

A Slice of Pie

Where Life and Learning Meet

Summer 2022

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We Made It! ☆☆☆

Through thick and thin - including amazing achievements by our students, soul-affirming moments for parents and staff, as well as a pandemic and Ministry changes to Online Learning in BC - we are still around and planning for the future. We are not exactly sure what becoming a Provincial Online Learning School will entail, but we are all ready to do our best to meet any new requirements. We will give all of you as much notice as possible regarding any changes as we are made aware of them, but we are not expecting any major changes at this time. Thanks again for your support, patience and understanding over the last few years.

Wishing our fantastic students, their outstanding families and our devoted PIE staff a well-deserved break over the holidays!

Sincerely,

Don and Stephanie



Important info 🗣️

- Third term report cards will be sent out by **Thursday, June 30th**. The last day of this term will be **Wednesday, June 29th**, and the first day back for the 2022-2023 school year will be **Tuesday, September 6th**.
- 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 intermittently through the summer for questions or concerns.
- For students planning to continue through the summer, your work will be assessed by your teacher in late September or early October, once SLPs have been signed and work samples collected for new and returning students.
- **Interaction Days/Support Zone** - Teachers have already begun planning some of next year's Interaction Day events. If you have suggestions for activities you'd like to see offered, please let your family's teacher know.



WHAT DID WE GET UP TO IN TERM 3?

☆ **PIE Superstars** ☆

These PIE students were busy learning at home and outdoors. Check out what they got up to in Term 3. 📷 📸



Learners, Explorers, Creators

Top left: Gavriel on his BMX riding fast, Bella exploring a neighbourhood park, Phillip showcasing his latest creation.

Bottom Left: Gavin showing off his newest Study Set book, blended learners working together to solve a STEM challenge, Ava wearing her ADST 8 and Art 8 medieval-inspired dress!

Go go go, Carson!

Grade 7 student, Carson, enjoys experimenting with chemistry in his garage, completing STEAM challenges, and pushing the limits on the bouldering course.



Congratulations, Ava! 🎉



2022 Victoria Foundation Loran Provincial Award

Out of over 5,100 applicants, Ava was granted a **Loran Provincial Award**. Ava was selected based on evidence of character, service, and leadership. We commend Ava's commitment to these values and wish her continued success.

<https://loranscholar.ca/>

ADST Market Stand Project Being Put to Good Use! 💰

Entrepreneurs Abbey and Kate stock the market stand (they designed, built and decorated last year) with a variety goods throughout the year.

"My sister and I have a market stall on our street that we share. We make things to sell

Halloween, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Valentine's Day and Christmas. We also sell eggs, peaches, plums, apples and bean sprouts. This summer we made over \$100 each!!



ARTS, CRAFTS, AND PUZZLES OH MY! 🧩



Glass Art

Siblings Phillip and Rose attended a glass art workshop and made these beautiful pieces of art.



Bird's Nest Building

Students used recycled and found materials to build bird's nests at one of our interaction days.

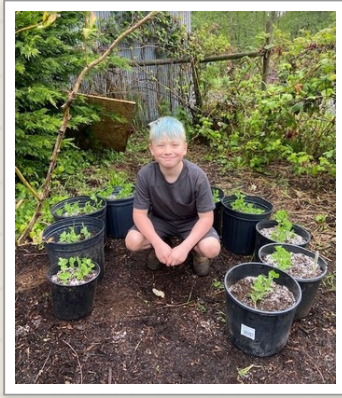


Anime Art

Marc loves to draw anime art and he sure is great at it!

Busy in the Backyard! 🌿

There's no shortage of activity in Kyle's backyard! He is very proud of his garden and chickens.



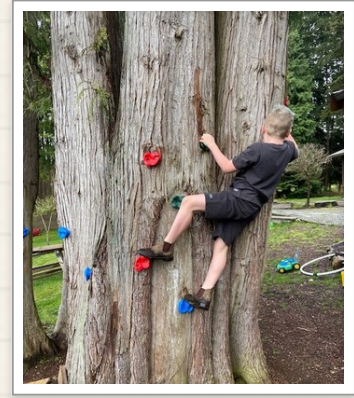
Pea Teepee.

The peas will grow up a pyramid of stakes and form a teepee where Kye and his siblings can go inside to eat peas!



Laying eggs in a tree.

Kye is proudly showing one of his many chickens. This particular chicken likes to lay her eggs in the tree.



