



NEWS

Sunset Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Gilakas'la

Digital Citizenship Part 5: Digital Security

The last topic in digital citizenship is one of the most crucial. Digital Security is all about self-protection. There are two aspects of security that will be discussed here. The first aspect is about the safety of your device; how to keep your device from possible irreparable damage. The second aspect describes how to keep the user safe.

Just as we protect our homes with locks and keys we should protect our computers with safety ware like virus protection, firewalls and encrypted wifi. All computers should have up-to-date virus protection to protect against crashing and the loss of photos, files, and fun stuff. Further, firewall protection is also a must. A firewall protects your computer from remote access making sure that strangers cannot access your files from afar. Did you know that if you don't password your wifi random strangers can use it to download illegal files and possibly create a legal nuisance for you? An encrypted wifi, along with the other protections mentioned can keep your technology safe and "healthy" for longer spans of time.

One of the biggest headaches I have being computer literate is managing all my passwords. Passwords can cause frustration but are the best way to safe guard personal social media accounts, financial information, and privacy. This is an important conversation to have with young people who are beginning to visit social media sites. Young people have a tendency to share their passwords with friends and this can sometimes lead to inappropriate online pranks at best, and bullying at worst. Young people also often think of the internet as a place to make new friends and may not exercise the same cautions they would

meeting someone face to face. They may be too quick to give away their address, their phone number, and other identifying information to a person they have never seen. As adults we need to teach them when it is appropriate to share personal information.

Finally, beware of phishing. This is the attempt by individuals to defraud people through phony emails. Usually the emails offer a "reward" that sounds too good to be true in return for personal information (bank account number, visa number, etc.). If something sounds too good to be true it probably is. Young people should be aware of phishing even if they are not current targets. This will help them when and if they do become targets in the future.

This series has discussed the 9 Elements of Digital Citizenships created by Mike Ribbles. I hope it has been helpful to parents and caregivers in negotiating 21st Century opportunities and etiquette with their children and charges.

Gilakas'la
Kellie Amodeo



Coffee Orders Have Arrived

Coffee orders for the Grade 5 fundraiser for Camp Home-wood have arrived and should be delivered to those who have ordered very soon.

Are You Going Away? Is Your Child Sick?

Please give Ms. Greenlees a call at the office if you know your child (ren) is going to be absent from school. As part of our safety plan, we call home if your child is not at school without an explanation.

Please call us at 250.956.4434

email—dgreenlees@sd85.bc.ca

Upcoming Events

May 2017

May 3.....Pick up for Flower order
May STEM field trip, Gr. 6 & 7 (Port Hardy)
May 4.....Assembly
May 4.....class and whole school photo
May 4.....Intermediate Dance, Gr 4-7 \$2.00
May 5.....Pro-D
May 9.....Bike Rodeo 1-3 pm
May 10.....**Early Dismissal at 1:30 —
Student Led Conference**
May 11.....Student Led Conference
May 12.....Subway day
May 14.....Mother’s Day
May 15-19.....Camp Homewood
May 19.....PJ Day
May 22.....Victoria Day—No School
May 25.....Hot Dog Day
June 7.....Track meet

Jump Rope for Heart Assembly

Did you know that thousands of kids are born every year with special hearts, hearts that do not work exactly right? By doing Jump Rope For Heart, you can help other kids by raising money for the American Heart Association.



Vice-Principal’s Corner Mr. Dodd



Mr. Dodd’s Technology in Education Review

As part of my monthly submission to our school newsletter, I will be discussing interesting, and engaging educational technologies that learners of various ages can use to refine their skills! This month I will be discussing various websites and apps that allow students to practice Vocabulary and spelling.

Stumpy’s Alphabet Dinner (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/stumpys-alphabet-dinner/id663784476?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D8>) is an exciting app that is available through iTunes that has students feed letters and shapes to animated characters. Students have to match the letters or shapes on the character’s stomach. If they make a mistake, the character spits the letter back out. This app would be appropriate for students being introduced to letter’s or those who are age 6 and under.

