

*"Celebrating Our Diversity As Learners"*

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## COOK COUGARS

June 4, 2021



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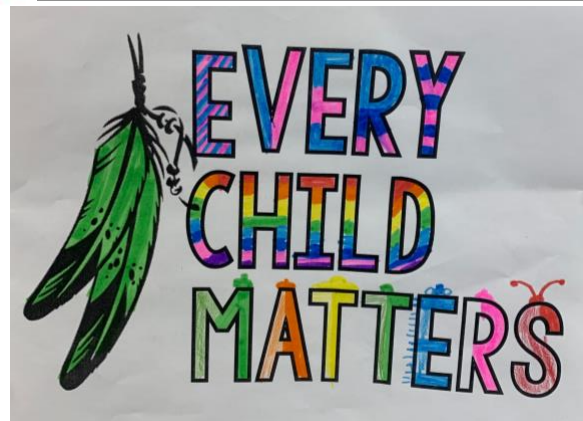
## NEWSLETTER

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### *Attention Cook Families!*

We are looking for some families to help out with the Cook School Garden over the summer. Duties include planting, tending, harvesting and watering the garden for a week or two. There will also be opportunities to work with representatives from the Richmond Food Security Society's Kids in the Garden program. They are planning to have cooking demonstrations, storybook reading or art activities once a week. Please contact Ms. Latu ([clatu@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:clatu@sd38.bc.ca)), Mrs. Verkade ([lverkade@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:lverkade@sd38.bc.ca)) or the Cook School office ([604-668-6454](tel:604-668-6454)) if you would be interested in helping out in the Cook School Garden this summer. Thank you for your support!



The devastating news of the remains of 215 children found at the Tk'emlúps (Kamloops) Indian Residential School in British Columbia is reflective of Canada's cruel and gruesome history that lingers.

At the request of Kukpi7 (Chief) Rosanne Casimir of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation the colour orange is being worn to remember the lost children, as well as flags are being lowered across the nation to honour them.

While these actions show visible support and solidarity, rectifying cultural genocide cannot be evoked without action. Reparations for the children lost to residential schools, and survivors, are ongoing.



### **Grade 7 Farewell**

We will be celebrating the end of our Grade 7 students' elementary education and the beginning of their secondary school experience on June 23 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Our Grade 7s will also have a small celebration (students only) in their pod earlier that day.

At Cook, we are encouraging wearing orange, and on Thursday June 3 our staff had a silent walk “in” to honour the victims and the families of the children. Teachers are educating their students about the history of residential schools.



## Important Dates and INFORMATION



- June is Pride month
- June 11 – All library books returned
- June 20 – Father’s Day
- June 21 – National Indigenous People’s Day
- June 23 – Grade 7 Farewell Celebration (During school hours)
- June 23 – Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony (5:30pm via Zoom)
- June 25 – Report cards home
- June 29 – Last day for students



### Notice of Late Return for September, 2021

Parents are reminded that they must fill out a Notice of Late Return form along with a letter explaining the extended absence, if their child(ren) will be returning to school later than noon on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Students must return to the school by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in order to continue their enrollment at Cook Elementary School.

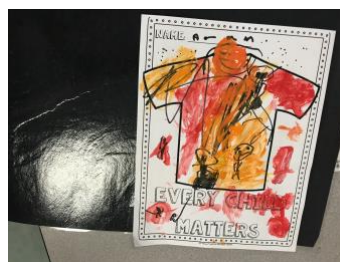
The “Notice of Late Return” form is attached in this email and will also be available on the school website if needed. **Please ensure you complete one of these forms and write a letter to the principal by June 25, 2021, if this situation applies to you and your family.**

Thank you for your assistance in keeping us informed!

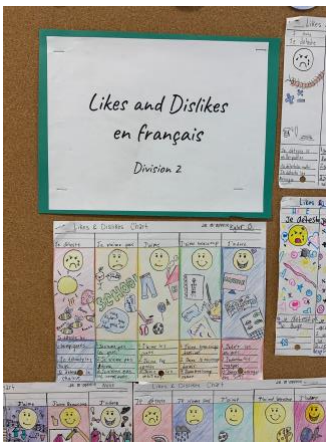
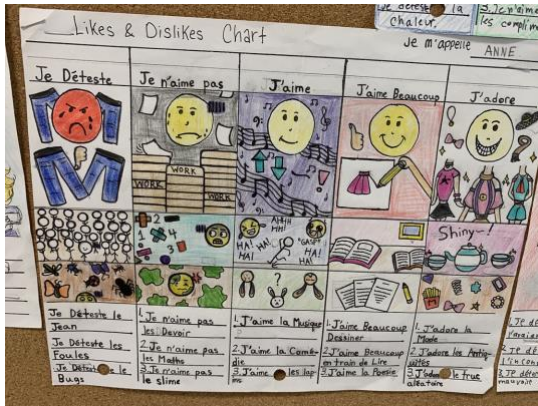
### Take a look at students’ learning this month



