

May 2024 Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

Hello Moberly School Community. May is always a wonderful time of the year in our schools as this is when we start to celebrate the hard work and learning that has taken place throughout the year. The skills, concepts, and knowledge that students have been working on truly start to come together in the month of May.

This Wednesday we will be having an important Staff Meeting to talk about all of the year-end activities in curriculum, field trips, grade 7 graduation celebrations, the year end carnival, Sports Day, Learning updates, and much more. We are also highly focused on planning for next school year as we take on an additional division. Moberly is Growing!

This is a very important time of the year for all members of the Moberly School Community. We will be sharing more news in June about next year's bell schedule, and the hiring process for next years' teachers as some teachers may retire or move to other schools.

For me, the highlight of the past month was last Friday's Vancouver Youth Choir Performance. Our students were so highly engaged and incredibly well-behaved... "Practice makes perfect". The performance pictured below was particularly moving as it was a mix of First Nations Lyrics, Drumming, and a "traditional sounding choir" that had an impact on both staff, students, and guests!



Important Dates

May 3

Vancouver Youth Choir
9:00 am in the Large Gym (All Parents Welcome to attend)

May 6 and 7

Babysitting Course for Gr. 7s

May 20

Victoria Day (No School)

May 30

Grade 7s visit John Oliver
Secondary School for
Articulation

June 6 – Welcome to K

June 7 – Sports Day

June 20 – Gr. 7 Playland

June 24 – Report Cards Home

June 26 – Grad Ceremony and Carnival Day

June 27 – Last Day and School Leaving Assembly

April Learning Highlights

Safer Schools Assemblies (Grades 5 – 7)

April 3rd – Establishing Safe Caring and Respectful Digital Communities

This student session covered all things digital, from being a good digital citizen to the criminal consequences of cyberbullying. Some of the most prominent concerns surrounding students' use of social media platforms and smartphones were discussed.