Spell Up (<https://spellup.withgoogle.com/>) is a unique Google Chrome app that asks users to spell progressively more difficult words by speaking into the microphone on your computer. When you spell the word correctly, it creates a tower using the correctly spelled words. This app is appropriate for grade 2 and up, but the words increase in complexity rather quickly.

Lastly, VOX Spell It Out Challenge (<http://www.vox.com/2014/5/28/5740250/spell-it-out>) is a website that has students compete against previous winning words from the 8th grade National Spelling Bee. These words are extremely challenging and certainly make you appreciate the dedication that previous middle school students who have won in the past!

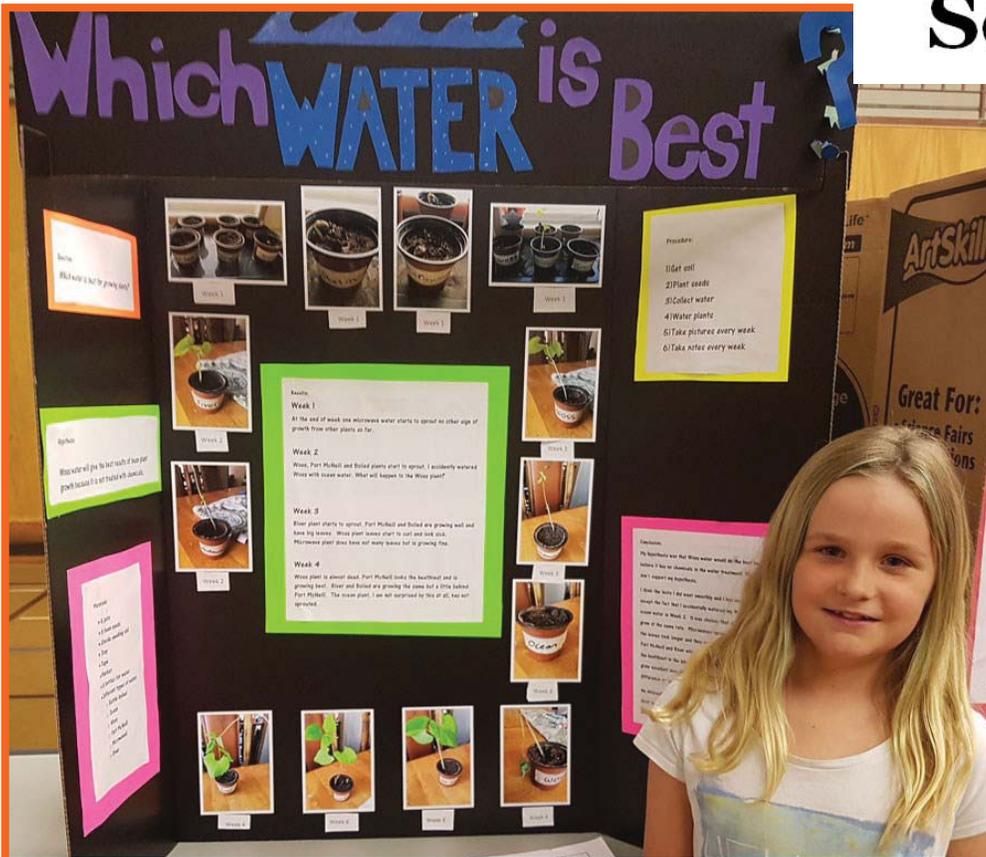
Science Fair Winners

Shayla won 1st place at the Sunset Science Fair and then went on to win 1st place at the Regional Science Fair at NISS.

Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to judge and especially to Mr. Bob Wheeler who co-ordinated the science fair this year at Sunset. We couldn't have done it without him.



Science Fair



Sienna should be very proud of herself for winning 1st place at the Sunset Science Fair with her project.

