

Queen Elizabeth Elementary School

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Important information, please translate

May 29, 2023

Dear Queen Elizabeth Community,

It is hard to believe that we have four weeks left of school! May and June are typically busy months at school. As we come to the end of the 2022-2023 school year, rich learning continues both indoors and outdoors.

During the month of May we planned for Track and Field, Jump Rope for Heart, class and group photos and welcomed our new Kindergarten students and families to the school. During our Welcome to Kindergarten (WTK) event we shared with families why Queen Elizabeth is such a wonderful place to come to learn and grow. We are also looking forward to our upcoming Volunteer Tea and hope to see many of our volunteers in attendance.

In June, we are looking forward to Sports Day, Grade 7 Farewell, finishing up with SPEC gardening lessons, Indigenous Peoples Day and some year-end field trips. Our SPEC Garden Program has been a wonderful addition to our school and we are hoping for its continuation in the Fall.

Regards,

Nancy Paget

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, May 30 th	Jump Rope for Heart
Wednesday, May 31 st	Volunteer Tea, Auditorium, 10:45 – 11:30
	Class/Group Photos
Tuesday, June 6 th	PAC Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 pm
Thursday, June 8 th	PAC Family Picnic, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, June 13 th	Performance, Grupo America
Friday, June 16 th	Sports Day
Wednesday, June 21 st	Grade 7 Farewell
Thursday, June 22 nd	Indigenous Peoples Day
Thursday, June 29 th	Last Day for students. CSL Report sent home.
Friday, June 30 th	Administrative Day. No school for students.

School Calendar 2023-2024

The 2023-2024 School Calendar is now available for families (attached). The information will be posted to the Queen Elizabeth website under About Us - Publications. Queen Elizabeth's professional development days next year will be the same as the district days <http://queenelizabeth.vsb.bc.ca>

In the fall, families will receive notification of the school-wide fees being collected. Fees for classroom programs, workbooks/online subscriptions, field studies, etc will be collected as needed as some are specific to your child's program. Payment is via School Cash Online. Please ensure your School Cash Online account is set up. If you require assistance setting up School Cash Online please email StudentRecordsQE@vsb.bc.ca

2023 Notice of Late Return and Are You Moving?

A **Notice of Late Return Form** is to be completed for any student expecting to return to school **LATER THAN noon on Wednesday, September 6th 2023, but prior to Friday, September 29th, 2023.**

Please note: If the school is unable to verify your child's attendance at school **by noon on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023**, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist. A copy of the form is posted on the Queen Elizabeth School's website under About Us – Publications.

If you move out of the Queen Elizabeth catchment school over the summer, please wait until schools open at the end of August to put in a transfer request. You will need to pick up a transfer request form from our school and we will send it to your new catchment school.

Healthy Living ~ Healthy Snacks and Lunches Visitors to the School



We ask that students bring healthy snacks and lunches to school with them each day as it is a great initiative for promoting their well-being and teaching them independence and responsibility. In order to support this effort, it is important for parents to play a role in helping their children prepare and pack their own lunches, when possible. By involving children in the process, they can learn about nutrition, make healthier choices, and take ownership of their meals.

We understand that occasionally parents may need to drop off a forgotten item or a lunch for their child. All items being delivered during the day are to be dropped off at the office and not delivered to classrooms or left in hallways. This helps us maintain a safe and organized environment.

Additionally, it is standard VSB protocol for all visitors (this means parents/guardians also) to report to the office upon entering the school premises. This protocol helps maintain a safe and orderly environment by allowing the Principal and school staff to be aware of who is in the building at any given time. As well, the school can uphold our commitment to student safety, maintain a smooth operation of our daily routines and provide an environment conducive to learning and development. Please refer to the Visitor signage posted at the main entrance of the building for more detailed information.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

NOTICE
ALL VISITORS
MUST REPORT
TO OFFICE

Class Placements

As we begin preparation for the upcoming school year, I wanted to take a moment to address the topic of class placement requests.

Your child's teacher knows your child best and we understand that each student is unique and has individual needs and preferences. As such, we welcome input from parents when it comes to their child's future needs. However, I would like to remind parents that while we will take your requests into consideration, we must balance them with the overall needs of the student body and the academic program as a whole. Our experienced team of staff take great care in placing students in the appropriate classes based on a variety of factors, including academic performance, learning style and social and emotional development. Additionally, we have strict guidelines regarding the number and composition of students in each class. I would like to reassure you that we will continue to prioritize the best interests of all students in making these decisions.