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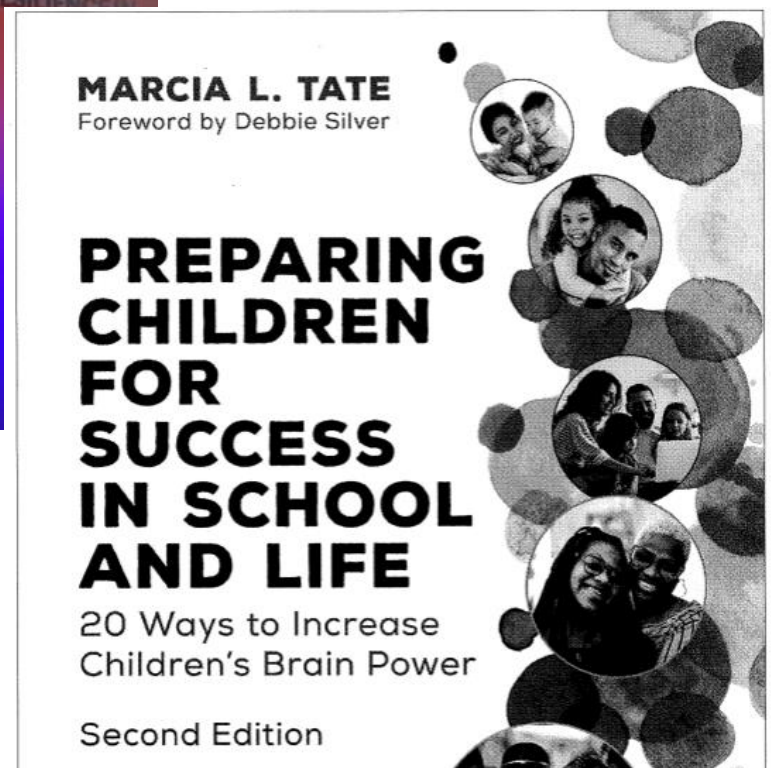
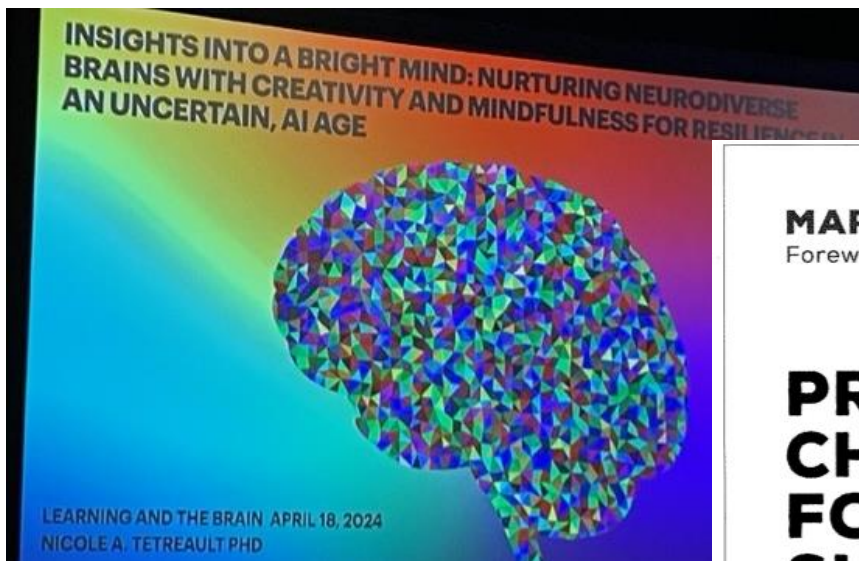
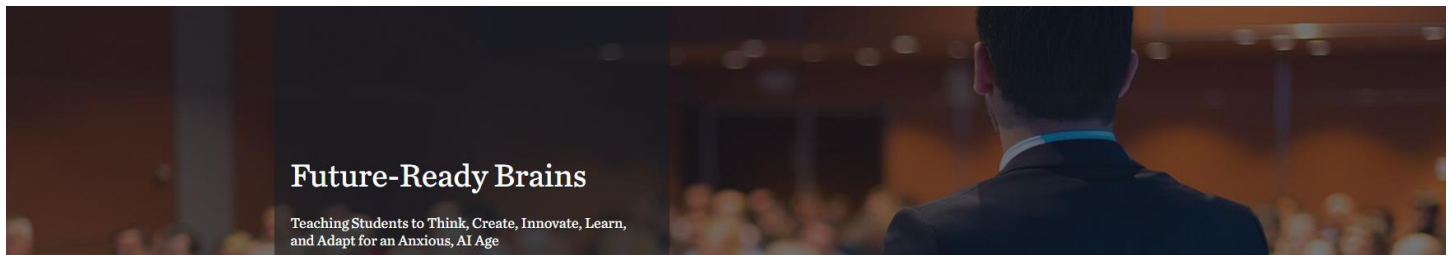
- Digital media habits, oversharing, and digital addiction
- The permanence of online posts/activity
- The significance of your digital tattoo in how others perceive you (e.g., sports teams, college admissions, and potential employers)
- The importance of caring for peers both online and offline
- Geo-locational settings and the dangers of social media and cell phone misuse
- The social and legal consequences of cyberbullying behavior as well as possession and distribution of intimate images (sexting and sextortion)

April 19th – Establishing Respectful Relationships and Consent in our Communities.

In this session, we explored the topic of consent, and the dynamics of gender-based violence. We discussed the current state of gender relations in both the physical and digital landscape, as well as the potential for exploitation within these relationships. Throughout the session, the trainers provided students with tips and tools to help them navigate and grow in these environments.

Learning and the Brain Conference (April 18 – 20, New York)

As part of my own professional development and commitment to “Lifelong Learning”, I recently attended an educational conference in New York. The Topic was Future Ready Brains – Teaching Students to Think, Create, Innovate, Learn, and Adapt for an Anxious AI Age.



