



Mill Bay Nature School Weekly Newsletter

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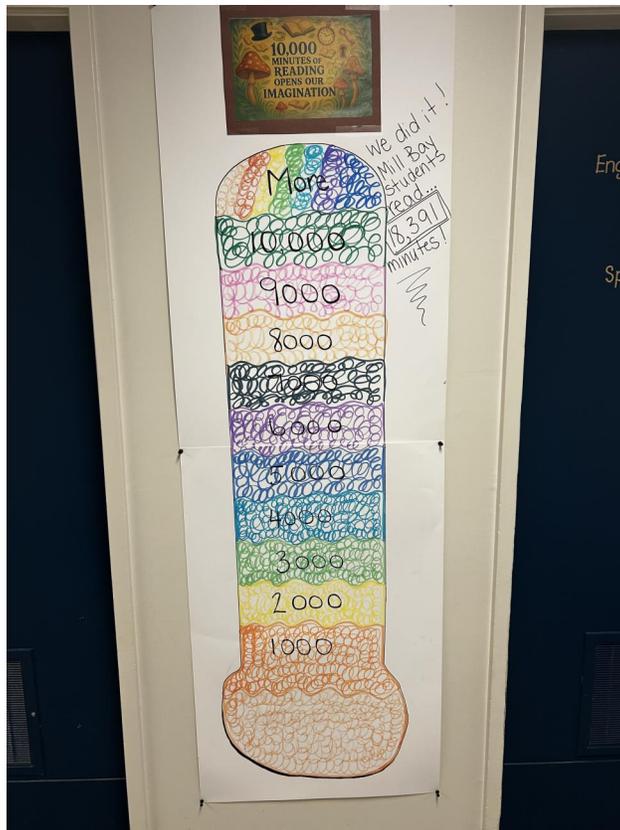
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Read-a-thon Results





We did it! Our school community, staff, students and families read and practiced literacy for 18,391 minutes for the month of February AND we raised over 800.00 for new books for the Library. Thank you to our PAC who will treat our students to a treat day next Friday for all their hard work and thank you to families who took the time to log all the home reading hours as well as donate to our school library. WELL DONE!

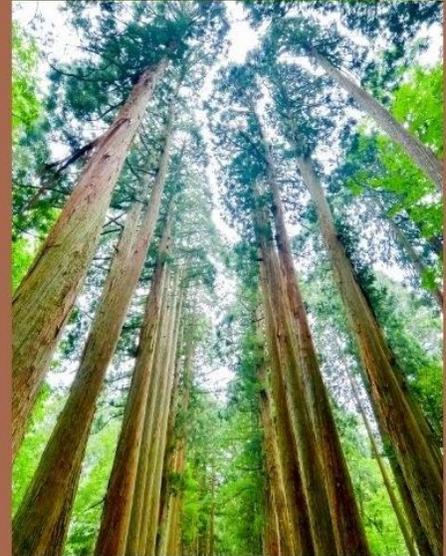
New Logo for our school community

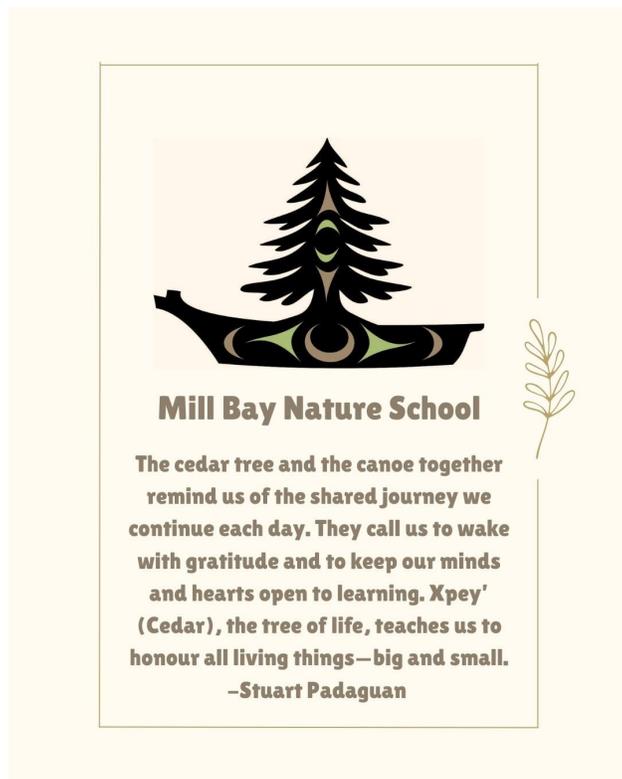
NATURE SCHOOL VALUES

C.E.D.A.R. VALUES

Here at Mill Bay Nature School, we practice being like a **C.E.D.A.R.** tree, embracing values that foster a strong and supportive community. Our focus is on nurturing **Community**, cultivating **Empathy**, celebrating **Diversity**, ensuring **Accountability**, and showing **Respect** for one another and the environment. Together, we grow and thrive in harmony with nature.

Join us in our journey of growth and learning!





Did you know that over the past year we have been working hard to build our Mill Bay school community. A little bit of what we have created so far:

Our logo is a cedar tree and we use this as a reminder of the power of the natural world and how we can learn and care for the land we live on. In our Code of Conduct, which can be found on our school website we practice and celebrate the 5 values of being a CEDAR: Community, Empathy, Diversity, Accountability and Respect. The students have been a part of monthly assemblies that highlight these values and then work each day to weave them into our school community.

We reached out to Stuart Padaguan, the artist who painted the beautiful mural on the front of our school and asked him if he would be interested in creating a new logo for our school community. Stuart was happy to create a logo, in fact he took our CEDAR values and created 4 different images for our students to discuss and choose from. Below is the winner of the 4 images that were presented. The students were thoughtful in their decisions and we are happy to reveal this beautiful image that we will start using in September 2026 as our school logo. We will also continue to use our current logo for spirit wear, alongside the new logo that Stuart has created for us.

Safety Drills

Did you know that each year our school practices emergency safety drills with our staff and students to help prepare for any emergency situations that may arise. These drills are planned each year with our site based health and safety team and practiced throughout the year. Each year we practice:

3 earthquake drills

2 lockdown drills

and 6 fire drills.

We have completed 3 Fire drills since September, 2 earthquake drills and 1 lockdown drill. We will be completing our second lockdown drill next week on Wednesday, March 11 and the rest of the fire drills April-June. If you have any questions regarding these drills please reach out to the office at anytime.

PAC



Thank you to everyone who added their voice to the name change survey. The superintendent brought the feedback back to Board of Education meeting that was held on Tuesday. They extend their gratitude for taking the time to give your feedback. They will be moving into next steps and will communicate with our community in the coming months about a decision.

Important Dates



March 13: Last Day of School before Spring Break

March 16-27: Spring Break

March 30: First Day back after Spring Break

April 2: 1-hour early dismissal

April 3: Good Friday (School not in session)

April 6: Easter Monday (School not in session)

April 13: Non-Instructional Day (School's not in session)

April 17: Fire Drill

April 22: 2-hour early dismissal

May 1: Pro D day (School not in session)

May 4: Fire Drill

May 13: 2-hour early dismissal

May 18: Victoria Day (School not in session)

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<https://natureschool.sd79.bc.ca/>

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