

March 2024 Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

Hello Moberly School Community!

Spring Break is almost here! Report Cards (now called Learning Updates) will be coming home on March 12th.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the school families for their continued support and encouragement. We are all enjoying a successful year so far, with students learning and playing with energy and enthusiasm every day. I would also like to thank the teachers and staff for their generous contributions to school life. Without their commitment and dedication to teaching and learning, none of our daily success would be possible.

I encourage you to take advantage of Spring Break as not just a break from school but as an opportunity to step away from other routines that may distance us from quality family time. Embrace the chance to draw closer to your kids, continuing to build family bonds that surpass influences from peers or the digital realm.

Enjoy your time together as a family. We look forward to finishing the year strong when we return in April.

Artwork below is courtesy of Douglas Elementary. A Thank You to Moberly...Hard to believe that a year has passed already!



Important Dates

March 1

School Wide Assembly Day
Anti-Bullying
Code of Conduct
Cell Phone Use and
Appropriate Use Policy
Literacy & Numeracy

March 12

Term 2 Learning Updates to
be sent home with students.

March 15

Last Day of classes before
Spring Break

March 16 – April 1

No School

Lost and Found Alert

Is your child missing
some clothing items?
Please check our lost
and found by the gym.
All unclaimed items will
be donated to charity if
not claimed by March
15th. Thank you.

The Office Staff Needs Your Help Please

Some Parents are not calling the Safe Arrival Line: Please call the line before 10:00 am on the day of absence. It is so important as we are doing this to maximize the SAFETY of every child in the district.



Walter Moberly

SAFE ARRIVAL

To report your child's absence

Call: 604-713-5159 ext 56, or

Email: mobattendance@vsb.bc.ca

- Include:
- child's full name
 - grade & division
 - reason for absence

The Office Staff Needs Your Help Please

Please pay the school fees for your child (If possible)

Please find below the link and steps on how to register for School Cash Online.

Step 1: Register

- a). If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com>
Select the "Get Started Today" option.
- b). Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.

Step 2: Confirmation Email

Step 3: Find Student

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY

The District is committed to ensuring that no school-age student will be denied an opportunity to participate in a course, class or program because of an inability to pay fees.

Procedures

1. The District recognizes that some families may not be able to afford school fees. No student of school age will be denied an opportunity to participate in a course, class or program because of financial hardship.
2. Applications 2.1. Parents unable to pay some or all of a school fee are invited to speak to their child's teacher, school counsellor, and/or the Principal.
3. Confidentiality 3.1. All financial hardship applications and discussions shall be confidential, with a view to facilitating the student's participation.
4. Actions 4.1. Actions that may be taken to address barriers to participation include partial payment or complete waiver of the fee, payment by installment, and/or fundraising activities to reduce overall costs.

Moberly Code of Conduct

Always be Kind, Courteous, and Respectful

- Respect:** At Moberly, we demonstrate respect for the person and property of ourselves and others.
- Responsibility:** At Moberly, we accept the responsibility for our own behaviour.
- Rights:** At Moberly, each person has the right to be treated with dignity and the opportunity to learn to the best of their ability.

Moberly Stars of The Week

In February, we began a new program called **Stars of the Week**. Special thanks to our office staff and Ms. Rebecca for using her artistic talent in creating the bulletin board and Star Cards for this initiative. Each week, students are selected by their teachers or their peers, or other school staff to be the Stars of the Week and to honor their accomplishments (specifically those that align with our school code of conduct).



