

# Griffin Gazette

Peek at the Week – June 22-25



## Principal's Message

We made it! Thank you to staff, students, and all of the families for making our year end celebration on Wednesday so memorable! We loved being able to cheer and celebrate each of our grade 7 students individually. It was a different way to cap off a VERY different year. The scene as each student walked in to be celebrated by all of the adults who have supported them with their learning through elementary and then to be cheered on as they continue on to high school was very touching.

Congratulations to our Neilson Grove Award winner: **Molly O'Brien**. Her leadership and contributions to the school and community throughout her years here exemplified her strong work ethic and commitment to make the world a better place. Whether it was organizing a fundraiser, playing on the basketball team, or helping out in the office, she was able to work hard and also always make sure everyone had fun!



Please enjoy our **Gr 7 Class of 2020** slideshow on our YouTube Channel:

[https://youtu.be/m3Uyfnb-l\\_8](https://youtu.be/m3Uyfnb-l_8)

Katie Kynaston did a fabulous job of the headshots for our Grade 7 slideshow yet again! If you are interested in ordering the photo package (including one 8x10" print and 5 digital photos for \$20), please contact her directly at: [knorcross04@gmail.com](mailto:knorcross04@gmail.com)



**Mon - Wed, June 22-24** - ESW childcare will be available. Please contact Mrs. Palmer [dpalmer@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:dpalmer@deltasd.bc.ca) if you have a student in your family that requires care this week.

If your child has not been back to the school already, we do encourage you to schedule a time to see their teacher and to re-enter the building at least once to reduce any anxiety they may have with regards to schools being safe spaces. We can also schedule final drop-offs (instruments, library books, Chromebooks, team shirts, or other classroom materials), arrange pick-ups (school supplies, shoes, clothing left at school), or individual heartfelt farewells to our staff (from a distance). Our year-end slideshow will be released online on June 24<sup>th</sup> as our **Final Farewell** (thank you Mrs. Reid for organizing the slideshow!) **Report cards will be online on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

## A few more farewells

Our staff will be in the building all next week to wrap up final reports and to plan as much as possible for September. June is a tough month with so many goodbyes. Before we turn the page to Summer, we are saying bittersweet farewells to quite a few of the wonderful educators in our midst. Debbie Schofield and Joan Canil will be retiring this chapter of their lives and moving on to new adventures after very successful careers as teachers. Many of their best memories were made here at Neilson Grove. Mrs. Schofield has been here since the school opened in 2000 and Mrs. Canil joined NG in 2008. Heather Hawthorne is heading off to meet her new students at Gray Elementary in September, and will be dearly missed. We hope to see Sam Lee and Angela Zylmans again next year as TTOCs, however they will each be an asset at any school they land in. Claire Hanbury was having so much fun here as our CYCW, she is off to UBC to work on her teaching degree in September. We hope that we will see her back in the near future! Sherry Squarebriggs is off to Holly Elementary to help support their students as an EA. Luckily, Holly is close by so don't forget to visit! Nikita Bhatti Avdic will be working as a District Psychologist at several schools and they are all lucky to have her knowledge and skill.

If you have a story to share about any of our staff, we welcome your input as we plan our farewell gathering. Please email [amonk@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:amonk@deltasd.bc.ca) and we will include the special anecdotes in the speeches.



Mrs. Schofield & Mrs. Canil

A promotional graphic for the BC Summer Reading Club 2020. The background is dark blue with white stars. On the left, there is a red and white alien spaceship with a dog and a cat inside. The text 'EXPLORE our UNIVERSE' is written in large, stylized letters. Below it, 'BC SUMMER READING CLUB 2020' is written in smaller letters. In the top right corner, there is a yellow starburst that says 'sign-up starts in JUNE!'. At the bottom, there is a white banner with the text: 'Get a reading record, enter prize draws, participate in online activities, see amazing virtual performers and earn a medal! Visit [www.fvrl.ca](http://www.fvrl.ca) to register.' The logo for Fraser Valley Regional Library (FVRL) is in the bottom right corner.

## Summer Pottery @home

**COST: \$65 for 1 participant, \$130 for 2, Family rate of \$150 for 3 participants**

**Please contact Venetia Inglis for more information: 604 649-4051 email: [venetia.inglis@gmail.com](mailto:venetia.inglis@gmail.com)**

*Summer pottery at home might even be more fun now, than at school! The bright side is your child can have a quality non-screen activity to enjoy, and can take the whole summer to perfect each creation during this flexible 8 week summer program!*

*Pottery instruction for each project will arrive by email each Monday, ready for you to engage in according to your own schedule! Learn to sculpt sea stars, or maybe a bunny shaped veggie marker for your carrots! Other projects will include lemonade pitchers, pinch pot salsa bowls, a kitchen tile and sandcastle or mermaid shaped tea candle holder. It's up to you!*

*Or, perhaps you would like to use your clay to create a whimsical wind chime instead! Instruction for this project provided on request. Perfect for parents who would like to participate!*

**Your child's/family's package will include enough portions of clay divided up for the 6 weekly pottery projects and an offering of 6 colours of glaze per participant. This program is 8 sessions; two of which cover glazing techniques.**

**Supplies will be ready to take home on Wednesday June 24th from 2:30-3:30 outside the office. The first Youtube video instruction link will be sent home Monday July 6th; all projects to be completed by September 8th.**

*You will need to have on hand a recycled yogurt or sour cream container with lid, toothpicks or chopsticks, rolling pin, paper towels/newspaper or even a tea towel for working on. It's also a good idea to have an old cloth for wiping hands just to keep tidy while working with clay. At the end of the 8 weeks you'll be dropping off your creations for firing, getting them in time for a back to school celebration with your new salsa bowls!*