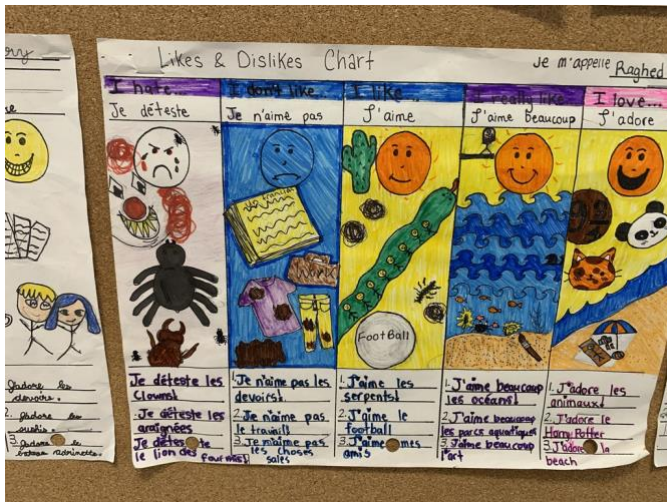
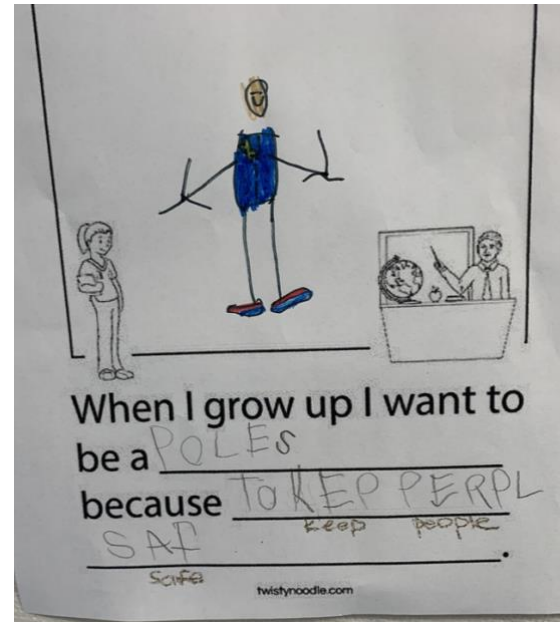
Ms. Miran’s Division 20 Kindergarten class investigated shades of orange and created orange shirts in support of our indigenous children.



Ms. Dewji's Division 2, Grade 6/7 class expressed their likes and dislikes en français!



Ms. Yuen's Division 22 Kindergarten drew and wrote about what they might be when they grow up (great to see teachers were a popular choice!)





### FAREWELLS



At the end of this school year we will be saying good-bye and best wishes to the following staff members:

- Ms. Benedet
- Ms. Dewji
- Ms. Lau
- Ms. Matter
- Ms. Musil
- Mr. Tsang
- Ms. Uhrig
- Ms. Bullock
- Ms. Beeksma
- Ms. Ma
- Ms. Tsai
- Mr. Nguyen
- Ms. Tennant

Mrs. Kusch will be Principal of Quilchena Elementary

**These staff members have been integral to a successful year that has been extremely challenging. We are very lucky to have had them as Cook Cougars!**

# Hello & welcome

**Welcome Back!**

**In September 2021, we will have the following teachers returning to Cook:**

**Ms. Rubio**

**Ms. Jimenez**

**Ms. Tam**

**Mr. Chan – Mr. Chan will be our new Vice Principal; he is joining us from Hamilton Elementary**

**We look forward to working with these returning staff members!**



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- June 2** – Martin (Div. 1)
- June 3** – Mia (Div. 23), Nelson (Div. 13)
- June 4** – Gwendoline (Div. 19), Louie (Div. 2)
- June 5** – Chuyu (Div. 19), Peggie (Div. 22)
- June 6** – William (Div. 20)
- June 7** – Abrielle Kayceedi (Div. 18), Robbie (Div. 9), Alice (Div. 20)
- June 8** – Riku (Div. 1)
- June 9** – Emily (Div. 20)
- June 12** – Elizabeth (Div. 13), Maggie (Div. 1), Sora (Div. 8)
- June 13** – Ellaine (Div. 14), Havees (Div. 18)
- June 14** – Chloe (Div. 17)
- June 16** – Yvonne (Div. 5), Charley (Div. 4)
- June 17** – Brandon (Div. 19), Yuki (Div. 18), Leanne (Div. 6)
- June 20** – Azra (Div. 20), Saarthak (Div. 12)
- June 21** – Ethan (Div. 7)
- June 24** – Mahan (Div. 10)
- June 25** – Filip (Div. 7)
- June 26** – Antonio (Div. 10), Emir (Div. 22)
- June 27** – Jensen (Div. 2), Kingsley (Div. 17)
- June 29** – Adora (Div. 11), Eason (Div. 13)