Practice makes perfect.

Kye even has his own climbing 'wall'!

INTERACTION DAYS GALORE! 📖



Working hard and having fun! 📖

Students worked hard from home, at Support Zone, with their tutors, and even in small groups this term. Below, a group of K-3 learners are listening intently to a story with Jody, while older students focus in Support Zone with Vicky.



Water Keepers 🍷

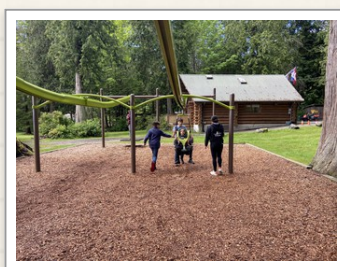
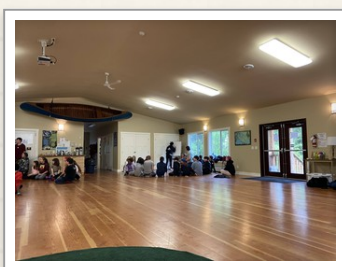
On May 17th Water Keepers spent the first part of the day on land, building connections with the Comox Lake Watershed and each other; then they set off in the two big canoes! The canoes were lashed together, so the entire class paddled as one big group while they shared stories, had discussions, and participated in some fun activities.



Eco-Adventure 2022 🌿

Students from the Comox Valley travelled with Alyssa to meet up with Powell River students to attend the return of the Eco-Adventure program at the beginning of June. This program is provided to Grade 7 students in the Powell River school district. Students in the Coast Mountain Academy Program provide the year-end camps as their final project. In a fantastic circle of events, the first time I met Alyssa, she was a CMA student providing the camp for our

students. We slept in tents back then! PIE, Alyssa, the CMA program and the Outdoor Learning Centre have all come a long way since those early days.



Indigenous Cedar Weaving 🌲

Guest presenters Gail and Sosan Blaney led an Interaction Day event where younger students learned about the importance of cedar in relation to traditional Tla'amin knowledge and about the techniques to use the different parts of the tree. Younger students used cedar to make bracelets and older students used cedar to make heart mats.

čəčəhaθəč qʷaləp tin tʰokʷ. (*I thank you all for coming today*).

To learn more phrases and words in the language of the Sliammon people, [click here](#).

