

Eagles News

English Bluff Elementary School

May 6, 2024



Teacher Appreciation Week

We are so thankful for the teachers we have at English Bluff. They are not only dedicated to their jobs as educators, they are caring & creative individuals. Sometimes the smallest token of 'thanks' can mean so much. 😊

Coding at EB

Recently, classes had the opportunity to learn about coding with Peter DeConti, our district IT specialist, along with Ms. K. Students participated in both 'unplugged' and digital coding activities. These sessions helped students develop their communication skills with regards to digital technology. They learned vocabulary such as *algorithm*, *programming*, and *coding language* to be able to write code to direct Dash or Finch robots. Students also needed to use this new vocabulary to communicate with a partner, both to work together on coding tasks, as well as to 'debug' each others' algorithm to make sure it would work. Of course, these sessions also helped students develop their thinking skills. They needed to think both critically and creatively to have success writing code, as well as problem solving if things didn't work as they had expected. In terms of the learner profiles, which we are always working towards developing in students within the IB program, students needed to be communicators, risk-takers, thinkers and inquirers, and they became more knowledgeable through their participation.

Things to Check Out

Our School Website - Find out more:

<https://eb.deltasd.bc.ca/>

PAC News

Send your filled **Mason Jars** to school by **May 13th**. They will be used as prizes for the **Carnival on May 24th**. The class with the most mason jars collected wins an ice cream party!

Come Celebrate English Bluff's 60th Birthday at the Carnival on May 24th!



To order Hot Lunch:

<https://englishbluff.hotlunches.net/admin/>

Contact the **PAC**: chair.ebpac@gmail.com

Next PAC meeting is June 6th

Track & Field

Our **grade 4 to 7 students** have been actively participating in track and field events, as part of the PE curriculum. All of these students will have an opportunity to participate at the Regional track meet on **May 8th**! A huge thank you to the teachers who have spent so much time training and organizing to make this event happen!

This type of hands-on, real-life experience is what is at the core of the IB PYP program. A huge thanks to Ms. K for organizing these sessions!

ADST at EB

What is ADST? The letters stand for "Applied Design, Skills & Technology". All classroom teachers incorporate ADST into their teaching, but several times in the school year classes get to see Ms. Cvekic for a special ADST session. In the previous terms we made different things from clay to knitting or sewing. This term, we are cooking together. Divisions 1-5 have had a blast making black bean and corn tostadas with home-made salsa and corn tortillas! They got to chop, measure, mix, knead, press and cook all of the food - and wash the dishes - themselves.

Classroom teachers will share recipes with the students so you can try these out at home.



Hold the Date

- May 8:** Regional Track Meet
- May 16:** District Track Meet
- May 17:** Professional Day (school not in session)
- May 20:** Victoria Day (school not in session)
- May 21-24:** Book Fair
- May 23:** Hot Lunch
- May 24:** Camp Read (during day) & EB Carnival after school
- May 28:** IB Exhibition
- May 29-31:** Grade 6s to Evans Lake
- May 30:** Welcome to Kindergarten event
- June 6:** Hot Lunch
- June 14:** Sports Day & Parent Appreciation
- June 20:** Hot Lunch
- June 25:** Grade 7 celebration
- June 27:** Last day of school

Thank you,
Ms. T. Carleton Gaines

Community News

Family Smart is hosting an event for National Child & Youth Mental Health Day. Feel free to register for this free virtual event: *Connecting with Kids*
<https://familysmart.ca/event/connecting-with-kids/>

Date: May 7th 6pm-8pm PST

Description: We know that having caring, connected conversations can significantly impact the mental health of children and youth. Join us to listen to Kim Barthel talk about having more self-compassion, self-awareness and knowledge about the art and science of relationships.

EB Events

It was fantastic to see so many students riding their bikes to school last month. We encourage you to continue walking or wheeling to school (it sure helps reduce



traffic). Also, thank you to all who checked out our Grade 7 Garage Sale. The sales from this event will go towards our grade 7 Celebration. A big *Shout-Out* to our grade 4 students who attended the District Heritage Fair and to our Reading Link Challenge teams. Also, we are so proud of our garden club and the students who lead our Jump Rope & Earth Day Assemblies. Besides the track meets and Carnival this month, we are looking forward to our Body Science sessions on **May 9th** (see email sent home May 3rd), the Scholastic Book Fair (**May 21 to 24**), Camp Read on **May 24th** (all day literacy event), a visit from Author David Robertson, Grade 6 Camp to Evans Lake and our Grade 7 IB Exhibition on **May 28th**.



The next Freezie Friday will be on
May 31st!