



Pacific Rim School District Learning Services Newsletter

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Dear Pacific Rim School District Community,

As we step into the new year with renewed energy and enthusiasm, we are thrilled to bring you the first newsletter of 2024! This edition serves as a reflection on the past month's achievements and as a beacon guiding us toward the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

Wood Elementary School Learning Project

Caitlin Mollon is leading a collaborative learning project centered around literature circles, demonstrating a commitment to fostering dynamic educational environments. Teaming up with Kristine Clark, the learning commons librarian, and Jessica Pley, the inclusion support teacher, Mollon is orchestrating a multifaceted approach to engage students in deep literary exploration. By integrating diverse perspectives and resources, the project enhances students' comprehension and creates a learning environment that fosters reading love.

Ms. Pley supports Ms. Mollon's project and students by promoting inclusivity within the classroom. Ms. Clark supports the project with her expert understanding of best practices in literacy and deep knowledge of literary materials and resources. This project exemplifies the transformative power of collaboration in education, creating enriching experiences that resonate beyond the confines of learning paradigms.



Book Tasting at
Café Mollon



Ucluelet Elementary trip to Hitaču



In January, Ucluelet Elementary Grade 7's had the opportunity to spend the day in Hitaču, learning about Nuu-Chah-Nulth culture.

Students heard how many of the artifacts that were taken years ago are being returned and how many more the Yuułu?ił?ath Government is trying to bring home.

They were also treated to a traditional meal, including herring, eggs, prawns, cod soup, and smoked fish. After lunch, they were honoured to be taught how to weave cedar by elder Rose Wilson and her son, Brian.

Ucluelet Elementary School looks forward to making this an annual event for the grade 7 students.



John Howitt Elementary After School Learning Club

Among the many after-school clubs offered at Howitt this year, the After School Learning Club provides extra learning opportunities for students in Grades 1-5. This club takes place once a week on Tuesdays and is run by teacher, Ms. Janick Lenormand and supported by EA volunteer Mrs. Miranda Havard. Some of our Grade 4/5 students who attend also help the younger students with their reading. Ms. Lenormand shared that there was a long wait list as many families signed up for this opportunity. Mrs. Havard enjoys watching the kids expand their language skills.



The students are working on their reading, writing and math skills and general homework support. Students are working on targeted skills at their level in areas such as decoding, reading fluency, comprehension, sentences and math skill development. When asked what they like best about After School Learning Club, this is what some of the students had to say:

“I like playing math games and reading.” Grade 3 student

“I like reading and playing the games.” Grade 2 student

“We get to sometimes do math games.” Grade 3 student

“I like it cause you learn and reading kinda cause I don’t really read that much.” Grade 5 student

“The only thing I really like is the math games.” Grade 3 student

“I think its fun to help other kids and kind of do some of mine too.” Grade 4 student

“It just gives me more time to do my homework. I’m getting my must jobs done so we can have a class party.” Grade 5 student

“I like how you can learn how to read and I already know how to read this book. And I’ve only went here two times!” Grade 1 student

We are grateful to our staff volunteers for offering this club and giving students extra learning opportunities.

