



Harry Sayers
Elementary School

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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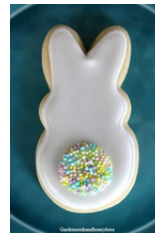
HOT LUNCH!

Munch A Lunch ordering is now open for the rest of the school year & Monthly Treat Days

Go to MunchaLunch.com

Ordering for Treat Day closes April 2nd!

The first official day of Spring was Friday, March 20th. Please send your children dressed in weather-appropriate clothing plus extras in their backpack. Our Harry Sayers Stars love to play and they sometimes get wet and muddy which can lead to distracted learning. Let's be prepared!



THANK YOU
Volunteers



Why We LOVE the Book Fair!

Ever wonder how the Book Fair helps our school? Here's the magic behind it! Every single item purchased at the Book Fair earns money back for our school. Depending on how much we sell, we receive 10%–50% back in books—that's a lot of reading fun! Best of all, the Book Fair has books for every budget, with plenty of great choices starting at just \$5, so everyone can join in the fun.

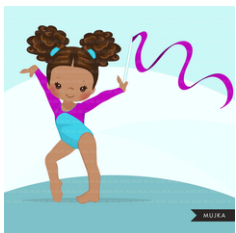
On the second-to-last day of the fair, we add up our sales and surprise EACH classroom with its own book budget. In past fairs, classrooms received OVER \$100 worth of books to choose from—how exciting is that?! After the fair wraps up, any remaining rewards go right back into the school to support important spaces like our library/LLC, helping us get even more great books into students' hands.

Thank you for supporting the Book Fair and helping us grow a love of reading in our school community. We truly couldn't do it without you!

Book Fair April 27th - May 1st!

Thank you!
Your PAC Team

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 1st Pesach starts
- April 3rd Good Friday (no school)
- April 6th Easter Monday (no school)
- April 10th PAC Treat Day
- April 14th Vaisakhi (tentative)
- April 15th PAC Meeting @ 6:00pm
- April 16th Hot Lunch (Quiznos)
- April 23rd Class & School Photo Day
- April 24th Non-Instructional Day (no school)
- April 27th to May 1st Scholastic Book Fair



Hello Harry Sayers Families,

We hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break and found some time to rest, relax, and recharge. As always, returning from break brings renewed energy and excitement to the school. Daylight Savings Time seemed to be tough in March and now we hope everyone has had time to adjust and will be settling quickly into routines.

Before the break, students enjoyed Racket Sports in the gym, and fun was had by all. Term 2 Learning Updates also went home, and we want to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication. This is a great time to celebrate successes, reflect on progress, and set meaningful goals for the future.

A special thank you goes out to Mrs. M. Sharma for organizing our Sun Hang Do guests. Our students had a fantastic opportunity to learn martial arts skills that promote discipline, focus, self-confidence, and respect. It was a wonderful experience that connected well to our school values.

March was an especially exciting month for our Grade 5 students. They visited Eugene Reimer Middle School for the Entrepreneur Fair, where they explored creativity, business planning, and financial literacy in action. They also showcased their impressive scientific thinking and innovation during our Grade 5 Science Fair. The level of effort, creativity, and curiosity on display was truly outstanding.

As we look ahead, April will go by quickly, and the calendar is already full. We have Easter activities, the Book Fair, Gymnastics in the gym, a PAC meeting, Hot Lunch days, and more. Harry Sayers continues to be an amazing place to learn, grow, and connect.

Starting in April, we will also begin focusing on one of our Reach for the Stars virtues each month. We are beginning with the virtue of Respect. We look forward to seeing how students demonstrate respect in their learning, friendships, and school community life.

Thank you for your continued support in making Harry Sayers a caring, energetic, and vibrant place for students. We are excited for all that this next term will bring.

Go Stars!

Mr. Colbert and Mrs. Hoeving

Earth Day April 22nd, 2026
(we are celebrating on April 21st
due to class photos on the 22nd)

Did you know?

Our water is sourced from clean, natural bodies of water such as the Abbotsford-Sumas aquifer which is about 40 meters below the surface and contains a clay layer that keeps out contaminants.



What can we do?

- **Make sustainable choices**

- > Turn off the lights when you're leaving a room
- > Stop using single use plastics
- > Use reusable shopping bags, totes, backpacks
- > Compost organics, dispose of biodegradables appropriately
- > Put on socks, a sweater, or a blanket rather than turning up the heat
- > Buy from local farmer's markets and support local artisans
- > Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

- **Participate in local events**

Abbotsford Earth Day Clean-Up 2026

The City of Abbotsford is hosting a Community Clean-up Month in April 2026, which is a great opportunity for individuals, families, businesses, and social groups to get involved in environmental stewardship. Sign up on the City of Abbotsford web site

- **Spread awareness**

Inspire friends and family to participate. Come up with your own ideas about how you can help the earth to be a healthier place!

