

Spul'u'kwuks News

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From the Office

It is hard to believe we are near the end of our second term. Report cards are being distributed and our last day is Thursday, March 29. Friday, March 30 is the first day of our month break. We return on Monday, April 30. Whether you are travelling or enjoying a "staycation" we hope you will have a happy and healthy break. We encourage our students to read, participate in one of the many camps that are offered during April and enjoy the time off. Creative play can be enriching and leads to time to think and imagine. Play is important for all of us. Watch this clip from an interview with Jack Ma, the founder of Alibaba, talking about education:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQCF3PtAaSq>

Staff Updates: Edith Lau, a part-time resource teacher, is leaving us on a maternity leave. We wish her all the best. Eileen Buhr, will be picking up her teaching load as well as continuing part-time in the library. We also welcome, Antonio Dizon, as our new afternoon custodian.

PAC Corner

Our Ks in Div. 17 were just one class that was very happy to receive some games for their classroom for rainy days. These games were purchased with funds from our PAC. The card they wrote is hanging on our weekly calendar board in the front foyer. And thanks to PAC for sponsoring Circus Arts last week. As you can see from the comments in the sidebar, the students learned a lot about life from Sand Northrup.



What did you learn from Circus Arts/ Student Reflections:

"If you want to do something hard, you have to practice." Garreth, Div. 11

"Never give up." Juliana, Div. 11

"Practice makes perfect." Saoirse, Div. 11

"Concentrating and listening helps you understand the instructions and helps you focus more." Marcus, Div. 5

"Concentrate, always do your best, don't give up and don't worry about what your friends think." Lily, Melinda and Cheryl

Student Writing: Sand Northup Interview by Bo Xi and Lisa of Div. 3

Q: What set you on the path or what inspired you to perform in the circus?

A: Living in Quebec and watching street performers, it occurred to me that “Wow! I could do that too”. I was previously a journalist, and had never known that there was a job like that. I was intrigued and decided to take a risk and try something new.

Q: What role do you take part in in the circus?

A: Usually people perform their most practiced skill, in my case, my specialties are Uni-cycling and Juggling when I work in a big circus. I also have my own circus which enables me to do any tricks my heart desires.

Q: What challenges and obstacles did you face?

A: It’s hard for me to be consistent in my juggling, to make it “show-ready” (ready to be presented). It was also difficult for me to decide whether to work alone or to work in a big circus company with other people.

Q: Have you ever faced adversity during your career?

A: At the beginning, it was very hard for me to make money in the circus. I had to take up other jobs in order to have enough money to support myself.

Q: How often do you go to schools and teach students?

A: I teach around 10,000 kids a year meaning more than 150 schools.

Q: Have you ever had to advocate for yourself and your career?

A: All the time. When working in the circus, I basically had to “sell myself” as the product. I had to convince people that I would be responsible and ensure the students’ safety, in order for them to hire me.

Q: Have you ever had regrets on being a part of a circus?

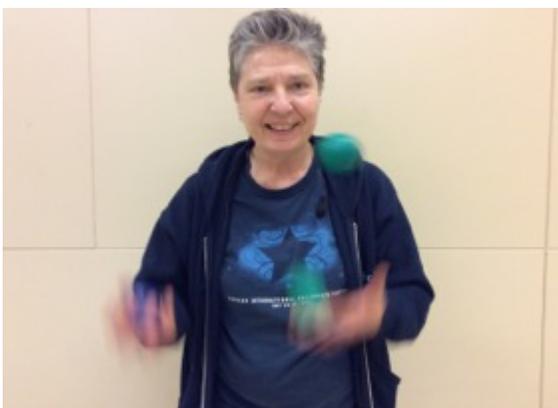
A: It gets tiring and challenging sometimes, but I have never regretted my decision to join the circus. “I think I have the best job in the world.”

Q: What advice would you give to people who are interested in this career?

A: Don’t give up, keep trying and keep focusing. Remember that you will get better with persistence and practice, for practice makes perfect.

Q: What is your most practiced skill and do you mind showing us?

A: My most practiced skill is a 6ft (2 metre) Unicycle flame juggling trick. Unfortunately I can’t show you girls because I will never put students in danger, but I will show you some smaller skills.



Spring Is

Poem by Colin in Div. 5

I lay silently on the dew filled ground.

I looked up to the sun lit sky and saw birds flying round with pride.

I pondered with despair and thought why?

Did they enjoy it? My thoughts were pushed away by a keen breeze of wind and an ear piercing sound. A deafening plane soared through the air above me and the sounds were followed by the smell of gasoline. Oh, I hate that smell.

The smell passed and the only sound I heard was my breathing. I slowly sat up and looked around. I saw purple flowers moving in the wind, a large tree that stood higher than the rest and a big rock that sat longingly for a friend. I stood up, stretched my legs, scratched my hair, then left.

Spring Is

Poem by Kailie in Div. 5

Soft cozy clouds, floating across the crystal clear sky.

The warmth of the sun hugging me with energy.

Green bright plants growing along the beautiful river.

Birds tweeting along the tree branches eyeing for food.

Feeling the cool comfy wind brushing my hair lightly.

Flowers blooming joyfully in the moisturized brown dirt.

The bumblebees buzzing around longing for the soft, sticky syrup.

Animals waking up from the long sleepy hibernation.

The crocus, iris, lavender and lilac. All those outstanding flowers!

Eagles, snow geese, hawks soaring across the bright blue sky.

The starry night sky swirling with shining stars.

People lying in the warm, tall grass joyfully playing.

The crystal-like raindrops falling down from the sapphire sky

Ancient Monuments Project on Stonehenge by Leo of Div. 3

A ring of stones marks the sport of Southbury, England. This monument was built 5000 years ago and was passed through three civilizations. Archaeologists are still struggling to uncover the secret of this great feat of engineering. By studying Stonehenge, we know that the ancient civilizations that built it were religious and spiritual. Cremated remains were found under the base of these rocks, laid under a layer of soil, the place was considered a sacred landscape. People were moved from the Durrington Wall Village in Salisbury Plain, as it symbolizes the journey from birth to death. Remains of feasts were also uncovered. From these discoveries, we know that Stonehenge could be a place of worship and a burial site. Ceremonies could once be held around these rocks and that these people had respect for the dead.

Upcoming Events

April 30	School Opens for Third Term
May 2	Track Attack Starts for grades 3-7. Be ready to run
May 9	Performance: Flying Bob 9am
May 11	Movie Night: Coco. Doors open at 6 pm
May 18	Pro-D Day. No School for Students
May 21	Victoria Day Holiday. No school
May 24	Track Meet at Minoru for grades 4-7

High Performance Basketball Camps for Gr. 4 – 7 Students

The Vancouver Knights, in partnership with the Huskies, are offering high performance basketball camps during our April break. There are 3 sessions:

- April 10, 12 & 13 = \$180 (family discount: 2nd child is \$100)
- April 17, 19 & 20 = \$180 (family discount: 2nd child is \$100)
- April 24 & 26 = \$120 (family discount: 2nd child is \$70)

Package deal for all 3 weeks: \$400 (family discount: 2nd child is \$250)

Time is 11:00 am – 2:00 pm (they may go outside for an extra hour if weather is nice)
For registration email child's name, age, weeks interested, and parent contact info to:

VancouverHuskiesBasketball@gmail.com or call 778-917-5212

(see the attached flyer for more info about the camps)

School Photos



Div. 7 Students' Spring Art



Victoria and Anoushka coding in Div. 6