

**School will be closed on Friday, May 21st for professional development
and May 24th for Victoria Day**



May is Walk and Wheel Month

Fantastic Second Week of Walk and Wheel to School Month

It has been another great week of active travel at SJD. Many thanks to the 40 plus volunteers who helped with the School Street and bike/scooter/backpack decorating. Also, a shout out to Murray for his great interview with CTV news on Thursday. Loved the outfit!

Here's a quick look at how we did this week:

- A daily average of 301 students used active transportation to travel to and from the school.
- 13 classes recorded 100% participation on at least one day

If you haven't completed a survey, please take 5 minutes to tell us about your active travel behaviours and choices. The information we collect will help us plan for future active travel at the school.

<https://forms.gle/HErHrL8a4YSiSfcG7>

Keep up the great work everyone! See you next week.

(Active Transportation Committee)

School Supplies for 2021 - 2022

We will be offering to parents the option of paying the school to purchase school supplies for their children. Teachers are unanimously in support of this as a trial for next year.



The parent survey had 171 respondents. 97.7% of respondents were in favour of this change. 87.4% of respondents were in support of paying more than \$25 for their child's school supplies.

We will be requesting parents to pay the school what they can for their child's school supplies. If the average paid for **each child is \$30** we will be able to supply every child with what they need in the classroom. This will be a 40% savings of what it would have cost you to buy them directly from Monks.

More information will be coming once we have the details of how families can make their payments.

We are excited about the potential benefits that this has for both the school and you. The success of this is dependant upon good parent participation.

Playground Enhancement Project

The Laura Gardom Memorial Classroom is almost completed and it is looking fabulous. Many classes have already started to use it throughout the day.

To date \$5,570 has been brought in directly to the school. We are waiting for an update of the amount donated through the district donations button.

Remember, we have up to the end of the school year to raise \$50,000 to be able to receive the entire grant from Ron Davis. Take advantage of this opportunity to double your giving power.

Tax deductions will be given for all donations over \$20.



This has been Anti-Homophobia and Transphobia Week (Rainbow Week) in SD61. This is a time to pay special attention to the diversity of families, gender and gender expression in our communities. Teachers read books like And Tango Makes Three, One Dad, Two Dad, Red Dad, Blue Dad and, Julian is a Mermaid. There are so many good books that present different kinds of families and challenge gender assumptions and stereotypes.

I also visited classes to show them the picture of my family at the time, now 20 years ago, when my husband and I adopted our two sons. It was an opportunity for them ask questions and understand words such as gay, lesbian, and adoption. They were most interested in our little dog, Gershwin.



Our Virtual Assembly

We recently had a digital assembly focussing on empathy. Many students and classes contributed, including our strings students. Here is a link to the slideshow. Check out the student videos.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1dF_1NSw5rWbJ5lpmfLGnfzpyCbDqkXEy_iFIcYAkxc/edit?usp=sharing