February Learning Highlights

Black History Month at Moberly

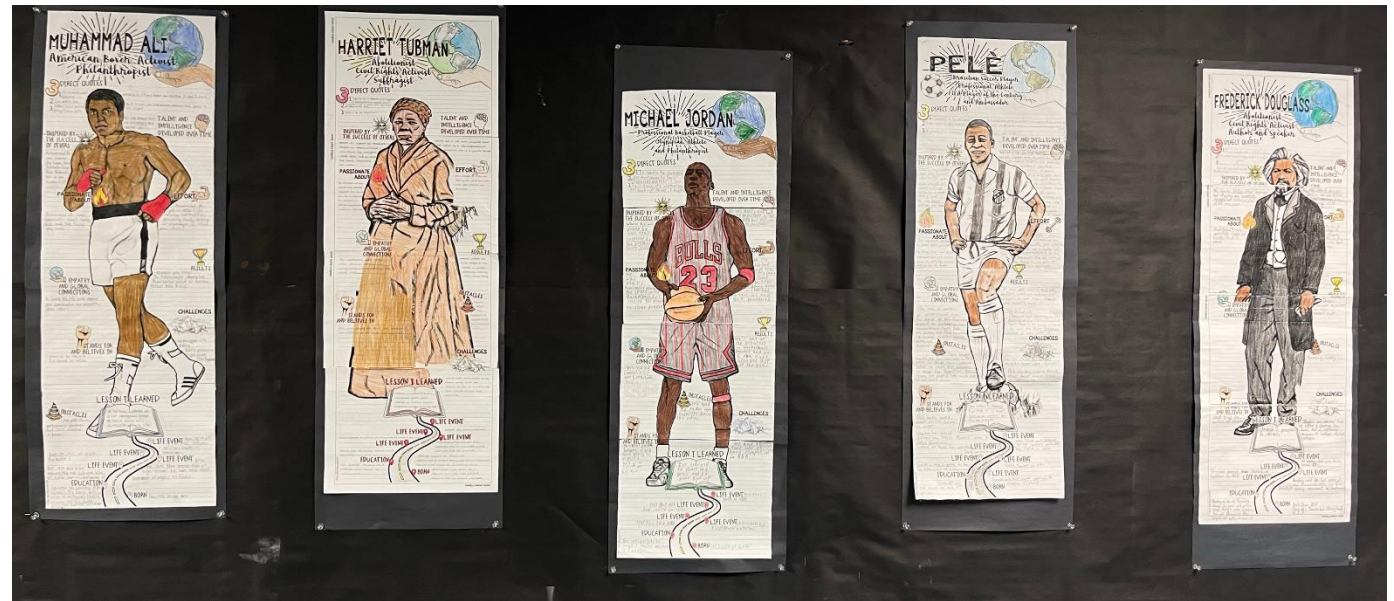


During the month of February, educators throughout the district engaged in Black History Month learning alongside students. Schools took a variety of approaches to celebrating Black History Month, from hosting assemblies and events to incorporating activities in classrooms that highlight the contributions of Black people throughout history. In addition to celebrating Black history and culture, Black History Month also provides an important opportunity for educators and students to critically think about the ways individuals and communities can stand against racism and discrimination.

Special Thanks to our wonderful office staff and the artistic talent of Ms. Yvette Chamberlain who created the amazing display pictured above that explored the lives of notable Black Canadians and amplified diverse voices.

During Black History Month, Moberly students were engaged by their teachers with powerful storytelling, compelling music, and enriching classroom activities. Displayed on the next page is the work of students in Ms. Arnold's (div. 2), Ms. Soursos' (div. 3) and Mr. Sol's (div.5) classes.

Although Black History Month is a month-long celebration in February, it's important to remember that continuous effort is needed to promote diversity and inclusion always. [Teachers across the District continue to take a lead](#) in incorporating lessons on anti-racism and inclusivity in their classrooms.



February Learning Highlights

UBC Geering Up (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)

Brilliant Bots (Divisions 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21)

What differentiates a robot from a machine? Students will learn the importance of giving clear and direct instructions to machines, forming the basis of coding. Students will then use these instructions to guide their own mini Ozobots through a racetrack!

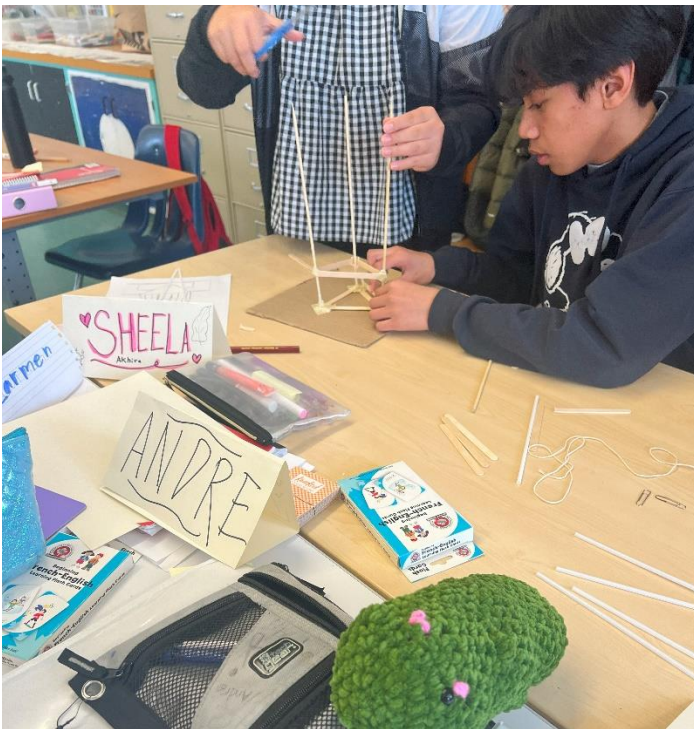
Crazy Chemistry (Division 6, 7, 10, 11, 13)

Put on your lab coats and safety goggles because in this workshop we will be doing chemistry! Students will be able to explore chemical processes and their properties through hands-on experiments such as slime!

Super Scratch Coding (Division 1, 2, 8, 9)

Programming is one of the most important skills in today's society. Through Scratch's block-based coding, this workshop will introduce students to programming and teach them to make their very own interactive game!

Quake Shake (Division 3)



February Learning Highlights

Lunar New Year Celebrations “Kung hei fat choy”



When you have a moment, please check out the display cases in front of the office! Thanks to the talented hands of Janet Lee and help from Mae and Faye (our Student Support Workers), we have an amazing Lunar New Year Celebration Case! Janet has knitted those items herself!!! WOW. Thank you, Janet, Mae, and Faye, for all your work at Moberly and for helping us celebrate the Lunar New Year together. Much appreciated!

On February 8th we celebrated Lunar New Year with a school wide assembly and performance by the Vancity Lion Dance Team. Lion dance is a form of traditional dance in Chinese culture and other Asian countries in which performers mimic a lion's movements in a lion costume to bring good luck and fortune. (see below...)





**HAPPY
SPRING
BREAK!**