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This has been a strange school year! Our year-end picnics, Camp Imadene, and the Eco-Adventure trip were truly missed but we are grateful our efforts to curb the spread of COVID 19 seem to have been worth the effort. On behalf of the PIE staff, I would like to wish all of you arrivederci, because that translates to 'until we see each other again'. For many of you, we are looking forward to seeing you again in September. For those of you that will be heading off to other schools or adventures, we'll miss you and we wish you all the very best!



Announcements

- ⇒ Third term report cards will be sent out by **Friday, June 26th**.
- ⇒ The last day of this term was **Thursday, June 25th**, and the first day back for the **2020-2021 school year** will be **Tuesday, September 8th**. Teachers will respond to emails and phone calls sent during the summer, as soon as possible, once they are back in their offices. Both Don Fairbairn and Stephanie Hall will be available periodically through the summer for questions or concerns.
- ⇒ For students planning to continue through the summer, your work will be marked by your teacher in late September or early October, once SLPs have been signed and work samples collected.
- ⇒ **Interaction Days/Activity Surveys** - Teachers have already begun planning some of next year's Interaction Day events. We don't yet know what this will look like as we will need to continue to follow the Public Health Officers' orders. Final plans will be made once we know what we're able to provide. Activity Surveys will be sent out in September in the hope that we can proceed with some in-person events.



Online Resources

FAQ: <http://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/pie/faq/Pages/default.aspx>

Resources: <http://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/pie/Students/Pages/default.aspx>

Staff Info: <http://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/pie/StaffInfo/Pages/Default.aspx>

PIE PAC: <http://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/pie/pac/Pages/default.aspx>

The PIE Handbook: <http://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/pie/About/handbook/Pages/default.aspx>

New Parent Info: <http://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/pie/About/handbook/newparent/Pages/default.aspx>

Roles: <http://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/pie/About/handbook/roles/Pages/default.aspx>

SLPs: <http://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/pie/Pages/publications.aspx>

Newsletters: <http://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/pie/Pages/publications.aspx>

Curriculum Packages: <http://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/pie/Pages/publications.aspx>

PIE Info

Motto:

Where life and learning meet

Vision:

PIE supports students and parents to develop and carry out an educational program that meets provincial learning standards. Educational programs utilize paper and electronic resources, but also incorporate the experiences of the families, in order to realize the unique possibilities open to every student.

Design statements:

In the PIE program, we strive to:

- build supportive, respectful, trustworthy relationships with all members of our community, both in person and online;
- collaboratively develop individualized learning programs for every child and family that acknowledge, reflect and celebrate unique interests, passions, quirks, goals and abilities;
- be flexible in all aspects of our shared educational experiences.

PIE Code of Conduct

During public outings it is expected that:

- ◆ Parents are responsible for their children's behaviour.
- ◆ Students stay within sight of parents and/or teachers.
- ◆ Students behave respectfully and care for fellow students and for those around them.
- ◆ Audience members listen quietly to speakers and/or teachers during presentations as well as when instructions are being given.

PIE Showcase



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On Friday, June 19th, Karen, Stella and Sophie joined 120 participants across B.C. to celebrate National INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY virtually, through an event called, 'Drum Across B.C.' The event was produced by the Ministry of Education, Indigenous Education and BC school districts, and was a combination of drum teachings from Knowledge Keepers and song sharing from Indigenous drum groups across the province.

It was interesting to learn more about how sacred the drum is to Indigenous Peoples. Drums made from smaller animals have a higher pitch than those made from larger animals, and the circular shape of the drum represents Mother Earth and the cosmos. The first drum beat of a song is said to call ancestors to the event, and the singers usually drum their ancestors home at the end of a song because they don't like to stay in our world for too long! Stella and Sophie were surprised to learn that drums are fed four times each year; twice at solstice and twice at equinox. A dish of food is placed beside the drum and the spirit of the drum is nourished. Every drum is a spiritual being and is cherished and respected.

Karen, Stella and Sophie felt very welcomed at the event, as each speaker referred to participants as relatives. The girls had hoped to learn traditional drum rhythms and songs, but the nature of the event was less participatory and more performance-oriented. It was wonderful to hear from the Director of Indigenous Education, Kaleb Child, and to hear students, teachers and administrators perform traditional songs from across B.C..