While we cannot guarantee that requests will be accommodated, we are always willing to listen and have an open dialogue with parents. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher if there are any **specific learning considerations** that you would like us to take into account when placing students in classes for the 2023-2024 school year. A reminder that information should not include a request for a particular teacher.

Jump Rope for Heart

Queen Elizabeth Elementary is excited to be participating in Jump Rope for Heart to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. All classes will be participating and skipping on Tuesday, May 30th. Our goal is to raise \$3,000.00 and to date we have raised \$1280.00! Wow! Way to go Queen Elizabeth! Thank you for your generous donations and support of our students as they skip on Tuesday, May 30th and to Ms. Johnston and Ms. Nafisa for organizing our Jump Rope event! Donations will be accepted after our event for anyone wishing to donate.



Please click here to donate and to make a difference. <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/42222>

Track and Field

The Track and Field Final at Point Grey Secondary was a day full of fun and friendly competition that showcased QE's athletic performance and sportsmanship! Our junior and senior athletes' efforts earned numerous ribbons in all events, but what truly stood out was their wonderful and enthusiastic support for one another. Teacher coaches along with our parent volunteers were very proud of our students' exemplary conduct, which saw them recognized by other schools for their polite and respectful attitudes and behaviour. Congratulations to all our participants – your dedication and commitment to the Track and Field Team shone through! Huge thanks to our lead teacher coaches - Ms. Steele, Ms. Miller, Ms. Marr; teacher sponsors - Ms. Pomponio, Ms. Whitehead, Ms. Johnston; teacher candidates - Ms. Christensen, Ms. LaFonde, Ms. Liu; parent coach sponsors – Ms. Hirsch, Mr. Van Vliet; and numerous parent volunteers for their assistance with the Teams and field preparation this year.

Photo Day – Class and Group

A reminder, Wednesday, May 31st, is class and group photo day. All students will be given a complimentary class photo. The grade 7 and panorama photo will be available for order. An email reminder has been sent to families.



Sports Day

Sports Day is on Friday, June 16th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Students will be rotating through various fun-filled activity stations throughout the morning. Thank you to the PAC who will be providing a dilly bar for each student. Teachers will distribute the bars to students at their discretion at some point during the day.

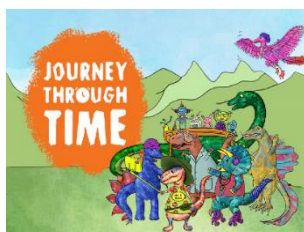
Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather that day and remember to send your child with a water bottle, a hat and sunscreen. Please label all your child's belongings.

Parents are welcome to join us. If you are here for sports day and need to use the washroom, please report to the office to gain access to the universal washroom, located near the front entrance of the school. A reminder, if you are spending time inside the building, please be sure to sign in and out at the office. Thank you.

Family Affordability Plan

We do still have some funds available to help families through the government's family affordability plan. Please reach out to the office if you think it would be helpful to receive a gift card for groceries and/or clothing for your child.

Vancouver Public Library Summer Reading Club 2023 – Journey Through Time!



BC Summer Reading Club is a free literacy program designed to engage children, ages 5-12, with libraries and reading, throughout the summer.

This year's BC Summer Reading Club theme is **Journey Through Time!** It features artwork by Vancouver-based illustrator and artist [Jeni Chen](#). Registration begins on June 19th. Please click on the link for details and registration <https://www.vpl.ca/program/summer-reading-club-2023-journey-through-time>

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is in the Main Building near the auditorium (front hallway area as you exit to go outside). Please remind your child to check for any lost items. There are a number of clothing items that have gathered since our Celebration of Learning. Anything left behind in June will be donated to charity.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sicheng in Division 7!

Sicheng's Remembrance Day poster has won the National First Place for the primary group's color poster category (grade 1 to 3), and his painting has been posted on the national legion's official website at <https://infcanada.ca/how-you-help/remembrance-contests-for-children-and-youth/> (on page 13 of the 2023 winners).



