



ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...



May Means Momentum!

Welcome to May! We're entering the home stretch with just two months left of school, but it's not time to pack away the backpacks just yet. There's still lots of learning to explore and many exciting days planned throughout the month. Let's keep our momentum going while enjoying all the fun events coming our way!

May 20th is World Bee Day



Did you know?

Approximately one-third of the food we eat relies on pollination, and bees are responsible for pollinating about 75% of the world's leading crops. From apples to almonds, and cucumbers to cocoa, bees contribute to the production of a vast array of foods that nourish and sustain us.

What can we do?

- Plant pollinator-friendly gardens
- Reduce pesticide use
- Befriend a beekeeper
- Visit the Honeybee Centre
7480 176th Street, Surrey



Celebrate World Bee Day
5 Ways to Get Kids Involved

<https://getthekidsoutside.com/celebrate-world-bee-day/>

Hello Harry Sayers Community,

As we step into May, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many experiences that made April such a vibrant and meaningful month at Harry Sayers. Our students and staff were busy learning, celebrating, and building community together, and it was wonderful to see so many opportunities for connection and growth.

Throughout April, classrooms and shared spaces were filled with rich learning experiences. Students took part in Easter and Vaisakhi celebrations, learning about traditions, culture, community, and inclusion. Earth Day sparked important conversations and activities focused on caring for our environment and understanding how small actions can make a positive difference. Gymnastics in the gym was another highlight, giving students opportunities to build strength, balance, and confidence while having fun and challenging themselves physically.

We were also very grateful for the strong support shown during the Scholastic Book Fair. Thanks to the generosity of families and the hard work of our PAC and volunteers, the fair helped put new books into students' hands and added valuable resources to our classrooms and library. Supporting reading remains a priority at Harry Sayers, and events like the Book Fair make a meaningful impact.

A special congratulations goes out to the 17 students who successfully completed the Stay Home Safe course, organized by our PAC. This was an excellent opportunity for students to build important safety skills, and we are thankful to our PAC for coordinating this valuable learning experience.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Thorsen and Mrs. Turra as we celebrated Administrative Professionals Day. They work extremely hard each day to support our students, staff, and families, and our entire school community benefits from their dedication and care. Thank you for all that you do.













As we look ahead, May marks the beginning of the final single digit weeks of the school year. We recognize that families appreciate advance notice for upcoming events and activities, especially as we support our Grade 5 students through important transition experiences with Eugene Reimer Middle School. While many events involve the whole school, some activities are class or division specific, and families are encouraged to connect directly with classroom teachers for additional details.

Thank you for your continued support, flexibility, and partnership as we move into this busy and exciting time of the year. We are looking forward to a great month of learning and community at Harry Sayers.



Warm regards,
Ryan Colbert
Principal
Harry Sayers Elementary

UPCOMING EVENTS

-  Div 1 Bateman Park salmon release
May 5th
-  Divs 4 & 5 Fort Langley field trip
May 6th
-  PAC Treat Day
May 8th
-  PAC Meeting @ 6pm
May 13th
-  Hot Lunch (Domino's Pizza)
May 14th
-  Glow Stick Dance Party (Gr K-2)
May 14th
-  Non Instructional Day (no school)
May 15th
-  Victoria Day (no school)
May 18th
-  Grade 5s to visit Eugene Reimer Middle
May 21st
-  Jump Rope for Heart
May 22nd
-  Divs 9 & 10 White Rock Beach trip
May 29th
-  Divs 1, 2, 3 Galaxy Bowl field trip
May 29th



Book Fair Results

Thank you for Supporting our Spring Bookfair! We sold over \$5,100 in books, raising over \$2,300 in books for our school! HUGE thank you to all the families that came and supported the fair, as well as our hard working volunteers and school staff!



