



# Khowhemun Elementary School

*We are grateful to be learning together on the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish People.*

## Gym Murals Complete!

Khowhemun's two newest murals are complete! Coast Salish Artist, Charlene Johnny, worked tirelessly for two weeks to create a beautiful and vibrant space in the gymnasium that shares stories of the local community and highlights the identity of Khowhemun. We are excited to share the murals with family members and visitors to the school; please stop by before or after school to see the artwork.



## Happy Spring Vacation!

We are one week away from spring vacation and ready for some well deserved rest and relaxation. We wish all our students and their families a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, March 25th, when schools reopen.

## Student Learning Survey - Family Input

During the months of February through to April, students in Grades 4 and 7, their families, and school staff will be invited to complete the Ministry of Education Anonymous Student Learning Survey, which will provide our school and district with important information about students' learning experiences at school. Information has been sent to Grade 4 and 7 families by email. Your feedback is appreciated. We thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey.

### UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

Mar. 11-22  
Spring Vacation

Friday, Mar. 29  
Good Friday

Monday, Apr. 1  
Easter Monday

Thursday, Apr. 4  
1-Hour Early Dismissal

Wednesday, Apr. 10  
Dufflebag  
Performance -  
Robin Hood

Monday, Apr. 15  
Non-Instructional Day

Friday, Apr. 19  
Spirit Day

Monday, Apr. 22  
Class Photos

Wednesday, Apr. 24  
2-Hour Early Dismissal

Thursday, Apr. 25  
PAC Meeting



## BC Lions – Energy Champions Campaign

In February, Khowhemun's intermediate students were visited by BC Lions players, #14 Marcus Sayles and #33 Emmanuel Rugamba. The two players visited Khowhemun as Energy Ambassadors and engaged the students in games and learning about energy conservation. The players emphasized the importance of environmental responsibility, promoted being an 'Energy Champion,' and also spent time answering questions and signing autographs.

## Supporting Students in Becoming Independent and Confident Readers

One of Khowhemun School's areas of focus this year is continuing to strengthen students' confidence and skills in reading. Staff have been participating in professional learning, exploring new methods and resources, and working with students in a variety of ways to improve students' reading skills. One way families can support this goal is by reading with their children every evening at home. Playing literacy games while in the community is also a fun way to practice reading (e.g., while driving or walking in community, look for letters and practice their sounds or read the signs). We appreciate families taking the time to read with their children as often as possible.

## Lost and Found

Before heading into spring vacation, students and families are encouraged to take a look through the lost and found. Currently, the lost and found is spilling over with clothing, shoes, and personal items. Next week the items will be on display in the main hallway. Please stop by and take a look for any of you child's missing personal belongings.

## Indoor Shoes

Spring is a great time of year to check inside shoes for fit and for wear and tear. We would like to see all our students wearing indoor shoes to help keep our floors and carpets clean, and to make our learning spaces comfortable and clean.

## Khowhemun PAC Update

Congratulations Khowhemun School PAC community, our last holiday raffle raised \$4669.00, the highest ever!!! Thank-you to everyone who participated. We look forward to hosting another raffle this spring. This time the prizes will be gift baskets, so we are making a CALL OUT for donations. Do you or your friends/neighbours have a business they can donate a prize from for our Spring raffle? Please email the PAC at [khowhemunpac@gmail.com](mailto:khowhemunpac@gmail.com) to arrange donation, and be sure to follow us on facebook for hints on what the prizes will be!