PAC News

PAC Meeting Tuesday June 6 ~ Please join us for the last PAC meeting of the year on Tuesday June 6th at 7 pm over Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date via the PAC mailing list.

Family Picnic Thursday June 8: Bring your family to enjoy an end of the year picnic on Thursday June 8th from 5 to 7:30! Bring your blanket or chairs, your own dinner or order dinner from Mom's Grilled Cheese Food Truck on site at the school. The Truck is offering three types of grilled cheese (and has gluten and dairy free options) as well as drinks.

If you can help with the (minor) set up or take down for this event please email Claire at ecmcc@hotmail.com.

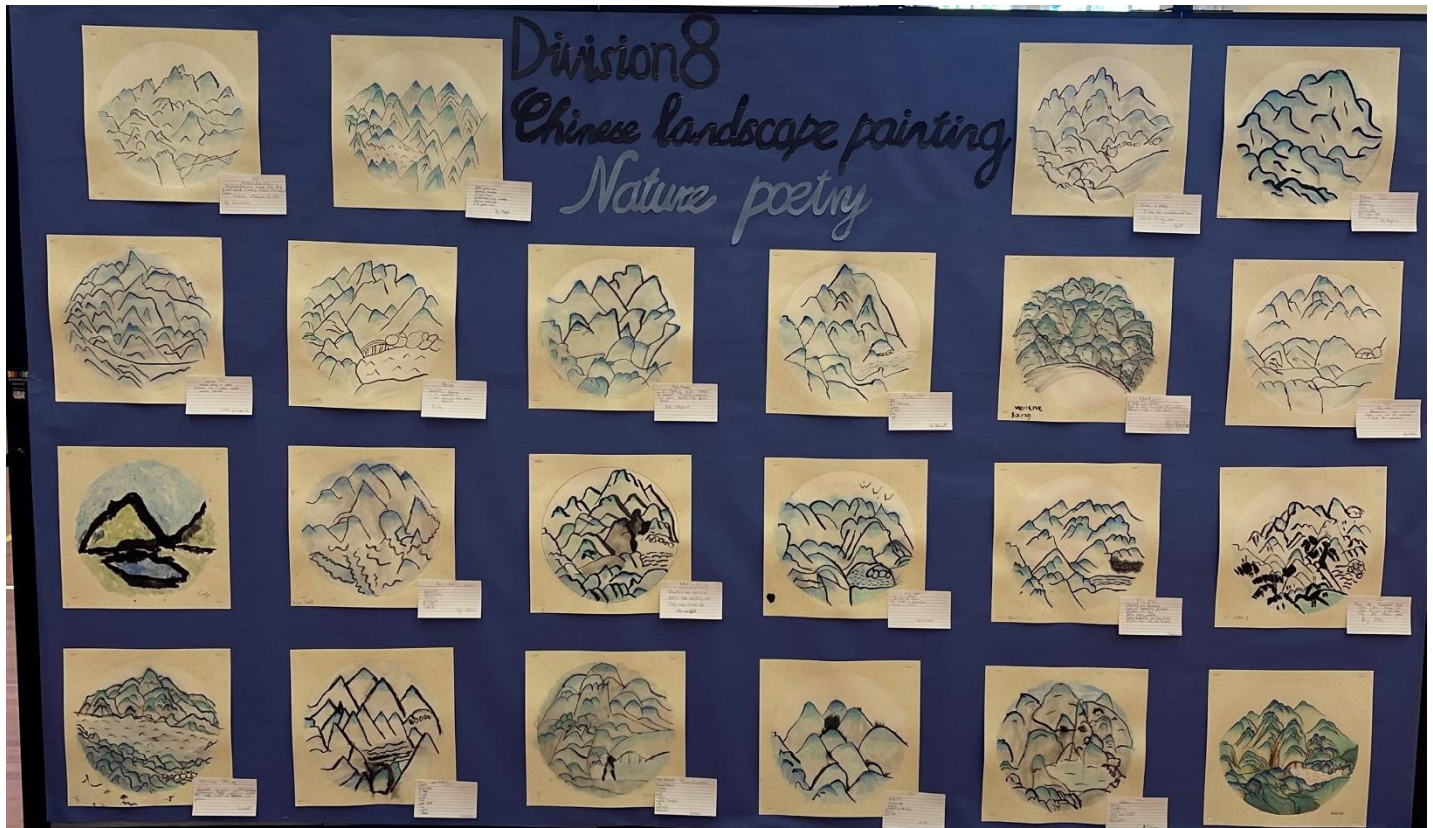
Sports Day Hot Lunch

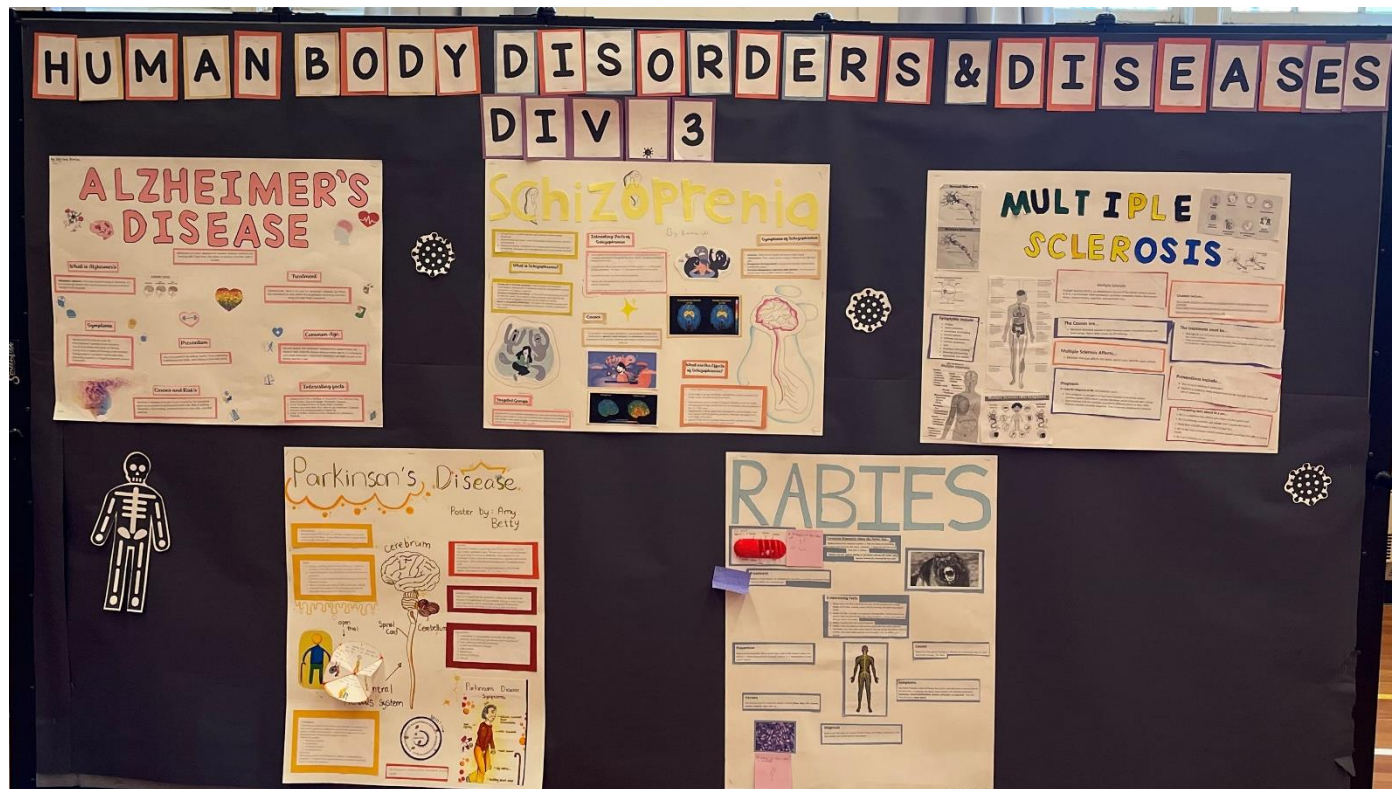
PAC will also be opening up hot lunch for an additional day on Friday June 16th for Sports Day. Look out for an email to the PAC Mailing list when sports day hot lunch ordering is open.

