



GILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG

We are looking forward to the sunny days of spring. Please keep the school informed if Spring "changes" are a problem for your child(ren): grass allergies, bee stings, pollen or other allergies.

CHOIR FESTIVAL

Just a quick reminder to let you know the choir will be performing at ADSS this evening at 7p.m. All choir students are expected to arrive at 6:45 p.m. The choir sounds delightful! Well done, Mrs. Wick!

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART - postponed

Jump Rope for Heart will be postponed until May 15th. The warmer days will make the event a fun afternoon!

EGG DROP CHALLENGE

All students had the opportunity to participate in the egg drop challenge held last Thursday. The staff was very impressed with the creativity students displayed with their containers. We look forward to doing this event next year with even more participants.

MONDAY APRIL 20th - PRO DAY There is no school in session.

POTLATCH- Athletic Hall - April 24th - 10a.m - 2:15p.m.

Preparation for the Potlatch is going very well. Thank you to all the parents that have volunteered to assist either before or during the Potlatch. All parents are welcome to attend and take part in this fabulous cultural experience.

The primary students will be attending the Potlatch for the morning and returning to school for lunch and the remainder of the day.

Intermediate students will be performing throughout the day. Lunch will be provided for all intermediate students and guests.

FOOD DAY- April 30th

Pre-order forms have gone home with the students and must be returned to Gill School by **Thursday, April 23rd**.

EARTH DAY

On **Earth Day**, April 22nd, we invite parents and community members to join our school, along with many other schools in the district, to participate in a **Water Walk** to **raise awareness of the importance of clean safe water to drink**. Students will experience, first hand, the situation facing millions of children and youth throughout the world who walk for several hours each day carrying water for their families. Unfortunately over 1 billion people throughout the world do not have access to clean drinking water and many children and youth must walk as far as 20 km daily, carrying up to 20 litres of water.



On April 22, a few classes from Gill School will be participating in the Water Walk Relay. Grade 7 students from A.W. Neill School will bring water from Kitsuksis Creek to Gill School where participating classes will receive filled water containers. Our students will travel along the Run for Fun route and return to the school where the water will be used to water our garden.

Think Spring!

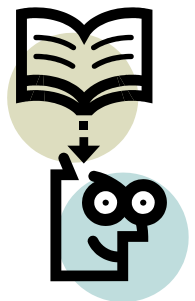
D. Olson, Principal

J. Kruks, Vice Principal



BOOK PRIZE WINNERS

Return this slip to the office by Wednesday, April 22th for a chance to win a book prize.



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Student(s)