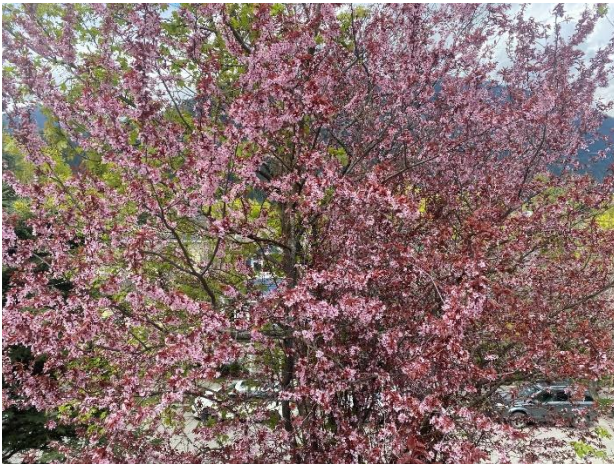




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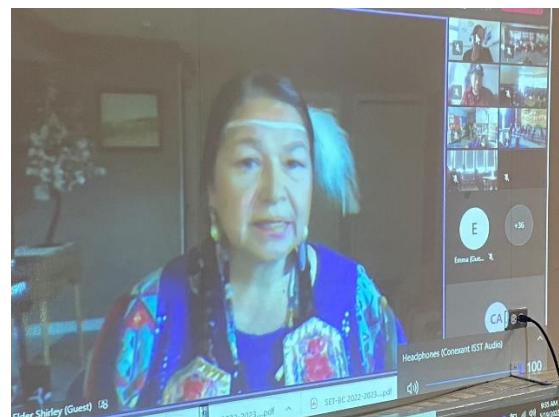
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Happy May Long families,

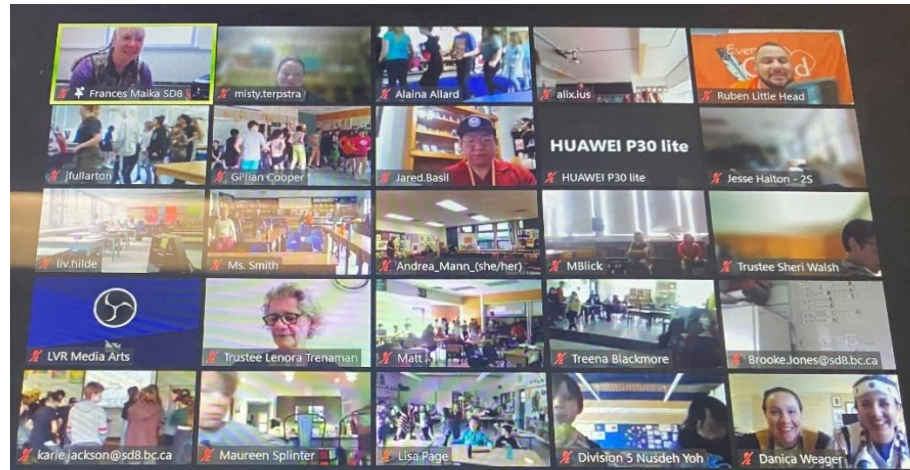


I hope that this message finds you well, enjoying some time with loved ones. It was a very full week at either campus. Creston is practicing for next week's track meet and prepping for their full school and family multi-day camp at Pine's (outside of Grand Forks). Nelson classes are in full swing. Many classes are learning about sexual health and consent, music classes with instruments fill the school most afternoons, and many ends of year plans are in motion. Consistency in staffing the middle years program is being addressed and is on-going.

Thursday, in Nelson, we held a school wide assembly on Pow Wow. It began with a grade 8 student sharing the territorial acknowledgement, Heather's class along with Jenna and I drummed the Traveling song, Pow Wow oral story, and protocol. Each class then broke off to take part in Shirley Hill's engaging and interactive Zoom presentation (with special guest Lemon), where students and adults learned teachings, drew together, danced, and received messages of love.



Friday, throughout our District and beyond, SD8 hosted a virtual Pow Wow with dancers from local Creston schools, local Ktunaxa families, as well as other areas throughout North America. Ruben Little Head was again the MC bringing forth great energy and fun!



Creston families were welcomed to Sherry's farm where all got to get up close to some young pigs, baby chick cuddles, and acreage running.



Linda's class has been working on a community garden, with a successful Grant that aids in bringing pollinators to the gardens – inclusive of butterflies. They shared their Pollinator song, learned a gardening technique of laying cardboard, straw, fill, manure, and soil; planted the seed, and now are waiting for the sprouting to begin.





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On Wednesday we ventured to LVR, sharing our bus with St. Joe's grade 9's. We were greeted by the Vice Principal Danielle Klassen, acting Principal Tamara Maloff and their student leadership crew, one of the School Counsellors and IST/case manager (learning support teacher). Part of the tour included a dance performance. Our students also won some LVR merch. They were additionally comforted in seeing some past Wildflower Alum's.



Heather's class took an opportunity to head to Creston to learn upon the land at the Wetland Discovery Center. They got to canoe, paddling out to experience this rich setting. Some of the other activities involved eating cat tails, viewing an abundance of wildlife such as swans, frogs, and herons (my personal favorite). In the afternoon, the kids were lead through some biomimicry matching activities, bird beak identification, pond water sampling and microscope investigations. Such a courageous, brave, and bold crew.





- Gilbert is back for some end of the day tag play!
- Someone is over the moon with their new cat adoption.
- Imagination mobiles plus – creativity abound.
- Show and tell, crab tails.





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Sidewalk chalk this week has been another highlight. Students have been busy creating designs and images, where other days have been spend creating mini water dams with shovels, dirt, and rock – others slid out on the mud during soccer play (oh the laundry).



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