



Pink Shirt Day is this Wednesday; February 26! Teachers and students have been talking about acceptance and kindness in their classes as a lead up to tomorrow's school-wide march. At 1:30 all classes will gather and walk together to show DLG's commitment to being kind and accepting of all in our school community.

While at DLG I have witnessed many acts of kindness and acceptance among staff, students and our parent community. Thank you for supporting each other and making our school an inclusive place to learn, play and work!

**Facts on Pink Shirt Day:**

- In 2007 a Grade 9 boy from Nova Scotia was made fun of because he wore a pink shirt to school. It was his first day at that school.
- Pink T-shirts were given out to students in the school by a group of Grade 12 students as an act of protest.
- Is an annual event in Canada, China, Japan and New Zealand.
- <https://www.cbc.ca/kids/watch/video/1.6744256>
- In 2013 DLG honoured Pink Shirt Day in a BIG way! We organized a Flash Mob at Oakridge Mall. The plaques commemorating this (below) are on display in the office this week.



## Debra Sparrow, x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm Master Weaver

Work has been completed to display Debra Sparrow's Reconciliation Blanket in our entrance. As part of her ongoing Blanket the City project which began in 2018, all VSB elementary schools received a blanket to highlight the importance of Coast Salish weaving on these lands and to make Indigenous culture visible. A local connection to this city-wide project are the large weavings displayed in cases on the exterior of our Marpole Safeway! Take a walk to appreciate and consider the messages that accompany these works of art. Thank you Debra!! <https://vanmuralfest.ca/community-projects/blanketing-the-city>



West Coast Recess...aka Wet Coast Recess! Fresh air, playtime, exploratory and building time, basketball, soccer, walking, badminton, connecting with others, and more... Recess provides an important break from structured learning in classrooms. Please remind your children to check the weather each evening, dress accordingly, and take what they need when they leave class. Student supervision is focused outside during these times. Thank you for your support!



Thank you to all the team sponsors, coaches, referees, score keepers, parents, parent drivers, and fans for their support of DLG's athletics so far this year! Basketball season is ending and all our players have worked hard, improved, shown great character and showed everyone what it means to be a DLG Hornet! There is more to come with Badminton beginning soon.

## Upcoming Events @ DLG

**Wednesday, February 26** - Pink Shirt Day: a day for kindness and acceptance. School-wide march @ 1:30pm. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZUU1FOzkDk>

**Monday, March 10**- Learning Update 2 sent home

**Tuesday, March 11** – PAC Meeting in the Library @ 6:00pm

**Monday, March 17** – Spring Break begins

**Monday March 31** – School back in Session