



# Berkshire Park Elementary School

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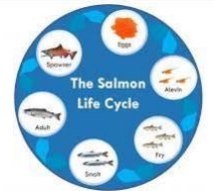
Principals: Ms. R. Ladd and  
Ms. C. Turner

Message from Ms. Ladd and Ms. Turner:

We hope that all of our families had a wonderful break and are enjoying the transition from winter into spring. We've had many classes outdoors this week looking for signs of spring and the changing of seasons, as well as enjoying the sunshine when it has appeared.

Some of our March highlights were:

- Our first Fresh Air Friday, where about half of our students participated by walking, biking, and scootering to school. Tomorrow (April 1<sup>st</sup>) is also Fresh Air Friday and we would love to see even more of our students come to school enjoying the fresh air and West Coast spring weather (whatever it might be). When students arrive at school, they can find a student leader who will give them an entry for house points and the draw for lunch with the principal.
- Just before Spring break our Grade 7 band was able to perform for our Intermediate classes. It was so great to bring classes together in the gym for a performance after so long. We look forward to having some school wide assemblies before the end of the year. The band did a wonderful job with their performance. They have been working hard to learn their instruments this year.
- Through the winter semester Division 5 has been learning about the life cycle of the salmon. To guide this learning, they have had a tank of salmon eggs that they have looked after, and observed them hatching into alevin and then transforming to salmon fry. Just before the break, they released their salmon fry at Tynehead so the salmon can continue their journey through the cycle of life in the wild.



As you know, when we returned back to class on Monday masks became optional in the building. Staff and students are able to make a personal choice about what feels right for them, whether to wear a mask or not. Each person's decision is respected. If your child has traveled out of the country, they do need to follow federal travel guidelines and wear a mask at school for their first 14 days back in the country.

April 8<sup>th</sup> will be a spirit day. It is Everything but a Backpack day. This is a day for students to demonstrate their creativity. On that day, students can bring their school belongings in anything but their backpack. Student leaders will be creating some posters that share ideas and explain the day to students. Have fun brainstorming ideas with your child(ren). We are looking forward to seeing all the creative ways students bring their things to school.



In April we are looking forward to hosting a First Peoples in Residence Week. This is a week where we are joined by District Indigenous Cultural Workers. They will be sharing many aspects of Indigenous culture and history through workshops and presentations in our classrooms. We are looking forward to being able to host this event the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>. We will begin the week with a welcome assembly and end the week with an assembly of gratitude and sharing of the learning we have done.



As the weather warms up, students tend to get much thirstier during the school day. Our water fountains are still taped off due to covid protocols, so it is very important that all students bring a water bottle with them to school. Our water bottle filling stations remain open. We appreciate you ensuring your child(ren) has a water bottle in their backpack each day.

Thank you for helping keep our students safe during drop off and pick up. We appreciate all of our families who have:


- been walking to school in order to minimize traffic during drop off and pick up
- kept the drop off zone moving at a steady pace and only turning left out of it
- been respecting our volunteer student traffic monitors
- treated our neighbours and their property with kindness and care

Please continue to follow all posted signage and follow pick up and drop off protocols.



Just a reminder that all parents are welcome to complete the Student Learning Survey. Please use this link and scroll down to the parent section, signing in on the side where no logon number is required. The survey is conducted by the Ministry of Education. It is open until April 30<sup>th</sup>. <https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

We are looking forward to all the fun and learning April brings.

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