Student Engagement and Learning

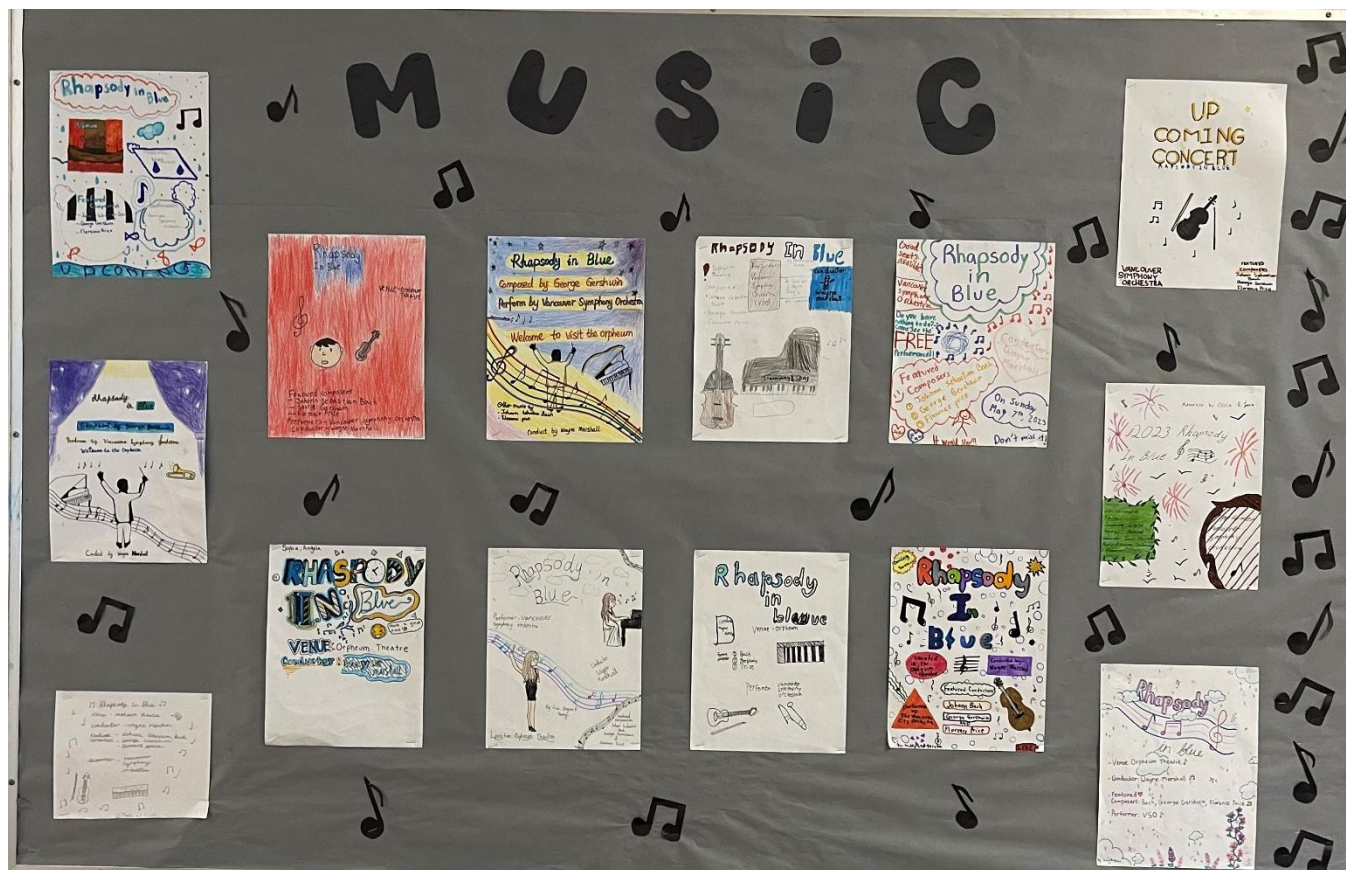
Celebration of Learning Displays

Grade 3 – Ms. Pomponio and Ms. Lui









