***Teacher Report - Tues. Sept. 26***

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| Science   * Grade 8 - review of scientific method, Cells (microscopes, organelles) * Grade 7 - ecosystem, coding with Scratch   Upcoming:  KB Reptiles - Friday, Oct 13  Laurel Creek Trips Oct 23 - Nov 1...will be looking for volunteers  Extra Curricular:  Science Council -council selected  [lunch and learn series]  Science Club - starting soon (coding, design & build etc.) |
| Math  Grade 7 - Portable 5 (investigating problem-solving strategies, ongoing number talks around the # of the day, analyzing graphs through the graph of the week, participating in UW’s problem of the week, exploring fractions--representing, adding & subtracting)  Grade 7 -Portable 8 (week of inspirational math to build passion, excitement and interest in math! Worked on problem-solving strategies and communicating our thinking, math talks everyday and diving into prime, composite, factors & multiples)  Math help everyday (but day 2) break B part two in portable 8. |
| Phys-Ed  Grade 8 - Boys and Girls football, fitness testing  Grade 7 - fitness testing, Boys football, girls field hockey  Upcoming - volleyball  Extracurricular  Class intramurals started last week  Boys football - 2 and 1 as of tonight  Girls field hockey - lost first game  Cross country team - competed in the Stanley Steamer, hosting a race on Oct 4th |
| Music - Band - 8s  **Class:** Instrument sign out starts this week (if pink form is returned)  **Grade 8 Band:** Rehearsals start this week, Day 5, Break A  **Glee:** Rehearsals start this week, Day 4, Break B  **Upcoming:** Band Ensemble meeting (date TBD); rehearsals usually after school once a week |
| Music - Strings - 8s  Early September: reviewing music literacy and performance skills developed last year  Oct- focus on developing new skills and techniques on instruments. Will be learning new repertoire and performing in small ensembles in class.  Extra Curricular: Orchestra rehearsals begin this week - open to all experienced string players. Chamber Ensemble: over 40 students auditioned  - ensemble will begin practicing next week |
| Visual Art - 7s  Select a piece of art to present to the class and describe “what it means to you”.  Art club starting Wed after school |
| Language Arts  Gr. 8 French Immersion English (Prendergast - 802 and 803) - first learning cycle focused on the idea of gratitude:  We have been talking, reading, and writing about the benefits of gratitude and what we are grateful for;  developing oral communication skills through small group discussions; annotating a non-fiction text; writing assignment introduced this week where students will write about one of life’s little pleasures in order to describe it and entertain their audience |
| History/Geography  Gr. 7 French Immersion students starting with History - goal is to see how the past affects the present;  (Prendergast - 803 and 802) Gr. 8 French Immersion students will begin geography in October - focus on how students can best help create sustainable development |
| French  7: review of grade 6 french  8: review grade 7 french  Immersion:   * Gr. 7 (Simmons) Review of purpose / audience / form in writing; grammar review - present tense; focus on speaking French in class and correcting common errors; encouraging students to select “just-right” books for them to read at home and at school * Health - focus on Mental health and Well-Being for first learning cycle * Gr. 8 (Prendergast) Started a read aloud in order to practice thinking strategies, reviewing expectations re: independent reading and talking about their rights as a reader, students have begun reading a book that they selected in class; diagnostic assessments completed; reviewing the present tense; variety of oral communication activities to get students back in the habit of speaking French and give them a chance to get to know their new classmates |
| Other Extra-curricular:  Model United Nations - student run, staff supervised, Day 5, break A  Gardening Club - starting Monday, will meet Break A on Day 1 and Day 4  Debate club - Friday after school  Ukulele club - Day 5, break B |