



Parent and Guardian Update

ZESS

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Upcoming Events

Home reading program has started – ask about book bags with books, instructions, and tracking form.

Our new Teacher: Mr. Jared Kraul

Hello! My name is Jared Kraul, and I am very excited to be teaching at ZESS this year. This is my fifth year as a teacher, including one year in Arviat, Nunavut, two years in Kyuquot, and one year in Tahsis. I grew up in Lucan, Ontario, and have since lived in many places across Canada. Zeballos is one of the most beautiful places I have had the opportunity to call home.

When I am not teaching, I enjoy exploring the area with Ms. Curtis and our dog, Abby. I also enjoy rock climbing and playing sports whenever I can. I am looking forward to getting to know the students and families and to a wonderful year of learning together at ZESS!



What is happening in Class?

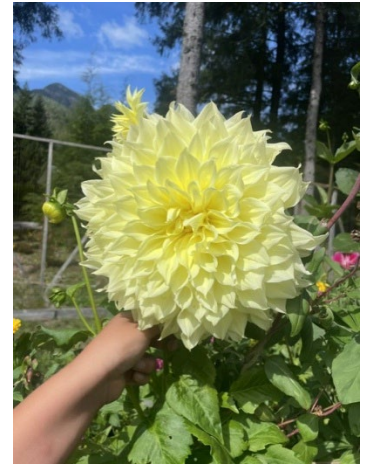
Intermediate (4-5): Ms. Curtis: Grade 4/5 is off to a great start! We have been settling in to our classroom, rediscovering some favourite books, and exploring a few new additions. Over the summer, our garden has flourished, with huge Dahlias and a good crop of carrots and rhubarb. Our math practice has been full of different games and routines to get our brains back in "numeracy-mode", including the game pictured, where students were comparing strategies with any operation and a set of numbers to get to the target number of 42, and we got super close with making 41 in two different ways!



We have also begun geometry and geography, which will give us foundations for other topics this year.



At the end of the first week, we practiced generosity and gave away a bouquet of flowers to each classroom teacher as a way to recognise the work that goes into the start of the school year. The students were excited to show off the flowers, and staff were delighted with the kind gesture. We will be doing more acts of kindness and recognition of our community this year. We're excited to be back in school!



Junior (5-7) – Mr. Kraul

The first few weeks of school have been busy and exciting! In PHE, students have enjoyed revisiting some of their favourite sports and games from last year, including kickball and dodgeball, while also developing their volleyball skills. In the Junior class, students have each selected fiction and non-fiction books for independent reading, and we are reading *Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief* together as a class. Students have also been exploring oil pastels, learning how to blend colours to create beautiful sunset artwork. A great start to the year!



6-7 Science: Mr. Barber – We have been learning about diversity of plants and animals. We compared what lived in the school field to what lived in the school forest.

High School (8-11) – Mr. Romyn: Over the last two weeks in the seniors' class we have been learning about the reasons that people tell stories and the lessons that can be learned from them.

We are also completing projects about our community. We are learning about our connections to our communities and the roles that we have in them.



If you have questions or concerns, please contact Adam Barber at abarber@viw.sd84.bc.ca or 250 761 4227