If you have any questions or would like to talk more about any of the conference content please reach out to me anytime (mvulgaris@vsb.bc.ca). Also feel free to take some time to check out the website below. The speaker was amazing and hoping to invite her to speak to our school community next year... [About Marcia Tate \(developingmindsinc.com\)](http://developingmindsinc.com)

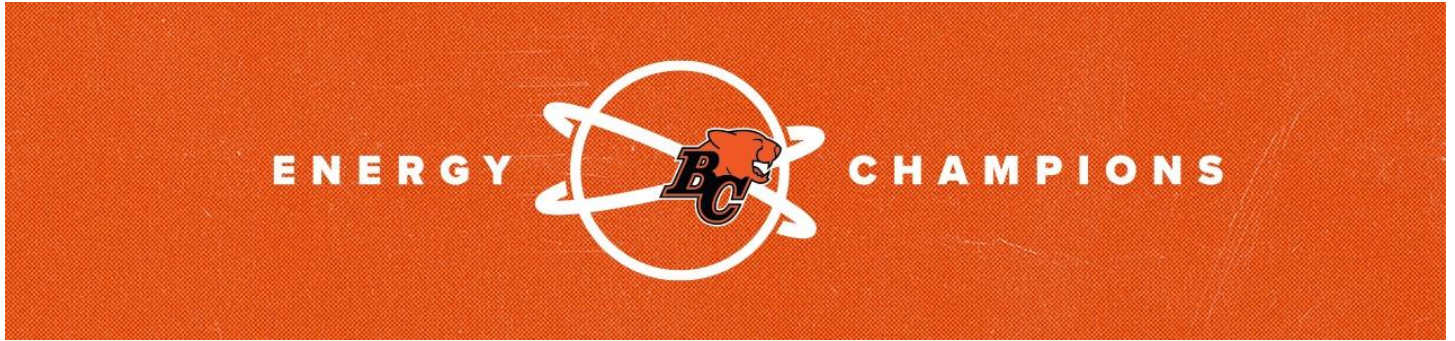
Art Vancouver at Moberly (Free Workshop – Thank you PAC!)



With the help of our Parent Community and a generous donation from Art Vancouver, our intermediate students participated in a Watercolor Workshop in the multi-purpose room. Students also received their own set of watercolor paints and brushes to take home



Fortis BC and the BC Lions presented “Energy Champions Assembly”



The BC Lions Energy Champions Program is designed for children in Kindergarten through grade 7 to emphasize the importance of environmental responsibility and to promote being an “energy champion”.

On April 25th , Two BC Lions Players #18 Justin McInnis and #33 Emmanuel Rugamba conducted a 45 minute interactive presentation emphasizing the ways how we can save energy at home.



Recycling Initiative at Moberly – “Let’s Help the Earth Moberly”

To the Moberly community:

During this month of May, Moberly is taking on a recycling challenge and we need your help! We are challenging you all to bring your CLEAN soft plastics to school to recycle, the more the better! Soft plastics include wrappers, saran wrap, grocery bags and plastic packaging from toys and electronics (please see attached picture).

In the front entrance of the school we now have a giant super sack to collect your plastics. Please put your recyclable plastics in there. Be sure to get rid of crumbs and food particles before bringing them to school, we don't want to attract unwanted creatures into our school.

For every kilogram of soft plastics we collect, we will receive \$2 and that's on top of the \$200 we will receive from Recycle BC for even taking on this special challenge. We hope you join us in this culture shift in recycling soft plastics and we're trying to make it easier for you to do so. Rather than collecting and having to bring to the recycling centre, you can bring your plastics to school this month.

Please take a look at the attached picture if you're wondering about what counts as a soft plastic for recycling. We appreciate your support with this initiative and working together on environmental stewardship and trying to make a difference in helping our Earth.

With warm regards,

Evelyn Harcus (she/her)

Vice Principal, Moberly Elementary School

TIME TO RECYCLE

During the collection event, bring your flexible plastics from home to school for recycling.

Flexible Packaging with Plastic Seal

Protective and Squishy Cushion Packaging

Outer Bags and Overwrap

Zipper-lock and Stand-up Pouches

Plastic Bags

Crinkly Wrappers and Bags

Woven Plastic Bags

The more you collect the more \$ for your school.
\$2 for every kilogram collected.
Plus \$200 for your school just for joining!

JOIN THE FUN AND RECYCLE WITH US!

SCHOOL DROP-OFF LOCATION:

It doesn't stop there. Keep recycling by taking your Flexible Plastics to a Depot or London Origin. Search [RecycleBC.ca/Depots](https://www.recyclebc.ca/Depots) to find one near you.

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