- **Create long-lasting habits**

Often, the idea of "sustainability" can seem overwhelming. We might think it requires huge sacrifices or a complete lifestyle overhaul. But the beauty of sustainable living is that it begins with small, manageable steps.



The Floating Egg Experiment

This classic experiment allows students to explore concepts related to density and buoyancy.

- Materials: Eggs, water, salt, and a clear container.
- Instructions:
 - a. Fill the container with water and add an egg. Observe what happens (the egg sinks).
 - b. Gradually add salt to the water and stir until it dissolves.
 - c. Once enough salt is added, drop the egg back into the container and observe it float.
- Concepts Learned: Density differences between fresh and saltwater.

Source:

<https://curiousprinciples.museglove.com/articles/empowering-students-engaging-experimental-science-projects/>



What do experiments teach us? Why does experimenting matter?

Children are born with an innate sense of wonder about the world around them. Science projects provide the perfect opportunity to nurture this natural curiosity.

Science Fair Winners



Gold

**Drink at Your Own Risk - Zendaya Williams
Plant Light Maze - Neela Deol**

Silver

**Rotten Teeth - Mankaran Sidhu
Skittles - Krishnoor Rishi**

Bronze

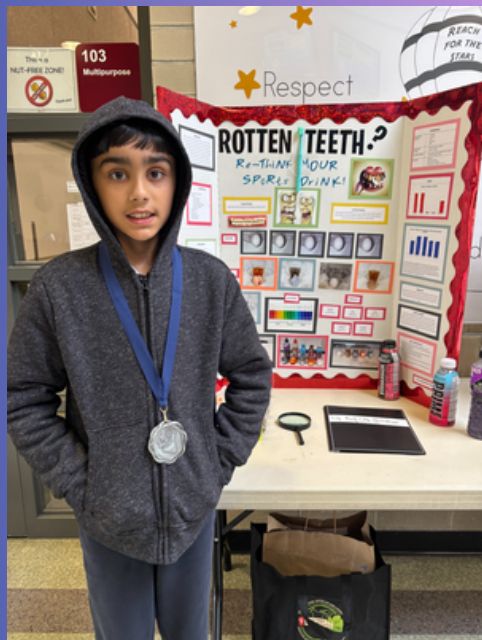
**Gummy Bear - Pavneet Gill
Growing Crystals - Jasmeen Sandhu**

Judged by Jaimie Webster (Principal, Rick Hansen Secondary)

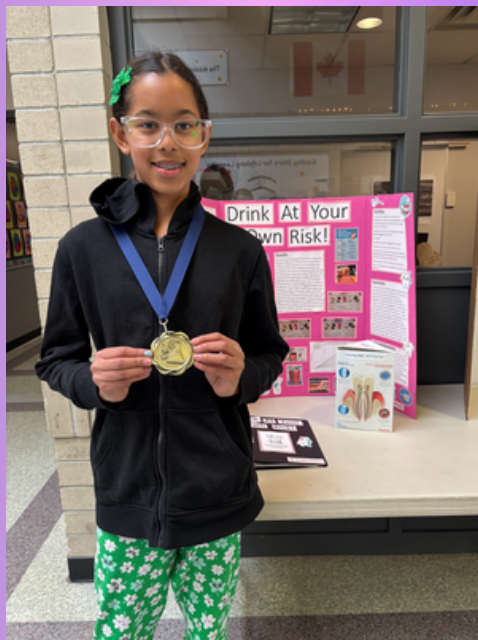




SCIENCE FAIR



Rotten Teeth - Mankaran Sidhu



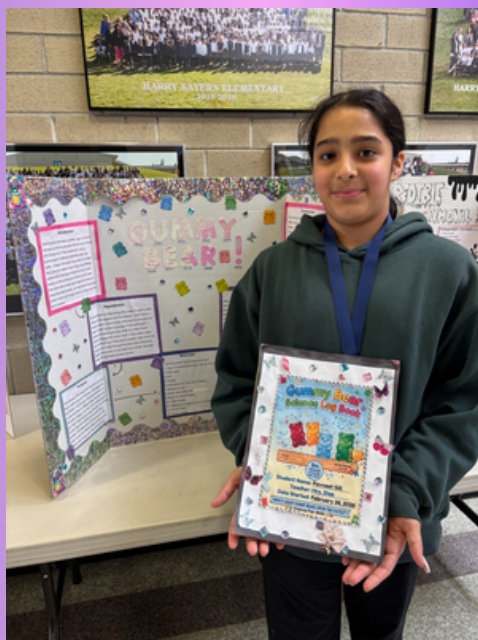
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March in photos...



Thank you Master Kinney!



Division 1, 2 & 3 "Science Olympics" tower building S.T.E.M. project



Harry Sayers Stars at Clearbrook Elementary for the Reading Link Challenge



Mrs. Spring, Mrs. Hoeving, Mr. van der Waarde on St. Patrick's Day



St. Patrick's Day Fun at Harry Sayers



Judge Hoeving ruling on Readers Theatre Case!