

Dear Parents & Guardians:

I hope you are enjoying these brilliant Autumn days as much as we are. Though we go out in all weather, we still like the sunny-not-too-hot days the best.....although, we all appreciated that little bit of rain to fill up our wetland. A reminder to parents and notice to parents who are new this year—at Dewdney, we PACK IT IN PACK IT OUT. We encourage recyclable containers and refillable water bottles. As a rural school, there is no major recycling program as there is in cities. Paper we can recycle and bottles and cans are recycled for fundraisers. The rest we send home so they can be recycled with your community plans. That way we are not throwing out compostables and the like. Please check your child's lunch kit daily.



Here are some highlights this month:

First Day

Students settled so nicely, even though they were waiting for their permanent home to be completed.

Teepee day/ Wetland sign

Working together, fun and learningI am not sure kids define work the way we do....they loved moving cedar chips, were so interested in tilting up the poles and even the little Grade 1's got to hammer down the stakes. Our new wetland sign was unveiled that was created by BCWF. I hope you get a chance to look at it.

Dewdney Family BBQ/Book Fair

Getting to know each other, meeting teachers, kids playing together, enjoying a meal, looking at books....and a beautiful evening. This is one of my favourite events.

Orange Shirt Day

Remembering Canada's history regarding residential schools and working together to ensure "Every Child Matters" in the future

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

DEWDNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAS WON SECOND PLACE IN CANADA'S GREENEST SCHOOL COMPETITION!!!! Who would have thought our little rural school would be winning national competitions? You all should be so proud of your accomplishment. This is definitely something we all did together from the groundbreaking in 2014 to the path-making and rock moving last week. One teacher said to me that their students learned how to make an accessible path with the crusher dust rocks so that all kids could enjoy and learn in the wetlands. This spirit of community has been passed on by you and we hope to continue nurturing that attitude. Please click [HERE](#) to read the announcement by the Greenest School in Canada organization and you can check out the two links below that are part of our entry. The media has been contacted by the Ontario-based organization and we expect we will have some coverage in the future. We will keep you posted.

[Dewdney Elementary: The Little School That Could](#)—link to Mrs. McLeod's video

[Dewdney Elementary School](#) - link to the Greenest School in Canada organization page

Thank you all for making Dewdney a "great place for kids".

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