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Newsletter

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LEARNING ALTERNATIVES

The School Newsletter will also be available to students and parents on-line on the Learning Alternatives website.
If you do not have access to a computer, there will be paper copies available at either school sites for you or your child to pick up.

PRINCIPAL COMMENTS:

Dear Parents and Guardians,
During the month of May, I had the honour to witness some of the richest learning of the entire school year. We had the chance to break bread together, celebrate together and learn from the land together. As educators, all staff reflected on our practice and the voice of students and families to help plan for the future.

Our staff realize that we can never provide a one-size fit all model to support all students, so we take pride in getting to know our students and personalize their learning. We have learned a lot from this past school year, but will always put feeling a sense of belonging into everything that we do. The relationships that we have with our students, families and community are what is most important. They must always be built with a foundation of trust. This past month we strengthened our relationships through innovative learning opportunities.

In just one week, we learned together from the stories of residents at Guthrie Therapeutic Community in Nanaimo Correctional Centre, we provided our graduating students with a three day trip to Horny Island to unplug and engage in Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Centre, and finally, we hosted over 200 people for the official unveiling of our beautifully carved school sign at the Woodlands site. The next week, we celebrated all our Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools graduates of indigenous ancestry. It fills my heart with pride to announce

that Learning Alternatives graduated more students of indigenous ancestry than any other secondary school in the district. The next day we all hiked Mount Benson as a school together.



Please know that I can always be reached by email at bhancock@sd68.bc.ca to help answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,
Brett Hancock

IMPORTANT DATES

June 4	PAC @ Barsby in room 124 @5pm
June 5	Staff Meeting @ Barsby room 124
June 7	Softball and BBQ
June 10	Grad Rehearsal @ 10am @ Barsby
June 11	Graduation Day (No School)
June 13	Mount Benson Hike
June 20	Last Day of Classes
June 24	English 12 Provincial Exam
June 25	Numeracy Assessment
June 26	Communications 12 Provincial Exam
June 28	Last Day for Teachers

INDIGENOUS GRADUATION

We as a staff set goals for ourselves and for our students. One goal we both shared was to graduate more students of indigenous ancestry than any other school. It felt incredible to accomplish this feat. We raise our hands to all the graduates and their families and say hay ce:p qa for paddling alongside us as we learned together.



PAC

Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) support a wide range of educational opportunities for Learning Alternatives students. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend meetings. Please know that no commitment is required. We hope to see you at our final meeting of the school year on Tuesday, June 4 at 5:00pm in room 124 at John Barsby Secondary School. This is a great chance to ask any

questions that you may have about the school, graduation, educational plans, etc.



LEARNING STUDIO 2.0

Our Intro to Trades (ITT) class are putting the final changes on one of most incredible project based learning opportunities ever! The district has not officially announced which lucky school will receive this beautiful learning space, but one thing that we do know, is that this old portable has been given new life. Our ITT students and staff, and all Learning Alternatives programs take great pride and purpose in showing our core values of generosity and community responsibility. Here is a before and after photo to show their hard work.

BEFORE



AFTER

