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Strange times often bring with them clarity on what ultimately matters. Challenges that force us to change and adapt test us in ways we otherwise would never have known. Throughout, we learn and realize that there are things we are capable of that we never once thought possible. The year 2020 has asked all of us to change and adapt, yet strangely it has also cleared the path so we can once again see what is essential.

At Dewdney we have seen students adjust to new ways of interacting, learning and playing. Consistently the students have shown a desire to be safe and healthy, not only for their well-being but for the well-being of their fellow classmates and friends. The students have demonstrated the essential life skill of adjusting to change, resetting their expectations all the while growing physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

The staff at Dewdney have worked hard to create a learning environment that is safe and engaging. Seeking to affirm that school is somehow the same familiar place you know yet repackaged in such a way as to respond to all that is going on around us. Thank you to the entire Dewdney staff for putting children first.

Throughout the year the parents and guardians have found ways to remain connected to the school. No more evident than over the past few weeks, successfully pulling off the Christmas Store. In the process, raising nearly \$800.00 for the Christmas Bureau. The generosity of families has once again been overwhelming. Thank you to all who have anonymously donated gifts, money, toys and gift cards for us to give away. We also thank the PAC for their generous support with Christmas hampers this year. Every year we are blown away by the kindness and care each of you show.

As we close out the year 2020, there is hope on the horizon to once again renew and reconnect to more familiar ways of being. It is my hope that when that day arrives, we can carry with us that which has emerged as valuable and worth holding onto during these strange times.

On behalf of all the staff at Dewdney Elementary I want to wish each of you a wonderful break. Whatever this season may mean to you and your family, I hope you are able to find peace and joy.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all in 2021.

Sincerely,

Jordan Klassen, Principal

