# Crystal View News

March 17, 2022



## Principal's Message

It has been a wonderful three weeks at Crystal View. The students, staff and community have been very welcoming, and I have learned so much about why Crystal View is such a special school. I look forward to the next few months and hope to get the chance to meet more of our families. If you get the chance, please stop and say hello. I am outside most days before and after school and am always available by phone or email – <a href="mailto:dsagodi@sd62.bc.ca">dsagodi@sd62.bc.ca</a>.

Report Cards were distributed on March 16<sup>th</sup> and it was encouraging to read about all the great learning and progress the students have made this term. The students have clearly been engaged in their learning and should be proud of their learning gains. I encourage parents to continue to spend time at home reading with their students, playing card and board games, and having discussions about what is being taught in class. Teachers have included in the report cards other, student specific, suggestions to support learning at home.

Public health orders continue to evolve. When we return to school after spring break it will be a personal choice whether students and staff wear masks. We understand that each person's decision is an individual one and we will continue to support all members of the Crystal View Community in making the choice that works bests for their situation.

I hope everyone enjoys a restful, fun Spring Break!! Enjoy the holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone back at the beginning of April.

Ms. Sagodi

## **Bottle Drive**









Thank-you to the teachers, parents, and students who organized, volunteered and supported the March 12<sup>th</sup> bottle drive. The funds raised will help support year end activities for our graduating class.

## **Provincial Award Winner**



Xyrene from Division 4 placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the province in the Legion's Remembrance Day poster contest. She after placing first in our zone and she competed against more than 100 student finalists from around the province! An incredible achievement! We are so proud!



## **Morning Play Returns!**



After Spring Break we will be opening up the swings, black top, and playground for morning play. Students are welcome to play until the morning bell at 8:40. Supervision will be provided from 8:25 to the bell. The fields, tetherball and gaga ball will not be open in the mornings.

# Important Dates

#### Friday, March 18th

- Last day before spring break Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>
  - First day back from Spring Break
  - Virtual Book Fair begins
  - Hot Lunch Boston Pizza

#### Thursday, April 7th

- Early Dismissal 11:38
- Student Learning Conferences

#### Friday, April 8th

Pro-D day - no school

## Monday, April 11th

Hot Lunch -White Spot

#### Tuesday, April 12th

- Dunsmuir Grade 5 Presentations
- PAC meeting

#### Thursday, April 14th

Book Fair ends

#### Friday, April 15th

Good Friday, no school

#### Monday, April 18th

• Easter Monday, no school

### Wednesday, April 20th

• Fire Drill

## Friday, April 29th

• Hot Lunch - Subway



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All the plants and trees are opening up their hands again and the moon meets their welcome. All of nature is blooming. At this time the Brant Geese are dried. The Earth renews its strength.

CONNECTIONS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

April derives it name from the Latin word "Aprilis", the Roman goddess Aphrodite and the Greek word "to open". It should be noted that most countries in the Northern Hemisphere celebrate the arrival of Spring. At this time of year, the trees open their leaves in welcome, just as the Saanich People open their hands to show thanks.

## **COVID Rapid Tests**

We have several families who have not picked up their tests. Please contact Ms. Roberts at the office to arrange for pick-up

#### **Lost and Found**

Our lost and found is overflowing!! Many of the items have been at the school for weeks. Items not picked up before Spring Break will be donated.









