



## MAY PRINCIPAL REPORT 2023

We respectfully acknowledge that we are meeting together on the unceded and traditional lands and waters of the **SKWXWÚ7MESH ÚXWUMIXW** as we learn and collaborate with one another.

**ICBC Road Safety Blitz:** May 29<sup>th</sup> 8:20-9:20: ICBC, RCMP, local government staff, bylaw and Speed team will be out alongside VCH staff, TraC and hopefully a couple of elected officials. Drivers receive simple card drawings which usually Grade 4/5 classes are asked to do for an hour in the 2 weeks beforehand - with a personalized safety message. It's a great opportunity for you to highlight areas of concern/ needs for improvement for safety and active travel support at your school. More details to follow.

**Coast Salish Art Collection:** May 15-17, Gus will be sharing 18 original pieces of Indigenous art for classes to explore and connect to their learning (math connections, story, living on the land). Each class will have their own personal focus, depending on the learnings in class.

**Busy, Busy, Busy:** Our calendar is full! Lots of special events like field trips are happening!!

**Hot Lunch from Elphinstone:** May 15 (div 10-17) and May 29 (div 1-9). The school is providing this lunch (mac & cheese) with the SFAF funds. It's a trial run to see if it is manageable for a school our size for next year.

**May Pro-D:** We have a guest speaker, Tom Hierck, coming to engage with our staff on Trauma Informed Instruction. We are focusing on connections, resiliency, and success in school. What does that look like? How do we make it happen? How do we know we are making a difference?

**Earthquake Bin:** We will be receiving an 8 ft 'seacan' to store our earthquake supplies. Is there anyone who could take an inventory of our current supplies?

**Next Year's Enrolment:** At this time, our enrolment is down by approximately 20 students from this current year. That has resulted in a decrease in classes for next year. September may bring a different scenario.

**Gratitude:** On behalf of the entire staff at GES, I want to share our heartfelt gratitude for the Appreciation Lunch last week. Everyone raved on the good food but more importantly, the feelings of appreciation. Thank you!!