

YouLearn.ca February Newsletter

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MARCH FIELD TRIP FUN!

The Okanagan Symphony Orchestra's 2025 School Show, Fiddle Adventures with guest artist Daniel Lapp and guest conductor Jeff Farragher, promises a fun and engaging experience for students from grades K to 7. Built upon fiddle, folk and dance music from across North America, Ireland and Scotland, the show puts a spotlight on the fiddle, but students will be introduced to all the instruments of the orchestra in a toe-tapping musical journey.

Important Dates

February 14

Professional Development Day - Schools Closed

February 17

Family Day - Schools Closed

February 26

Anti-Bully/Pink Shirt Day

Inquiry Day - Early Dismissal at 12 pm

March 11

Okanagan Symphony Orchestra Event





Principal's Message

Happy February! We hope that everyone is staying warm during this cold snap. Hang in there as warmer weather is just around the corner! I would like to first start by saying thank you for the warm welcome into the YouLearn family. It has been a very steep learning curve, but I am up for the challenge.

As the first week at YouLearn comes to an end, it seems fitting that I give you quick update as to who I am. In 2017 my wife and I left central Alberta and relocated back to the South Okanagan, bringing our four kids along for the ride! We both grew up in the area and it was great to be back home and raise our kids here. I accepted a job at Osoyoos Secondary as the Vice Principal and started learning the ins and outs of the K-12 system that I graduated from. In 2021, I was transferred to Southern Okanagan Secondary School as the Vice Principal and continued to gain valuable experience. Last year my role changed where I became the School District's administrator for Indigenous Education. With my transfer to YouLearn, I continue to work out of the district office two days a week in supporting Indigenous learners and working with the Indigenous Education team. I enjoy spending time outside, coaching my son's hockey teams, cooking, and grocery shopping!

We will be reaching out to students and families about progress within classes. A reminder for students to be actively engaged with their studies and if some roadblocks pop up along the way, please reach out to the staff for support. With all the recent changes, we are working diligently in preparing report cards in a timely manner.

Speaking of changes, we would like to welcome Sarah Wilkie back to the YouLearn family. With Colette's retirement, Sarah has accepted the vacant Administrative Secretary position, and we are very excited to have her as part of the team. Sarah's start date will be sometime in February, and she brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise with her.

With Will Eaton's departure into Retirementville, there are some pretty big shoes to fill. Rest assured, the staff here are YouLearn are on it in terms of supporting students with their academic, social and emotional needs. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at the school if you have any questions.

Thanks, and have a great second half of the school year.

Early Years Program (Grades K-6)



Poetry

K-6 students are reading and writing poetry this month!

Please have your child select poetry books from the library to read aloud. We are practicing various poems including acrostics, cinquain and rhyming couplets. Students are encouraged to create drawings that go alongside their writing. If you have any questions, your teacher Diane O'Neill can assist you.

Have fun with poetry!

Middle Years Program (Grades 7-9)



Social Studies

Semester 2 courses are now available.

All students have access to their first assignment in Teams.

When you have completed your first assignment, please contact Shelley.

Science

Semester 2 courses are now available.

All students be given their first assignments shortly.

When you have completed your first assignment, please contact Cody.



Secondary Program (Grades 10-12)



Career Education

School District 53's dual credit University programs for the 2025-26 school year are already starting to fill.

Please reach out to our Career Education Advisor, Steve, if you are interested in any of the following:

Welding, automotive services, professional cooking, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, red seal foundations, health care, network technology and/or business administration.

Happy Retirement, Colette.

On February 1st, 2025, we said farewell to one of our treasured employees, Ms. Colette Farnworth. Colette has worked with our school for many years as an Administrative Secretary.

Her compassionate smile will be sincerely missed around the office, but we cannot think of anyone more deserving of a healthy, relaxing retirement.

We wish you the very best in life's new adventures, Colette.

Once YouXearn Family.

Always YouXearn Family.