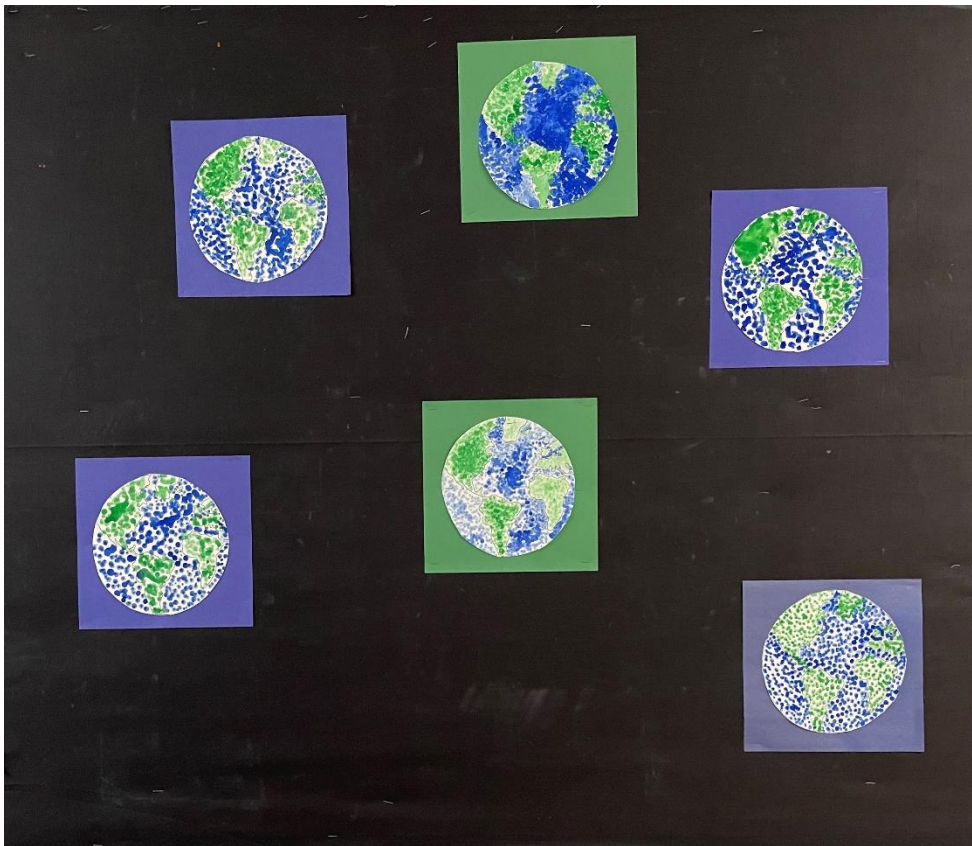




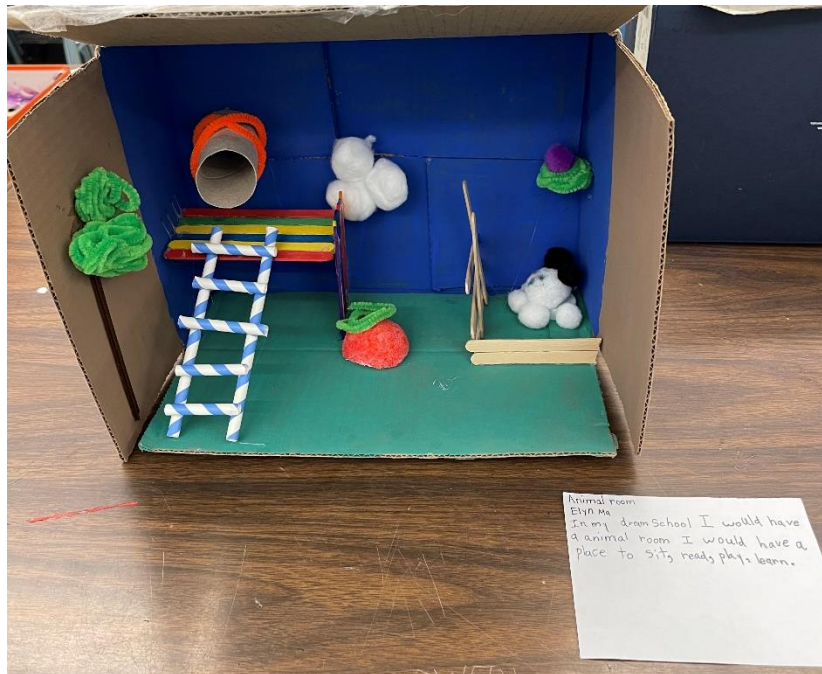
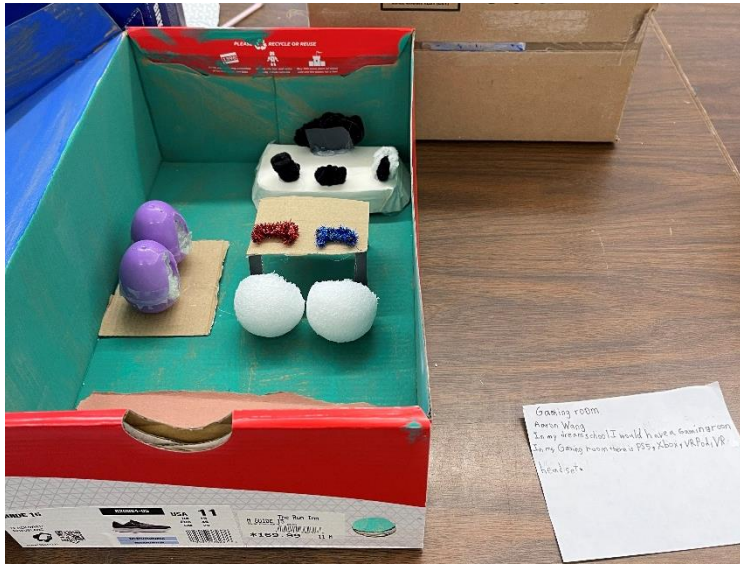


