



### **Principal's Year-End Message**

As we come to the close of another wonderful school year, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the many accomplishments and celebrations that have defined our learning community.

This year, our school goal focused on strengthening literacy, and we are proud to share the tremendous success we have achieved together. Our teachers have embraced evidence-based best practices, participated in meaningful professional development, and consistently worked to refine their craft. As a result, we are seeing encouraging progress and growth in our students' literacy skills across all grades.

Equally important, we have worked to foster a genuine *love of reading and literacy*. Through engaging and memorable events such as Battle of the Books and Reading Blitz Month, students had the opportunity to experience the joy and excitement that comes with reading and storytelling. These activities have helped build a strong culture of literacy that will continue to benefit our students for years to come.

In addition to academic growth, we have remained committed to supporting student well-being and physical development. Our students enthusiastically participated in activities such as Jump Rope for Heart, the Terry Fox Run, and our Track and Field Days. Our team sports programs in volleyball and basketball provided opportunities for teamwork, sportsmanship, and fun. A highlight of the year was the much-anticipated Grade 6/7 Basketball game against staff. Congratulations to the students on their exciting victory!

This year also saw a record number of recess clubs, offering something for everyone. From Chess Club, Drama, and Floor Hockey to Crochet, Crafts, Dungeons & Dragons, and Quiet Club, these opportunities allowed students to explore new interests, build friendships, and feel connected within our school community.

None of these successes would be possible without the dedication and commitment of our incredible staff, the ongoing support of our parents and families, and the enthusiasm and effort of our amazing students. Thank you all for making our school such a vibrant and caring place to learn and grow.

As we head into the summer months, we wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming you back in the fall for another exciting year of learning.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

Marie and Shelly



**Congratulations to our Grade 7 Grads!**

**We wish you all the best when you all go to GISS! We will miss you so much! Here are some photos of the graduation ceremony this morning with the grads, their teachers Natalie Bienias and Meghan Montgomery and Marie and Shelly**





**Mr. Reid's Grade 5/6 School Sleepover and Camp Out to  
Reginald Hill and Ruckle Park**



# Air Band

Students in Grades 6 and 7 put on a great show at an Air Band performance Wednesday. Kids rocked out to Michael Jackson, Eurythmics, Avril Lavigne, Men at Work, Spin Doctors and more!





## Baking Bread in Ms Michaux's K-1 Class

The students harvested garlic from the garden and hand churned cream into fresh butter and then they made three types of bread – cinnamon raisin, cheese and chive and delicious plain (with garlic butter!). Thank you Sarah, Jackson's mom, Victor, Elisa's Dad and Tyler, Dad to Fable! It was a fun activity!







Save the Date

**SD64 PRIDE**

Let's come together to celebrate inclusion, diversity, and belonging in our community!

The Pride Parade will take place on **Sunday, 19 July**. There will be a **Pride Festival July 16-19**.

# SD64 PRIDE



**Save the Date!**

## **Join Us in the Salt Spring Pride Parade!**

All SD64 staff, students, families and partner groups are warmly invited to unite in celebration and support of the 2SLGBTQI+ community by participating in the Salt Spring Pride Parade on **Sunday, July 19. Yes – the Pride Parade will be in July this year, so mark your calendars.**

There will be a **Pride Festival July 16-19**. More details to come.

**Walk with pride behind the SD64 banner** and show your colours! Wear your brightest pride gear and help us demonstrate our collective commitment to inclusion, diversity, and love.

**Questions?** Contact Marie Mullen, [mmullen@sd64.org](mailto:mmullen@sd64.org)

**We hope to see you there!**





**Dates Looking Ahead:**

Monday – Thursday, August 24, 25, 26, 27 School Office Open

Tuesday, September 8 First Day of School (half day – dismissed at noon)

Friday, September 11 Friday School Day

*Have a wonderful*  
**SUMMER!**





Salt Spring  
Tennis Association  
2026

# SUMMER TENNIS CAMPS

**KIDS!** Learn to play tennis and play BETTER tennis with professional coach MUKUL.

**PARENTS!** Mukul is highly qualified.

Check out his credentials.



**Fun afternoon  
tennis camps each  
week all summer**

To register email:  
[coaching@saltspringtennis.ca](mailto:coaching@saltspringtennis.ca)

## Open to youth

7-10 yrs  
(1:00pm - 2:30pm)

11 yrs & up  
(2:30pm - 4:00pm)

## Cost

\$160/pp/week

## Weeks

July 06 - July 10

July 13 - July 17

July 20 - July 25

July 27 - July 31

August 3 - August 7

August 10 - August 14

August 17 - August 21

August 24 - August 28

# SUMMER LEARN TO ROW

## SALT SPRING ISLAND ROWING CLUB



### THE SCHEDULE

Half-Day Camps (8:00 am-12:30 pm)

- July 13 - 16
- July 27-30
- August 10-13

Times: Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 12:30 PM

Weekend Course

- July 24-26
- July 27-30
- August 7-9

Times: Friday 5:00-7:00 pm,  
Saturday 7:30-9:30 am and Sunday  
7:30-9:30 am

### Description

In these classes, participants will learn the basics of rowing, sweeping, and coastal. Expect lots of fun on the water!

### Register Now! or learn more!



@ssirowing



<https://www.saltspringrowing.ca/>





### **Summer D&D Program with Clay Dawson**

There has been a Dungeons and Dragons club running on Wednesdays at lunch at Fernwood this year. This summer, Teacher Clay Dawson will be running a summer program.

Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) is a cooperative storytelling game. Players roleplay fantasy characters in a team that allow them to improvise, explore, and express in a safe, fun environment. Gameplay emphasizes teamwork with their fellow players, problem solving the challenges placed in front of them, and leadership in improvising and facilitating a group environment.

This program will run a single session per week for 2-3 hours in the morning or the afternoon during July and August. The campaign that players will participate in is a pre-made module called the Lost Mine of Phandelver. In this story, characters seek to discover the secrets of a mine long-closed. As they play, they discover the potential secrets of the mine as well as a nefarious plot to race the characters to the treasure.

If you are interested please contact me at [clayfsdawson@gmail.com](mailto:clayfsdawson@gmail.com) or 902-223-3900

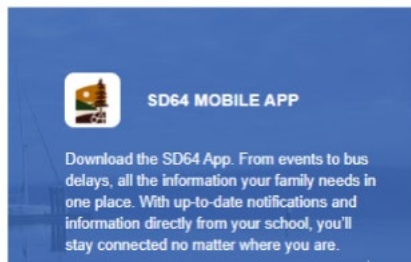
‘For the love of growth and adventure.’

~ Clay Dawson

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**SD64 MOBILE APP**



The Province of BC has a 'no cell phone' policy in elementary schools.



**THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME YOU DO TO SCAN YOUR RECEIPT!**

**COUNTRY GROCER HAS ISSUED THE SCHOOL \$1600 THAT WE CAN DISTRIBUTE TO THE 10 CLASSES – IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED AND ITS WORKING! THE SCHOOL NUMBER IS: #114**

**Thank you to everyone who chooses to donate to Fernwood Elementary School through the Country Grocer Save-a-Tape program. We appreciate the time it takes to scan your receipt! Funds are used to subsidize field trips and purchase classroom and learning services supplies.**

***The Fernwood Elementary School number on their scanning kiosk is #114.***