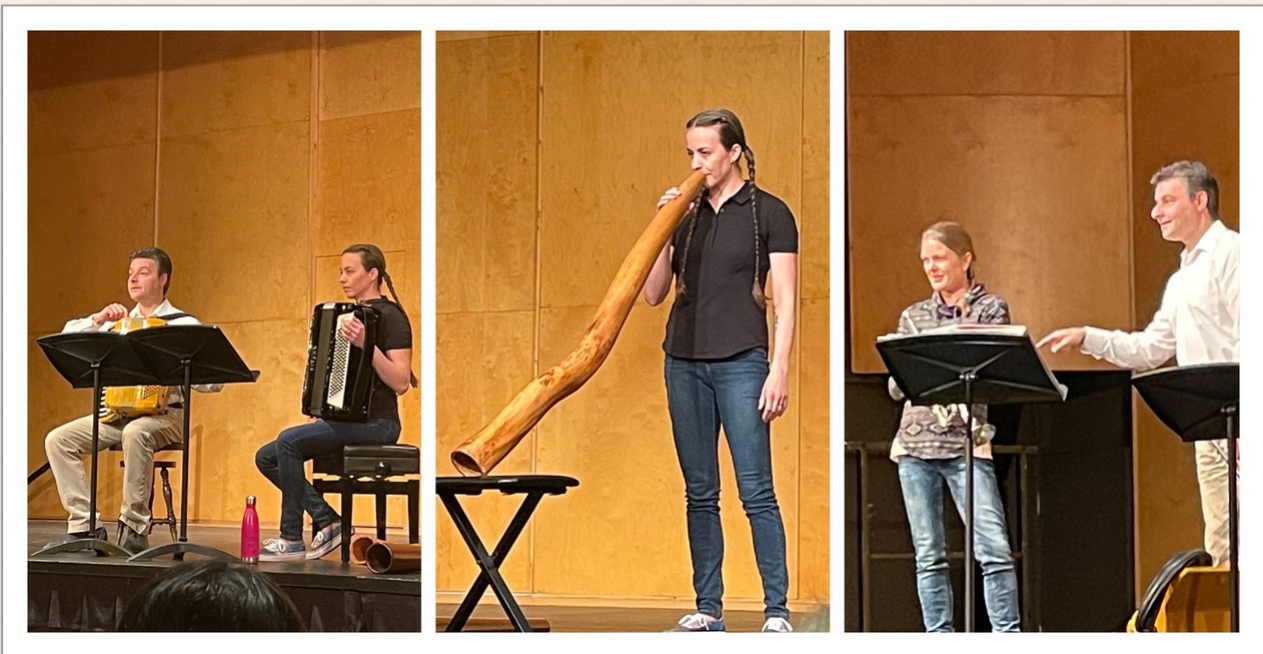
TRADITIONAL *cedar weaving*



Teaching children about the natural world should be treated as one of the most important events in their lives. ~ Thomas Berry

Music 🎵

In June, Powell River PIE families were treated to a special music performance at the Music Academy. Director Walter Martella played alongside two other musicians! 🎵



Bevan Park Walk

Island students discovered some cool trails at Bevan Park. I spy with my little eye, a PIE student. Can you spy Oliver? 👁️🗨️



Indoor Games Interaction Day 🎮

Rainy weather didn't stop these students from having fun indoors!



Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere. – Chinese Proverb



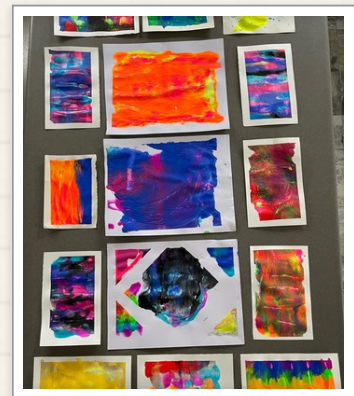
Full STEAM Ahead!

Blended learning students worked together to solve a STEAM challenge.



Outdoor Learning

Nature provides the perfect environment for learning.



Vibrant Art

These gorgeous paintings are the results of a Zoom Gratitude and Guided Art Interaction Day event.

Comox Valley Bike Club 🚲

Students and teachers met up 8 times in early spring to explore local trails on their bikes!

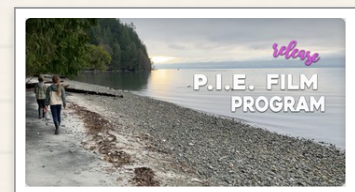


Bike Club: Spring Break Pause



PIE Film Program 🎬

The **PIE Film Program** was an online workshop that brought together students from the [Partners in Education](#) program across BC, to produce short video poems that explore local issues and personal stories.



<https://reelyouth.ca/pie-films-2022.html>

Year-End fun and games!



Summer
time

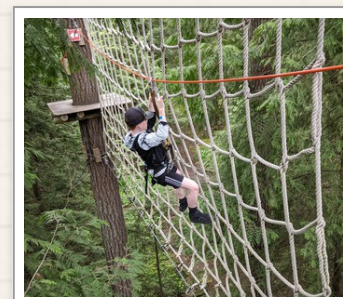


WildPlay Elements Park

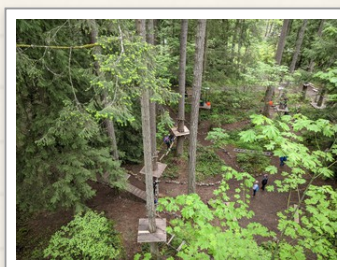
Students embraced their wild sides at **WildPlay Elements Park**:

<https://www.wildplay.com/>

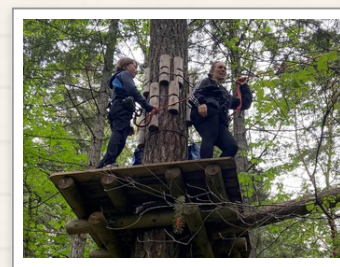
“Children deserve to grow and learn in a place and alongside a force that is as wild and alive as they are.” - Nicolette Sowder



At the beginning
of a course.



View from the top.



Heather leading
the way.

PIE GRAD 2022 🍄



CONGRATULATIONS!

2022 PARTNERS IN EDUCATION GRADS!



CALENDAR HEADS-UP 📅

Dates for Your Calendar

June 30: Report cards go home 📧

Sept 6: First day of school 📅



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Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. – Malcolm X