Kindergarten – Ms. Rattanaraj and Ms. Christensen, Mr. Crisp





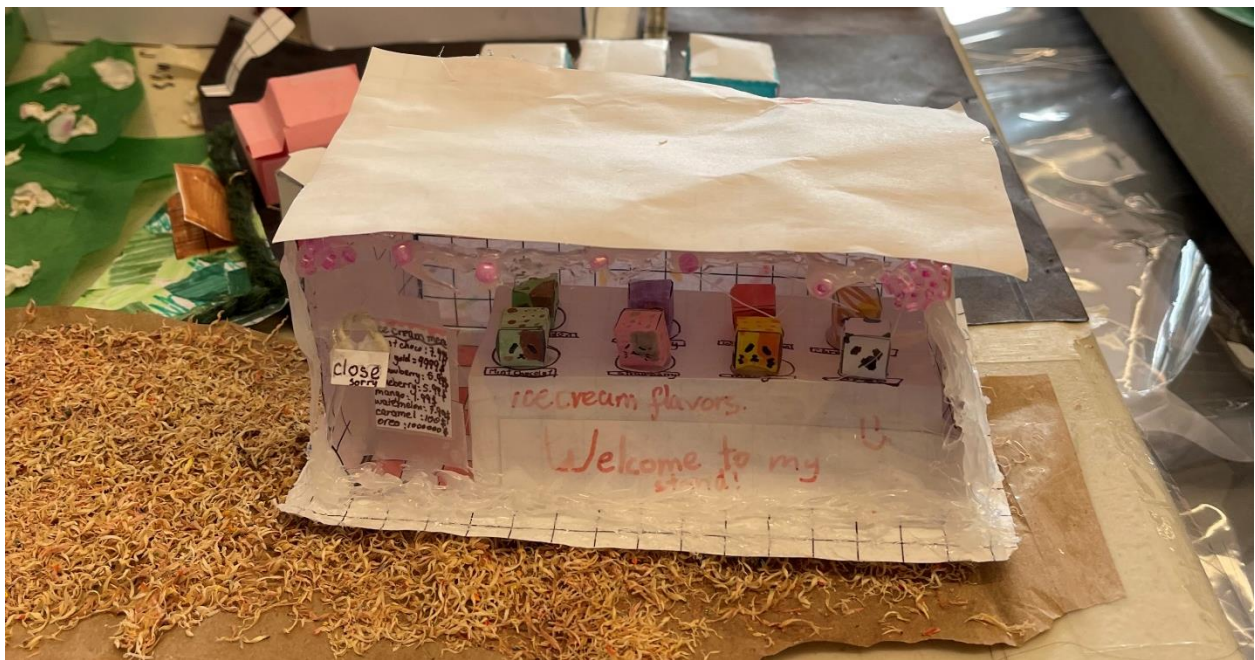




Grade 3 Ms. Whitehead











Grade ¾ - Ms. Johnston and Ms. Nafisa

