



Walking Together in the warm land of the Cowichan Valley

Mill Bay Nature School

Q'shintul newsletter Mid NOV 2020



We acknowledge that for thousands of years the Malahat, Lake Cowichan, Quw'utsun, Halalt, Penelakut, Stzuminus, & Lyackson Peoples have walked gently on the unceded territories where we now live, work, learn, and play. We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here, one based in honour and respect, and we thank them for their hospitality.

★★One hour early dismissal on Wednesday★★

Barn Raising

Many many thanks to the families and staff who showed up on Saturday to raise the outdoor classrooms. Also, a HUGE thank you to the Robinson Family for providing leadership, guidance, and a delicious chilli lunch with homemade buns. Living in a place with so much liquid sunshine - amazing for the Cedar Trees, but very cold for wee bodies - we will greatly appreciate the shelters. *Now ... onto the challenge of solar lighting!*

MBNS School Photos

You should have received an email from Tanya about the school photographs which were taken by Anders Stewart. Because this was a trial year - to see if Anders could recover his costs through the photos ordered and to see how the ordering system worked - please consider purchasing digital downloads or photographs so we can have him work with us again next year. If you have any challenges with accessing the images or ordering, please contact Kim - kondrik@sd79.bc.ca

Crazy Hair Week!

Thanks to Leanna, we are going to have CRAZY HAIR WEEK **this week** - every day! Feel free to wild up your 'do' for one or every day ... or not participate at all. *Sounds like fun!*

PAC - lost & found/silent auction/children's shopping bazaar/learning

- The PAC organized **Lost and Found** is looking for a sturdy dresser or sturdy clothing rack for our growing collection of clothing items.
- The **PAC Silent Auction** is still accepting items. Please bring to the NEST. *All contributions are very welcome.*



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Until next time,
Q'shintul (Walking Together),
Kim

P.S. We have been noticing that many children have been especially motivated to socialize and freplay with their friends. We imagine this is because of the increasing COVID restrictions, and so from time to time we may provide more supervised opportunities for freplay if we believe it's necessary to the children's/some children's well being. With this in mind, if your child is having a birthday, we are willing to open our firepit and field for an afterschool celebration (with school friends only - adults would need to wear masks). *A small donation to PAC projects at MBNS would be a lovely exchange.* Here's to responding to emerging needs in this pandemic.