

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Crawford Bay School



As we head into June, I reflect on the remarkable learning and growth we've experienced together. Some highlights in this newsletter include Ms. Draper's leadership in after-school athletics and sportsmanship. Mrs. Alana Strom shares a taste of our learning in Aboriginal Education. We're thrilled to present Elder Donna with a quilt crafted by our community, thanks to Alana's vision and expertise.

This month, we will celebrate our six graduates with a mix of joy and sadness as we bid farewell to these exceptional students and their families.

I want to honour our dedicated staff, whose creativity, ongoing research, and vision ensure that every child is seen and supported in their academic and personal growth. It is joyful, vital, and demanding, work.

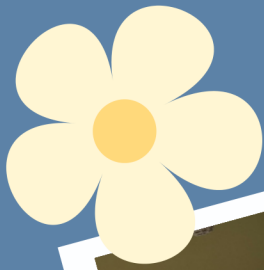
At our Volunteer Tea, we will celebrate the many generous folks who contribute in countless ways to enrich and expand our efforts.

With gratitude,
Victoria

Important Dates:

- May 29:** Soap Box Car Day
- June 4:** K-5 Creston Wildlife Centre
- June 6:** Last Day of Hot Lunches
- June 7:** Elder visit & Celebration!
- June 10:** Volunteer Appreciation Tea
- June 11:** PAC Meeting
- June 13 -14:** Grade 4/5 trip to Fort Steele
- June 14:** Graduation Celebration!
- June 17:** K-3 Wetlands
- June 20:** Pet Day!
- June 21:** Reconciliation Run
- June 24 :** Science & Socials Fair
- June 25:** K-3 Beach Day
- June 26:** Last day of classes, 1/2 day only!

Highlights from the Assai Programs



Many of our students have been participating in after school activities like golf, pickleball, and 9-squares due to funding we received from the Assai program.

We had a record number of students sign up for these activities with 9-squares being a huge hit here at the school! A special thanks and shout out to Lara Draper and Malena Draper for dedicating their time so our students could enjoy these programs!