A word from our PAC:

- 2 hot lunches left to order for in Munch A Lunch, these are the last ones for this school year!
 - May 14th - Dominos, ordering closes 11:59pm on May 8th
 - June 4th - Mucho Burrito, ordering closes 11:59pm on May 31st
- 2 treat days set up and now open in the fundraising tab in Munch A Lunch - these are the last 2 for the year!
 - May 8th - Frozen Yogurt Day, ordering closes 6:00pm on May 5th
 - June 12th - Smoothie Day, ordering closes 6:00pm on June 6th
- K to Gr 2 Glow Stick Dance Party still open for ordering in the fundraising tab in Munch A Lunch
 - May 14th - ordering closes 11:59pm on May 12th
- Please note - only Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students will be permitted entry.
 - Neufeld Farms - OPEN for ordering!
 - Ordering closes May 4th, don't miss out on some great BBQ ideas for the summer!
 - Click here to order: [Neufeld Farms](#)
 - Pick Up May 13th @ 230pm in front of school
- **PAC Meeting**
 - May 13th@ 6pm in the Multipurpose Room - come & see what our PAC team does!!!

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Friday, May 22nd 2026



Friday, May 22nd 2026 students will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart

Register, Raise Funds, Donate at

<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdfunder.ca/114544>



Neufeld Farms Fundraising
Order Pickup:
Wed, May 13th @ 2:30pm



**New Student Artwork
Explores Identity at The Reach**



Mrs. Dos Santos stopped by to see the art hanging in the gallery. So proud of the hard work all of the students put into this project!

A new collection of student artwork is now on display at The Reach Gallery, continuing a multi-year exploration of identity, culture, and personal story through student art.

Now in its third year, the exhibition features a new set of works created during the current school year by students across the Abbotsford School District and the Fraser Valley. Through visual and digital mediums, students respond to questions of belonging, lived experience, and how culture shapes who they are.

Building on previous years, this latest collection introduces new voices and perspectives while deepening the impact of the project. The exhibition continues to evolve as more students contribute, creating space for reflection, storytelling, and connection across schools and communities.

The works span a wide range of mediums and experiences, from deeply personal reflections on family, culture, and identity to explorations of community, land, and belonging. Together, they highlight the diversity of student voice and the importance of creative expression in understanding self and others.

Opportunities like this support the district's commitment to student voice and engagement, creating meaningful ways for learners to share their perspectives beyond the classroom. The exhibition is open to the public until May 30. Community members are encouraged to visit The Reach Gallery to experience the artwork firsthand.

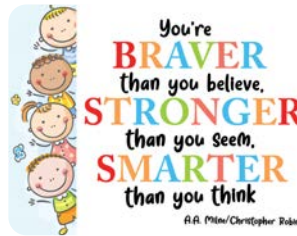
[Click here: Identity Projects @ The Reach](#)



**Rock & Gem Show
Chilliwack Heritage Park
April 10th, 2026**



Mr. B & Mrs. Gill on Vaisakhi



Leadership Club's
Inaugural contest winner:
Nick L'Heureux



Division 6 and Division 13 celebrating Earth Day



**Thank you to Punjabi
Folklore Bhangra Academy
for our fun & informative
Bhangra lessons!**



Vincent Van Gogh's "Starry Night" by Division 5



Divisions 9, 11, and 14 students celebrating Vaisakhi



**Grade 1 students off to
"Beauty & The Beast"**

K TO GR 2 - GLOW STICK DANCE PARTY

GLOW STICK DANCE PARTY
DANCE PARTY AFTER EATING TIME AT LUNCH - IN THE GYM. EACH STUDENT GETS 1 ENTRY, 2 GLOW STICKS.
\$1.00 FROM EVERY ENTRY GOES TO THE ARCHWAY STARFISH PACK CHARITY

Qty: no limit
\$2.00

\$2.00 GETS YOU 2 GLOW STICKS & ENTRY TO THE DANCE PARTY
\$1.00 FROM EVERY ENTRY GETS DONATED TO ARCHWAYS STARFISH PACK

ORDER YOUR TICKETS ON MUNCH & LUNCH