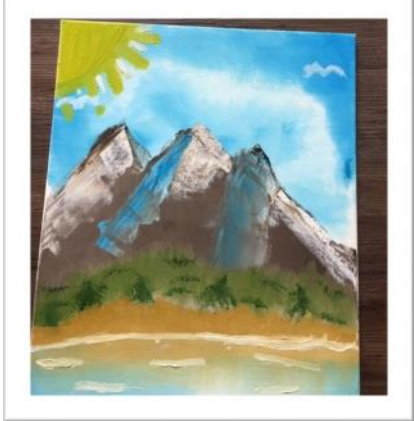
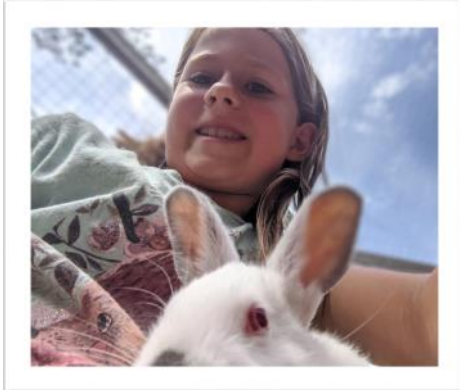
The main message of the day was that we are all united, and we can all be resilient during this pandemic, like our Indigenous relatives have been throughout history. Next year, the group is planning a 'Drum Across Canada' event, so let your PIE teacher know if you'd like to be included, and we'll do our best to keep you posted!