Crawford Bay Aboriginal Education

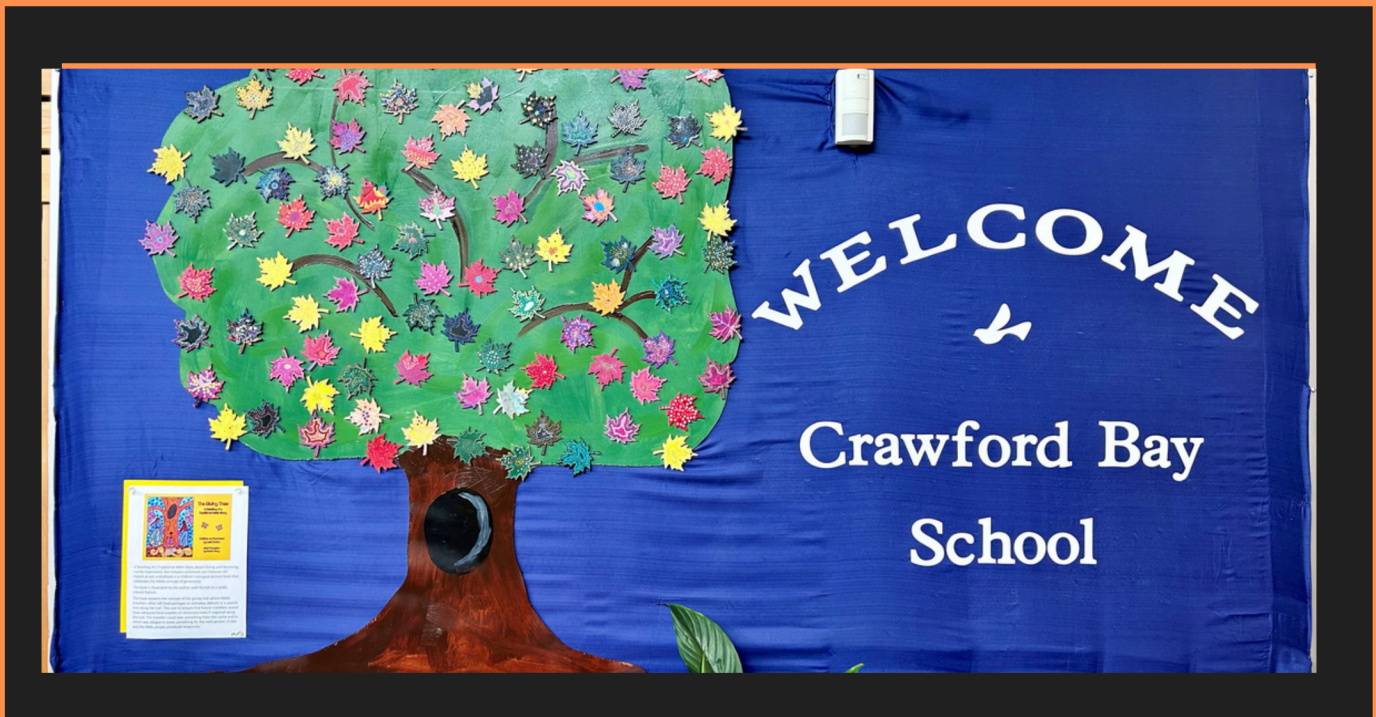


In the first weeks of September, students learned about residential schools and the children that were put in them. Classes made thoughtful and creative hallway displays that spread knowledge throughout our school. On Orange Shirt Day, the students, staff, school trustee Lenora Trenaman, and parents had a meaningful ceremony outside. Ms. McAllister started our ceremony with the history of Phyllis Webstats' early life and how Orange Shirt Day came to be. Johanna Strom read, "Still the Love Goes On," followed by various grades reading poems and stories, themed around Orange Shirt Day. Ms. Conne read, "The Convention on the Rights of Children." Students then participated in planting a tree which we frequently gather and walk past as we enter the school, followed by a moment of silence and reflection. Our grade 4 and 5 students made a wonderfully tasty batch of bannock for the school.



Earlier this year, Jesse and Vanessa came for a fantastic day of sports and games. We had a day full of laughs and learning! We have been incorporating these games into daily play - it was so much fun! Thank you, Jesse and Vanessa.





Students from grades six to eight do our daily morning announcements with a Ktunaxa Word of the Week and for Metis Awareness Month, they shared Metis facts. We also had a hallway display so everyone could spend a few moments reflecting or learning something new.

All classes read “The Giving Tree: A Retelling of a Traditional Metis Story” by Leah Dorian. Everyone tried their hand at Metis dot art and wooden maple leaves, making our giving tree a school. It is a beautiful piece of collaborative art that is now displayed at the school entrance as part of our welcome sign.





Lara Draper's class enjoyed making dream catchers for their mothers. Each one was unique and beautiful. The class also learned about Indigenous culture and teachings about different animals as part of their social studies.



Ktunaxa Pow Wow Dancer Peter White came and showed us his Indigenous dancing in his regalia and spoke about the history of the Yaqui Nukiy. The students learned a few dance steps, it was a wonderful leadup to the Pow Wow where students did traditional dances, learned hoop dancing, and tasted indigenous foods. It was wonderful to see so many students in regalia.

Metis songwriter storyteller Patrick LeClerc came to our school to share deep knowledge and history with us. Our understanding and connection with the vibrant and rich Metis culture is forever changed from this presentation. It was a wonderful learning experience for all.



We have had the joy of having Grandmother Donna Wright visit our school all year to drum, sing, and chat with students from kindergarten to grade Twelve. Issy and Olivia interviewed Grandmother Donna, and we have shared the video with families. We love our learning with Grandmother Donna!





We decided to make a Healing Quilt to show appreciation and love for Grandmother Donna. Everyone was excited and willing to take on the project, from our kindergarten students to high school students, staff, and even hot lunch people. Each person embroidered a square depicting something meaningful to Grandmother Donna. Not only did students embroider squares they also helped sew them together. A huge undertaking of love. Students enjoyed learning how to embroider, and many classes are doing another project. On the seventh of June, we will have a "Donna Celebration Day" to present the quilt, drum, and sing songs. The students will help prepare a chili and bannock feast for the school. Some of our celebrations will take place in our tipi that has been put up beside strong start. Our students are learning the traditional history of tipis and the teachings that go along with each pole.



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Another giant hug of gratitude to our PAC for making it possible for Ellie to share her world singing music with our grades K-3 students and Ben to get our grades 4/5 and middle school class drumming. Can't wait for more next year!

A special thank you to the Lion's Club and the East Shore Branch of the Nelson & District Credit Union for their generous donations to support our grade 4/5 field trip to Fort Steele.

