28th.

Funding and Donations

Grant Funding/Donations

- Memorial Peace Mural Project - Mural project in honour of Mar Mar under way with guest artist Letitia Fraser in collaboration with Art teacher Ms. Pinaud. Students and staff will be involved in the design and painting. Tentative date for the unveiling June 24th.
- Small Playground/Basketball net & upgrades - NSTU Dartmouth Local has donated \$500 and Halifax Casino will be donating financial support for upgrades to the small playground in memory of Mar Mar. We hope to install a basketball net, upgrades to the pavement and a safety fence. Operations department is taking care of the upgrades, details for us.
- Tony Eghan Memorial - We have received memorial donations. We will be installing an outdoor "Give a book/Take a book" outdoor library box in our outdoor classroom. Installation and unveiling dates TBA.