

Whale Pass School

Board Report

10/30/24

The past month has seen the students diligently reading books for the Battle of the Books competition. The teams have been organized, and practice for the competitions will begin in November.

In terms of academics, we are delving into Microbiology. The topics include eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells, then dividing further into the differences between bacterial, animal and plant cells. When we get to the human immune system, we will study how the body responds to both viral and bacterial infections, and why virus's are not considered to be living organisms.

In World History we started with the Big Bang, and are now in the Paleolithic/Neolithic period. The Canadian Film Board has some exceptional documentaries that record the lives of a group of Netsilik indigenous people in the mid-1960s, which were essentially a Paleolithic people at the time of the filming.

Math is all over the map with students working at their appropriate speed and level from fourth grade up through Algebra 2. It makes for interesting class discussions, and the younger students always gain from working through more advanced concepts with the older students. This makes for highly competitive math Kahoots, especially since there are treats for the top three contenders.

Michelle's Tae Kwon Do group continues to excel and grow in size. A number of kids went to Idaho to compete in the tournament, and did extremely well. The question they continually get asked is "what do you feed those kids that makes them so strong". The answer of course is our lifestyle, not that halibut, salmon, and venison aren't helping!

Our annual pumpkin carving and Halloween preparations are being highly anticipated. Pictures to follow in the November board report.

Respectfully Submitted,

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