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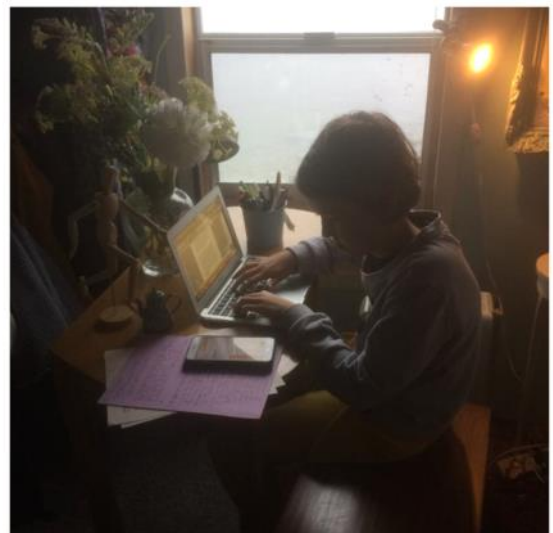
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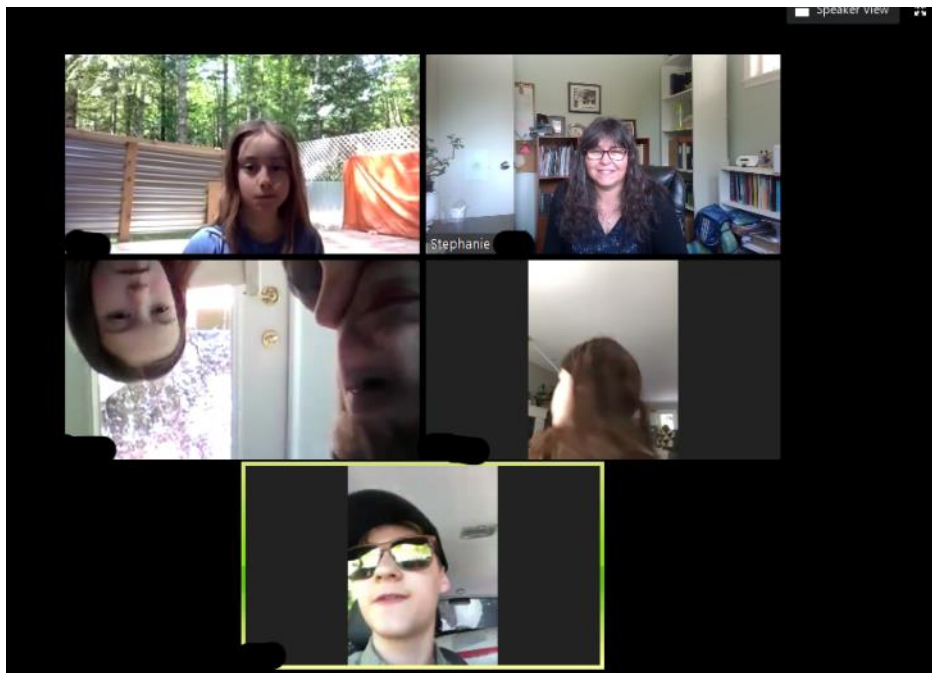
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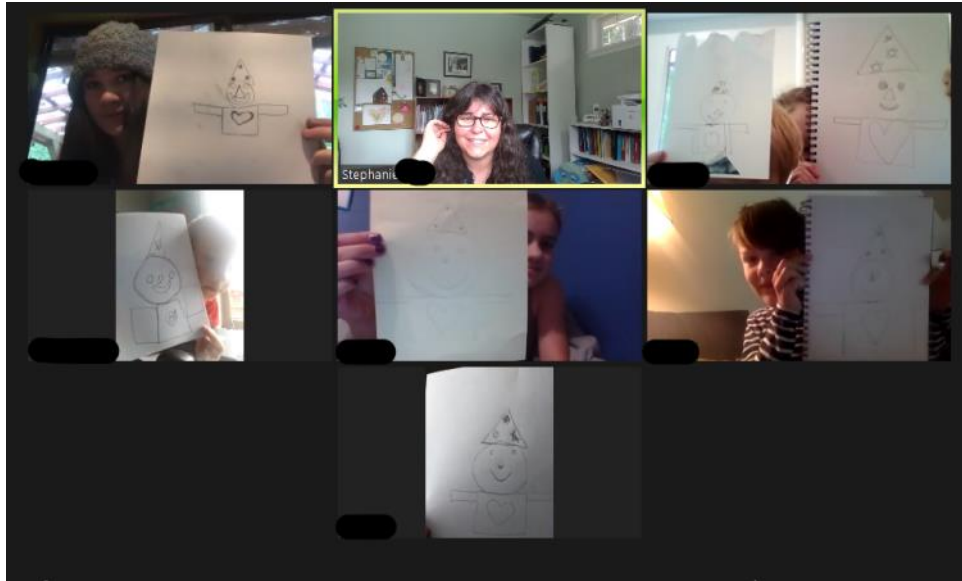
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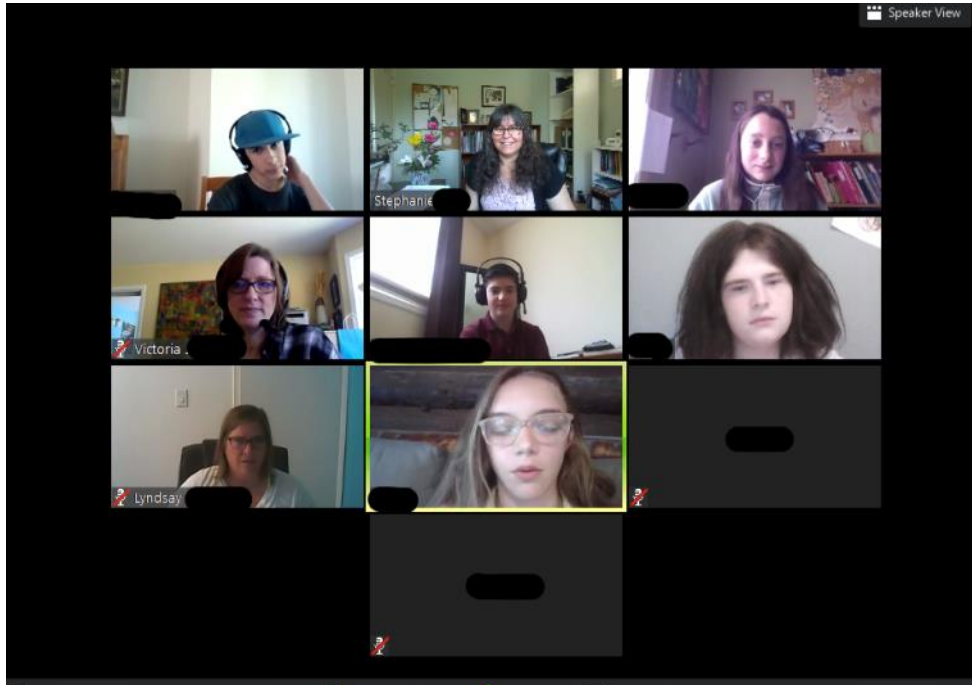
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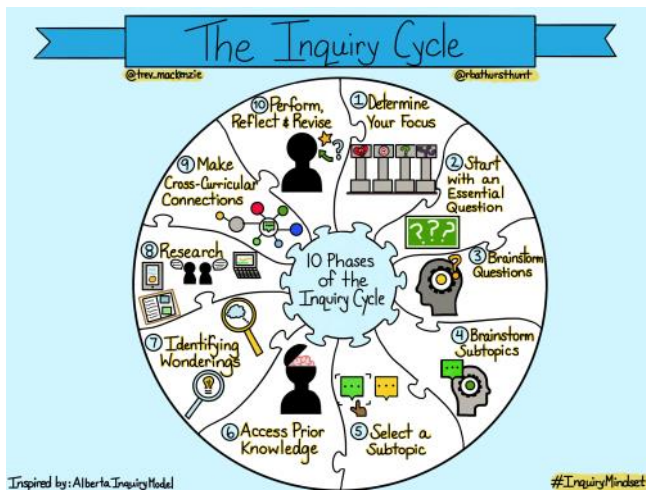
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