

## Naukati Bay School January 2021 Board Report



Before Winter Break, all students had the opportunity to practice some hand sewing and embroidery skills while making potholders out of upcycled material. Also, even though we had to move to distance education for two weeks, our students helped us come up with innovative ideas for continuing some of the activities we had planned, such as by offering a Secret Santa messenger service, and opening gifts during a school-wide collaborative Zoom session. It was amazing to watch everyone share their gifts.

In the elementary classroom, students have been taking part in hands-on science experiments and enjoying new sensory station activities. Additionally, two of our sixth grade students entered Appelley Publishing's National Student Poetry Contest. We recently learned that both of their poems have been selected for inclusion in the *2021 Rising Stars Collection*, which will be published as a limited edition in July. We are so excited to have a pair of budding authors in our school.

The students have chosen their electives of Sewing, Art II, Small Wood Projects and Engineering and Design. They are looking forward to starting them near the end of January.

Several students have joined up to participate in Archery and we will still continue with Marksmanship. We were all glad we had an opportunity to accommodate archery earlier in the year as now, when it seems like “crunch time” our archers feel ready to jump back in and give it their all. They are doing great! The students participating in Marksmanship are willing to stand out in the rain and wind to get their turn with the targets. There has been so much shared learning happening, each practice leads into new questions and personal growth. Thank you to a few Thorne Bay families for coming to join us. Thank you to the Naukati Families who come to support and help at the pit as well. Thank you to John and James Stevens for coming all the way out for *little old us*. We appreciate all you and James have done to get and keep these extra sports going for our district.

We are hoping everyone the best in 2021. Stay happy and healthy.

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