

Shannon Lake Elementary

“Reaching New Heights” Community Connection

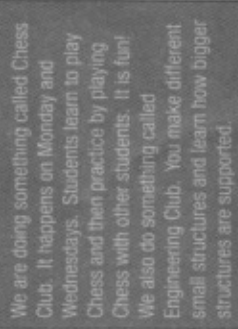
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Braag Boards

By Saldia G., Piper C., Kianna R. and Rylee S. - Grade 3

We are students from Shannon Lake Elementary and we present our Braag Boards every Tuesday. Every week we look forward to learning more information about our classmates. When you present your Braag Board, you want to be confident. Some students use cue-cards to help them remember what to say. They start from when you were born up until present day. We get to keep our Braag Boards in our class for one week. Mrs. Sproule marks us kids on how we present it and on how creative it is. After you talk to the class, people ask deep thinking questions. What a great way to get to know one another!



Clubs at SLE

By Ezra V., Lila D. and Camryn G. Grade 1



Drawing Club

By Julian A. Grade 3

Mrs. Foster teaches the primary Drawing Club. She started it so kids could do something when it's cold outside and so they could be better at drawing when they grow up. She teaches us not to be scared of art. She also set up this program so kids could meet other kids from other classes. We use books to get ideas and have many supplies to use too. Grade one, two and three students are able to go at lunchtime. You can draw what you want on a piece of paper. It is every Wednesday and you are allowed working with friends. I really like it because I love drawing!



Our School Garden

By Jordan S. and Brooke M. Grade 2

Last year the grade two's in Mrs. Foster's class got \$1000 from BC Hydro and \$8000 from the Okanagan Water Basin Board, which would be given to us in stages. They used the money



Heritage Fair

Mrs. Sproule's and Ms. Marsich's grade 3's are presenting their Heritage Fair Posters. Here is Callex P. highlighting Holland, Kianna R. emphasizing Serbia and Piper C. who's focusing on Korea. Mya G. (grade 3) is demonstrating the Fancy Shawl Dance at our recent assembly.



Enthusiasm in Journaling

By Makenna T. and Carys G. Grade 4

Shannon Lake School is proud to say that Mrs. Malone's class uses sketch books that we call our Journaling Books. Our teacher first got the idea from a school she worked at in Calgary. It is a fun way to learn different subjects in an art-like way. We do them all the time and add to pages. The paper is thick so we can paint or use makers and pastels. We try to make it fun but not too colorful on work pages because it will detract from the work and purpose. Mrs. Malone is trying to get all the intermediate classes to do journaling too. We use all kinds of tools from the SLE Art room. Mrs. Mendes, our class CEA, is a part-time artist and helps the teacher design these stunning Art pages. We do pages on Math and Writing. We recently did a page on measurement and drew pictures so we will remember. It is all about memorizing the information. We hope that we can enjoy journaling all of our elementary years. It helps kids that are struggling with memory. It really helps because it allows us to learn so much more. It has helped us be better students. We even learned to draw better and it helps us with planning. I love school more with journaling. The whole class lets out a cheer of joy when it is time to draw!



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Did you know that Shannon Lake Elementary school has the best music teacher ever? Her name is Mrs. Skillbeck and she loves choir so much that on a scale of one to five her choice is a six. Her favorite choir song is "I have to Sing", which, by the way, will be sung by her intermediate choir for our Choir Connections. The intermediate choir has been working hard to perfect it. Wait a minute... you don't know what Choir Connections is, do you? Well, it's where different choirs from different schools come together to sing, talk and learn. Pretty cool right? Mrs. Skillbeck has been teaching choir since 2009 and has loved it ever since! Not surprisingly, no one was against having a choir. In fact, everyone was super excited! Everyone loves Mrs. Skillbeck and she loves us too.

Choir



By Eve A. and Paisley M.
Grade 4

By Khalida B., Brooklynn W. and Amber H.
Grade 3 and Grade 5 students

Our Music Teacher

Mrs. Skillbeck is our music teacher at Shannon Lake Elementary. She has been teaching at our school for 15 years and plays 8 instruments. Her favourite one is the piano. She says that she learns something new every day! She invited Angela and Steve from Barefoot Caravan to help show the school how to drum. Students learned songs, music, dance and rhythm from other countries. It was a great experience!

Hey Kids... this is about a science experiment... a really fun science experiment! Just use your imagination. Every time people do science, they use their imagination. Most people like science because you can use different kinds of objects like carrots or snow, rocks and all kinds of things. We built snowmen and they looked awesome but the next day we came back to school and they were melted into a liquid. Over the weekend the liquid started to turn into gas. There was a little bit more water left so we put it in a bucket and placed it in the freezer to freeze overnight. The next day, even the bucket was frozen. It was really cool because everything was so cold! We learned that water can be in many different states...liquid, gas and even a solid!



A Day in the Life of a Vice-Principal

By Calli
Grade 5

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Grade 2

to buy motion tap sensors for some bathrooms, create and plant a garden for fruit and vegetables. They also started a pollinator garden and an interpretive trail.

Now my class got the next \$2000 from the OWBB. We harvested carrots, tomatoes, potatoes, squash and many more things. Then we sold the vegetables and got money. I sold lots of vegetables.

The next thing we did was we made a front bank with our big buddies. My job was to weed the ground. It turned out nice with the shrubs and plants we planted. We planted a front garden so our school looked more beautiful.

In November, we planted six trees. Three were on one side of the field and three were on the other side. Two trees are Ash and one tree is an Oak tree. I would like to plant more stuff in the garden next time.

This Spring, we hope to receive the final \$4000 from the OWBB to finish the vegetable garden and interpretive trail and get an outdoor classroom.

I hope more bees come when we grow more plants and flowers.

Battle of the books is, obviously, something with books. But that's not all! People from grades three and up come every Thursday, and sometimes Monday in battle of the books; the people who come take out a book that is reserved for the people that are in the club. After you have read your book you get a sheet and you answer some questions about the book you read. The reason they make you do the sheets is because they will help you remember what is in the book. Once you have read all the books on the shelf, there will be some questioning and possibly a reread of the ending. A few weeks into the club the people in the club do small quizzes to see who knows the answers. Then, a few of the people in the club get to go on a small field trip. There are some adults that host the battle of the books at a school. They ask you a few questions and whoever has the most correct answers, wins!

Battle of the Books

By Olivia G.
Grade 4



Snowman Experiment

By Chloe W., Natalie F. and London H.
Grade 2