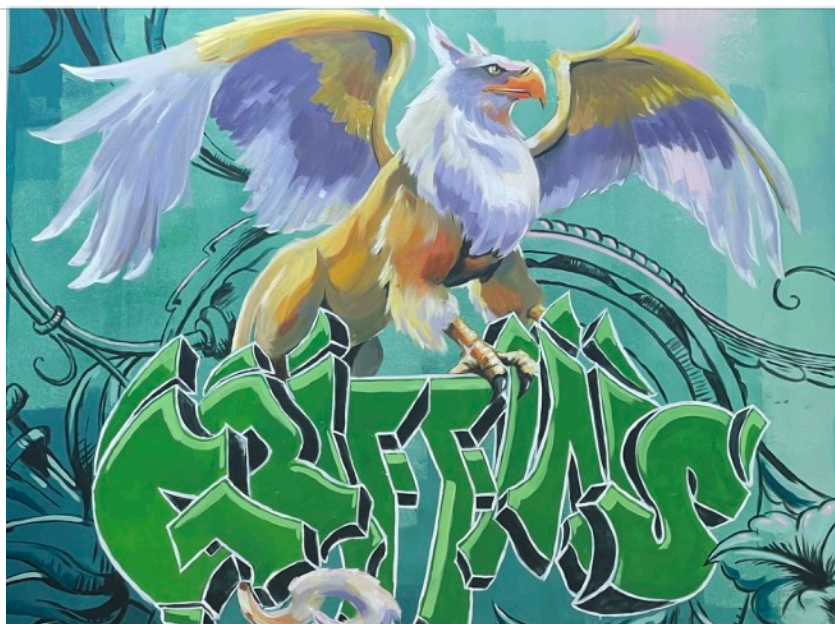


# Neilson Grove News



## Message From the Principal

After months of work, our redesigned Code of Conduct will be revealed in my Sunday email, next week! I want to thank the staff, the PAC Executive, the Diversity Committee Parents- Nindi, Nav, Bonnie, Jigna, Devdutt, Raj, and Rosey and the Student Council for all of your work. Without your insight, willingness to share your perspectives, to dig into challenges we can face in our school community, this redesign would not be as meaningful.

To give you a little sneak peek, I'll share that we are going to be moving away from calling it a code of conduct, likely landing on something like *Guidelines* or *Principles*. It will be made up of some powerful statements that we'll use to talk about the way we-Neilson Grove- believe(s) we should all be governing ourselves.

It's worth noting that every school in the Delta School District operates under the District's code of conduct, which includes a great deal of specific regarding conduct expectations. This gives us the opportunity to design our guidelines specific to our school community's needs, values, and context.

### Important Dates

**April 2-** First Day Back & Learn2Ride Program for Grades 3, 4 & 5

**April 3-** Learn2Ride Program for Grades 3, 4 & 5

**April 5-** BC Lions Assembly & Hot Lunch

**April 16-** PAC Meeting 6:30-8:00

**April 22-** Hot Lunch

**April 23-** World Book Day

**April 26-** Gr.6 Immunizations

**May 6-** Hot Lunch

**May 7-** Regional Track Meet @ SDSS

**May 10-** Track Alternate Day

**May 14-** District Track Meet

**May 15 -Spring Fair**

**May 17-** School is Closed

**May 20-** Victoria Day Stat Holiday

**May 23-** Class Photos

**May 24-** Hot Lunch & Kindergarten Welcome

**May 28-** PAC AGM 6:30-8:00

**June 7-** Last Hot Lunch

**June 14-** Sports Day

**June 25-** Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony

**June 26 -** Yearend Slideshow

**June 27 -** Last Day of School- Students Dismissed at 10:30



## Green Team & Gardening

Thanks once again to Ms. Oakley and the Green Team Members, Neilson Grove is ready for Spring Planting.

Ms Oakley and Green Team Members, Minnie and Alisha built a new box for growing potatoes, and with the help from retired Hawthorne teacher,

Suzanne, every class will be involved in the growing season this year.

We want to send a very special thank you to Parent, Neil Thomas, from Northern Building Supply Ltd., who donated all of the supplies to build this new potato box. He

even cut the lumber for us **and** delivered it to the school. Thank you!



## Learn 2 Ride Program

On Tuesday and Wednesday, there will be a 2-session Safe Cycling program for students in grades 3, 4 & 5. HUB Cycling offers this program for free to run in schools. The program instructors are Bike Right certified and are highly trained to teach fun and safe cycling. See the program in action in our video [here](#), and by visiting [www.bikehub.ca/learn2ride](http://www.bikehub.ca/learn2ride)



## BC Lions in the House!

We're excited to have two BC Lion players coming to Neilson Grove on Friday, April 5th! They'll be talking with the students about how we can all do our part to help environment.

This should be a fun and interactive time for everyone. Families are welcome to join us in the gym. The assembly starts at 9:40.



## World Book Day

**April 23rd is World Book Day and we'll be celebrating throughout the day to help bring a love of books and reading into kids lives. We know it's going to be a great day to share some of our favourite books, and maybe even have some of the amazing story tellers we know come and share a story. Please stay tuned for more details coming very soon.**



We are looking for more volunteers who can help with the weekly milk program that the PAC runs. If you have a bit of time and could help, please contact the office and we'll connect you.

# Safer Schools Virtual Presentation

Safer Schools is offering two virtual parent & caregiver sessions on navigating social media with your kids. There are two possible sessions April 10th and 16th, from 6:30 to 7:30.

## Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities

*“Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/ Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. (60 minute session)*

*This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sexortion.*

*Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.”*

Please follow [this link](#) for more information.

## Playground Update

As I’m sure you’ve seen, the primary playground has started to transform. The District removed the old monkey bars and have topped up the bark mulch. Thanks to all of you, and especially to last year’s and this year’s PAC, so far we’ve raised \$22,000 to replace the original primary playground structure. We need to raise at least another \$10,000 to meet our target, which we’re hoping to do with the money we raise at this year’s Spring Fair.

Over the break, three playground structure companies met with District personnel to look at the space where the new structure will go and begin their design plans.

The new structure is expected to be installed and ready to go in the fall.



## Track & Field

Once again, it’s Track season for students in grades 4-to-7. Practices will start very soon, with many of the staff taking on the various coaching roles. Please watch for practice schedules, information, and permissions to participate in the regional track meet, which is on May 7th, at the North Delta Secondary track (details will be sent home closer to the date.)

We’ll also be bringing back **Fun Fridays** this year. For Fun Fridays, we set up stations around the school grounds with the different track events for **all students** to try. Primary students rotate through the stations from 1:00 to 2:00 and Intermediate Students from 2:00 to 3:00. This is a great way for students to learn about the different events and have some fun.



**Ms. Drinnan will also be running the Primary Kilometer club throughout the month of May. If you’re new to Neilson Grove, stay tuned for information coming home closer to May.**

## Office at Lunch

Until further notice, intermediate students won’t be doing office monitoring at lunch. Our apologies, but this means that I may not be able to answer phones between 12:05 and 1:00. You will still be able to leave messages during that time. It would be greatly appreciated, if you need to pick your child up for an appointment or activity that you try to do this before 12:05.

I will update you on when this might change.