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DICKENS ANNEX NEWSLETTER

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Hello Dickens Annex families,

It's hard to believe that a month of school has passed already. Students have settled into their classroom routines and have one field trip under their belts!

We have and continue to resume some of the wonderful events at the Annex like morning reading and whole school assemblies. These events are open to families and we look forward to seeing you there. Please connect with your classroom teacher for student specific questions.

They say it takes a Village to raise a child and I felt this first hand as I juggled my daughter's gradual entry into Kindergarten this year. Thank you to the adults who have volunteered their skills and time for activities like Cross Country, the Garden and Sea Crow field trip. The way in which this community supports teachers and the staff to better support the students is what makes Dickens Annex a truly special place.

I look forward to our collaboration as we continue to foster the amazing humans that fill our school every day with their joy, laughter, and curiosity.

See you soon,

Atsuko Ishihara

Important Dates:

- October 4- Photo Day
Cross Country Meet
- October 7- Assembly 2:30-3:00pm
- October 11- Cross Country Meet
- October 14- Field Trip
- October 20- District Cross
Country Meet 1-3pm
- October 21- Pro D (no school)
- October 26- Early Dismissal 2pm
- October 27- Early Dismissal 2pm
- November 1- Pro D (no school)

Report Absences:

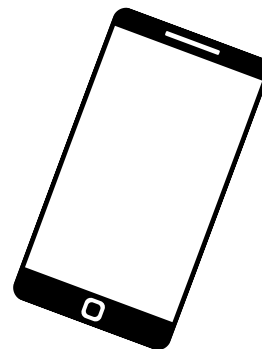
A school package containing emergency health information, media consent forms, as well as CASL consent will be arriving in your child's backpack shortly. We update all your child's contact information every year and appreciate the time you take to go over and return the completed forms. Please help us by getting these forms back to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

To report your child's absence via *Telephone*:

1. Call 604-713-5392
2. Record your message (include child's full name, grade and division)

To report your child's absence via *Email*:

1. Email: pawong@vsb.bc.ca
2. Type your message (include child's full name, grade and division).



Please report absences to the Office even if you have informed the teacher.



Students and staff are asked to stay home if they are not well. Here is the Daily Health Check for your convenience:



Dickens Annex is a mask friendly school!

PRO D UPDATE

Please note:

Tuesday, Nov. 1st, 2022
will be a Pro D day

(non-instructional for students)

This is in lieu of the originally scheduled
Sept. 19th Pro D.

HALLOWEEN

Halloween is such a fun and exciting time for students and we always love seeing the creative costumes that students show up in!

It is important not to inadvertently mimic culture by culturally appropriating racial or ethnic groups.

Please refrain from sending prop weapons to school as part of your child's costume.

If your child is away from school, please let Ms. Patti know via email.

Family READING



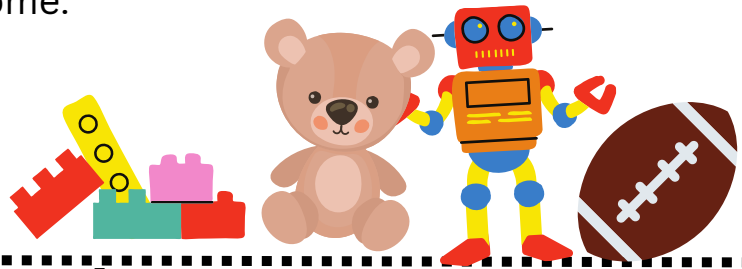
MONDAYS- DIV. 1

TUESDAYS- DIV. 2

WEDNESDAYS- DIV. 3

THURSDAYS- DIV. 4

A gentle reminder that toys and
electronic devices need to stay home.
Thank you for your support.



Whole School Assembly

Whole school assemblies,
led by grade 3s, will be on
Fridays at 2:30pm.

The first assembly will be held on
October 7th.