Interested parents are asked to reach out to Melanie Olson (1970molson@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Additional Resources

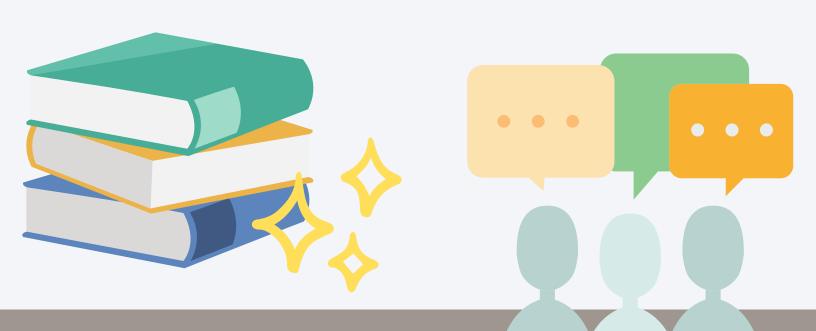
Every month, Family-Smart hosts online events for parents & caregivers who are parenting a child or youth with a mental health and/or substance use. Family-Smart presents videos and shares strategies that can help in hard moments, focusing on strengthening understanding and connection with kids.

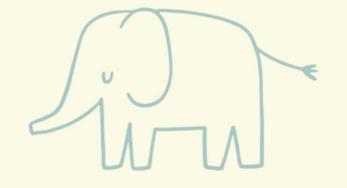
Find their schedule of events at: https://familysmart.ca/monthly-events/

Our school district has a shared library of audiobooks and other digital resources called Sora. Sora is free to use for our students and staff. The sign on information is your SD53 login.

Try it here:

https://bcnsdcca.libraryreserve.com/ozone? action=initiate&ilsname=sd53os&URL=Default.htm





February is Task Initiation Month!

How do you eat an elephant?

.... one bite at a time!

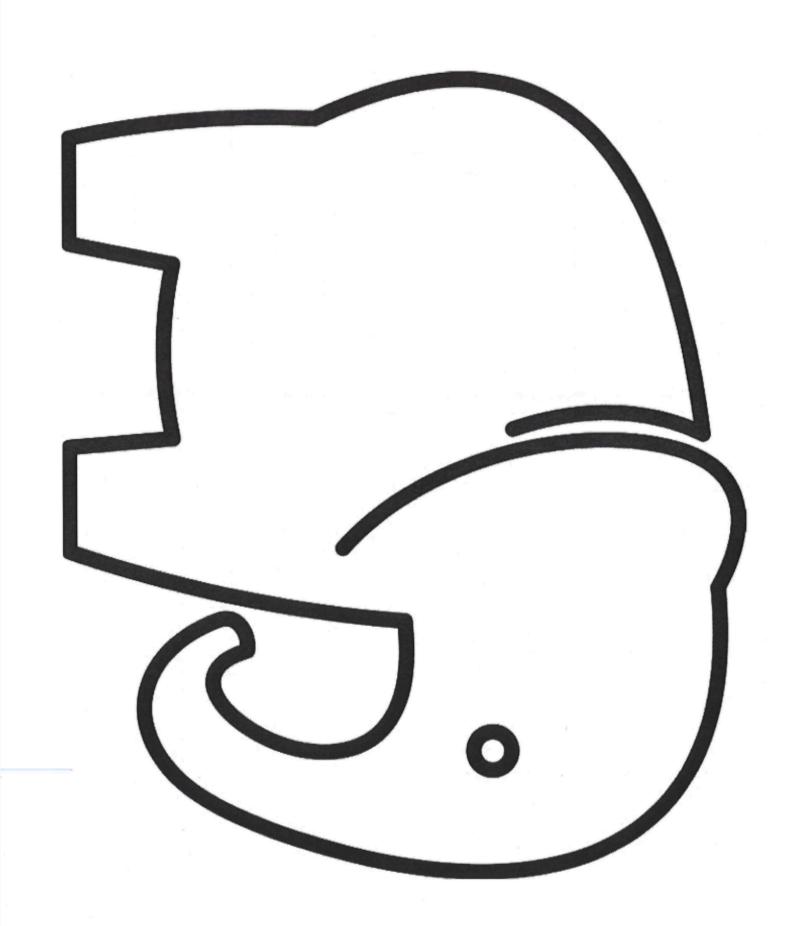
How to eat an elephant challenge for students:

The following video is about task initiation and what it means to eat an elephant one bite at a time: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dA4Li-o_ZQc

Using the attached elephant template, break one of your academic tasks into pieces and draw these pieces into your elephant as in the video:

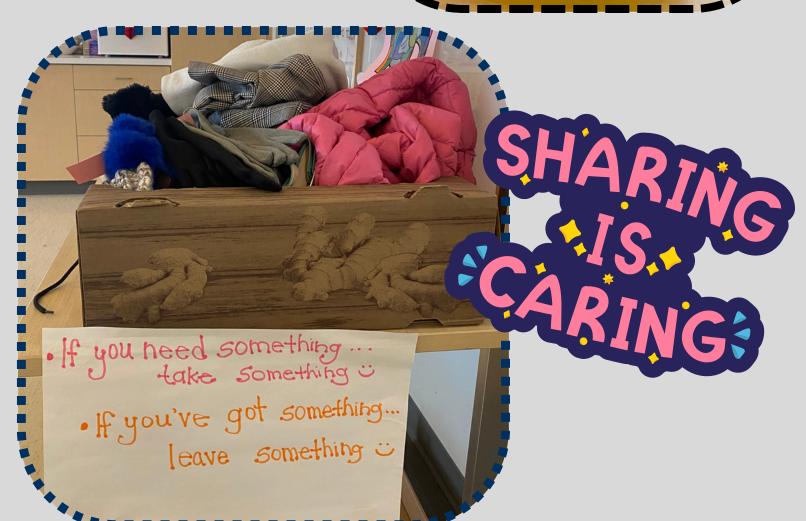
- There are paper copies of the elephant at our YouLearn locations.
- Connect with your mentor if you are not certain of how to do this.

Submit your elephant to your mentor or any staff member by February 25 and you will be entered into a draw for prizes!









APPENDIX D

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53 PARENT CONSENT FOR FIELD TRIPS STUDENT ACTIVITY / FIELD TRIP

You Learn, ca is planning the following stude required by the school if your child is to attend.	dent activity/activities. Your written permission is
Description of the activity: Okanagan Symph	way School Show - Fiddle Adventure
Special Requirements/Equipment: N/A	
Location of Activity: Cleland Community	Theatre - Penticton
Town: Penticton, BC	·
Dates(s): Tyesday, March 11, 202	5
Mode of Transportation: School Bus or	meeting these
Accommodations: N/A	J
Field Trip Leader (must be staff member):	and y
Chaperones: De Silee Franco, Diane	D'Neill
Departure Time/Date: Bus leaves NOL 10:3	so am, ceturns by 1:30 pm.
Anticipated Return Time/Date: 1:30 pm Marc	h 11,2025
If you have any questions at all regarding this activity, please of	contact the undersigned at 250 - 498 - 4597.
f you do not wish your child to accompany his or her class on this supervision.	Administrator s trip, please contact me and I will arrange alternate
give (name of student) permission to pa	articipate in the field trip to
on I understand that my child may activity. Accidents and injuries may occur.	be exposed to certain risks while participating in this
Consent/Waiver – Booster Seats (applies to trips using person	nal vehicles as transportation):
My child is over 9 years of age OR over 4'9" – no booster My child is over 18kg/40 lbs AND under 4'9" – booster se My child will bring a portable booster seat that do My child does not have a car seat or booster sear request that the school provide an appropriate chi	r seat required eat required es not require installation into the driver's vehicle at that is appropriate for his/her age and weight. I
Signature of Parent / Guardian	Date
Printed name of Parent / Guardian	Medical Number
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