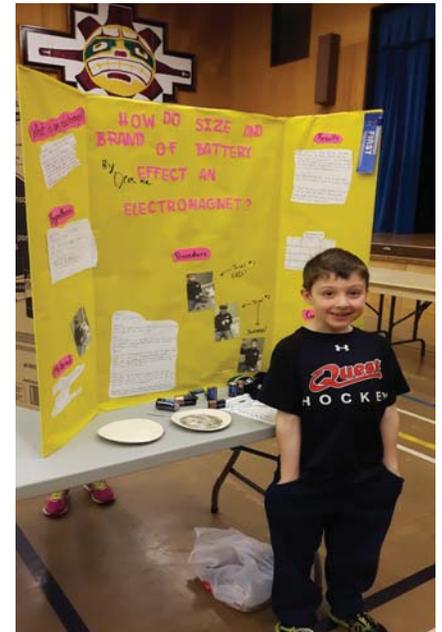
Regional Science Fair 2017 at NISS



Sunset School had 23 students go to the Regionals at NISS this year. There were great events for the children to be a part of while waiting for their projects to be judged. One of them was a reptile display and they even got to hold some of the snakes and lizards.



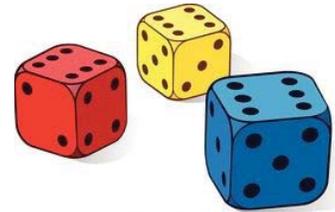
Drake Brooks one of our grade 2 students got 1st place on his science project this year and went to Regionals at NISS on April 13th.





Probability Test—Mrs. Brooks Math Class

You see, even math can be fun. Mrs. Brooks math class wanted to see what the probability was of getting a boiled egg or a fresh egg broken on their head? **Ms. Amodeo** was willing to take a chance and find out too.



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Sunset Library's Book Corner

Some new furniture will be arriving soon in the Learning Commons; we have ordered a new love seat and have plans to create a comfortable reading nook. New donut shaped cushions have been ordered as well. The Learning Commons is actively used; sometimes two classes will share the space. Science club is held every Wednesday at lunch after students have finished eating.

Library books can be signed out for up to two weeks. After that they are considered overdue. If your child has two overdue library books they will not be allowed to sign out another one until one of them is returned. Please help your child remember to return library books, that way they can take out a new one. If a book gets lost, let us know and we will make some adjustments so that they can sign out books again.

Encourage and model reading so that it becomes a habit. Try something different, like reading road signs in town, reading labels on food in the store or at home, and reading signs on the sides of buildings. It shows how reading is important in everyday life.

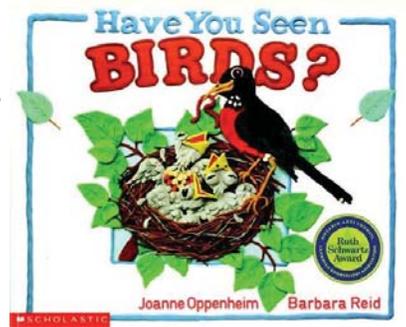
Ms. Jessica Tuttle





Guided Reading Groups

Here are some of our students in guided reading, making plasticine birds after reading *Have You Seen Birds?* by Barbara Reid.



Jump Rope for Heart

Thanks to all our staff, students & volunteers who made our Jump Rope For Heart event such a success.



Strawberry Plant Fundraiser

Our Grade 7 class will be taking orders for our strawberry fundraiser from Monday May 1- Friday May 19. We need to pre-sell a minimum of 100 plants before our order will go in. The supplier, Dax Bennett, has shared the following information about the plants.

- We will provide you with plant care information.
- We sell the most popular variety, Seascape. They are an everbearing strawberry, are easy to take care of and will produce up to 1 lb of strawberries per year.
- They come in one gallon pots and will be full of foliage.

-Strawberry plants will be delivered to Sunset Elementary in mid-June where Grade 7 families who received orders can pick up their plants for delivery.