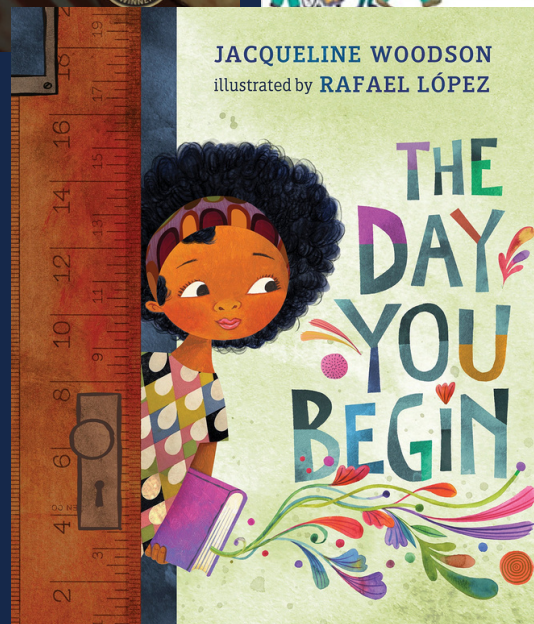
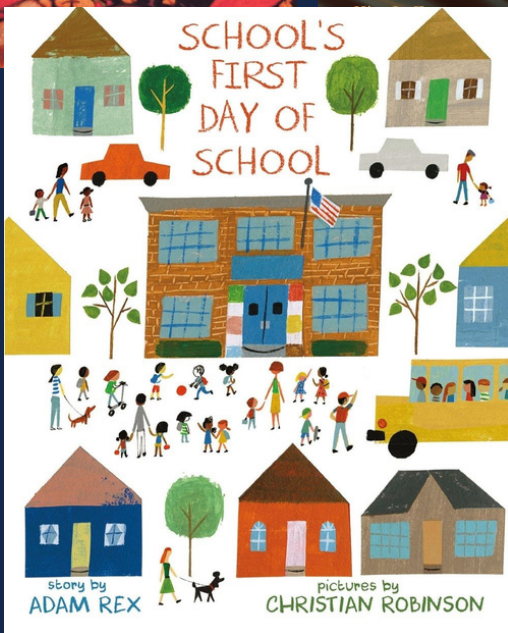
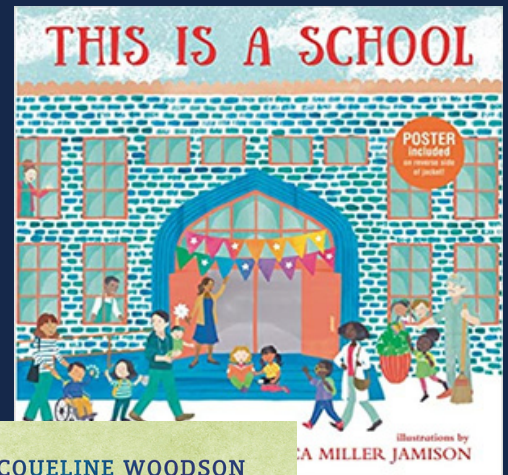
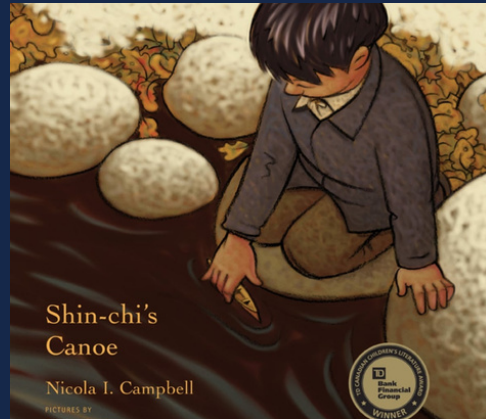
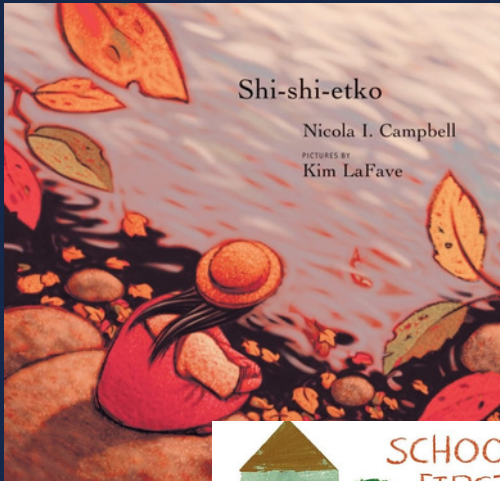


*Through online and cash
donations,
Dickens Annex raised
\$324.65 this year.*

Thank you for your
contribution and
participation!

What are you reading?

Sharing titles that spark meaningful conversations.



We began the school year having conversations around our hopes and dreams for the year and what we expect when we come to school. This led to discussions around residential school and how school was a different experience for indigenous children. Student comments were thoughtful, honest, and reflective as they brainstormed "how should kids feel when they are at school?" and wrote their responses to share.