



Frank Hobbs Elementary Newsletter

JANUARY 2021



FRIENDLY REMINDER

School begins promptly at 8:50am
Please have your child(ren) here
no earlier than 8:45 a.m.

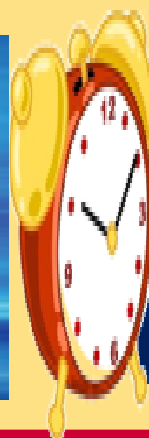
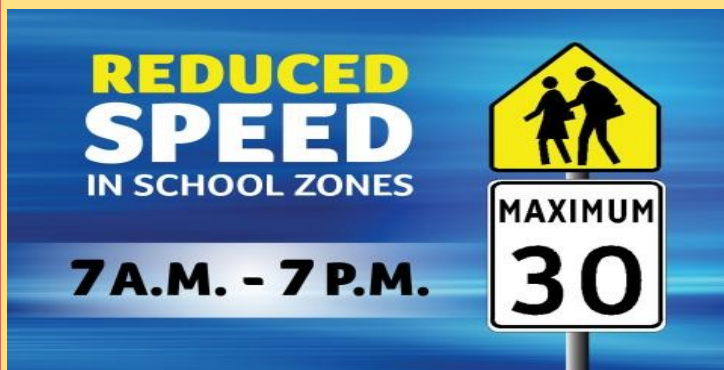
School begins
8:50 a.m.

Recess break
10:10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Lunch break (eating time)
11:40 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.

Lunch break (outside time)
11:59 a.m. to 12:32 p.m.

Dismissal 2:35 p.m.



School Hours

PRO D Day

Friday, January 22nd
No School for Students

Pro-D Day
School Closed!

MISMATCH DAY!!

Wear your brightest colors on top and different colors on bottom!

Friday, January 29th



FRANK HOBBS ELEMENTARY

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January 2021



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

MONDAY, JANUARY 25TH to

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH 8:00 AM—3:00PM

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/kindergarten-registration/>

GRADE 6 LATE FRENCH IMMERSION

REGISTRATION

MONDAY, JANUARY 25TH to

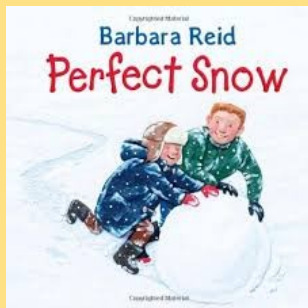
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH 8:00 AM—3:00PM

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/late-french-immersion/>

**FRENCH
IMMERSION**

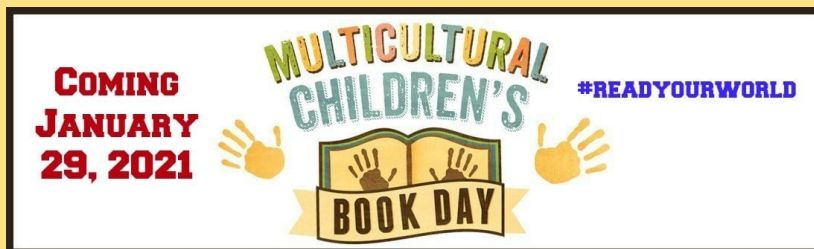


[Family Literacy Day](#) is on Wednesday, January 27. This year's theme is *"Travel the World Together."* Check out the [link](#) for more information, including a special pre-registered event with author and illustrator [Barbara Reid](#)!



Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Since 1999, thousands of schools, libraries, literacy organizations and other community groups have taken part in the initiative. ABC creates free learning and promotional resources for anyone that wants to get involved. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development, improving a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well.

Family Literacy Day 2021 Theme: Travel the World Together! - Use your imagination to go exploring and travel the world together as a family – you never know what you'll learn! Plan your dream trip, learn about another culture and open your mind to the world.



[https://
multiculturalchildrensbook-
day.com/](https://multiculturalchildrensbook-day.com/)

Inclement Weather Notifications

During an emergency, inclement weather, power outage or similar incident, it is a priority to communicate effectively to parents, students and community partners. We work closely with local municipalities and emergency services to gather accurate information about road conditions and safety considerations.


We will work quickly to determine impacts to school so parents can adjust plans accordingly in the early morning hours. We try to determine school closures due to inclement weather by 6:30 am. If schools are closed, an alert will appear on this website.

Greater Victoria School District Website:

Our website www.sd61.bc.ca should be used as the primary point of contact for accurate updates about inclement weather or emergencies. An alert system is utilized on the front page of the website to draw your attention to the most pertinent information. Please use this website as your official source of information and current status.

Twitter and Facebook:

Updates will also be posted on the Greater Victoria School District  Twitter Ac-

count: [@sd61schools](https://twitter.com/sd61schools) and on our  Facebook page, [Greater Victoria School District](https://www.facebook.com/GreaterVictoriaSchoolDistrict). Help us share updates by sharing posts with your friends and followers on Twitter and Facebook.

Local media:

To reach as many people as possible – as quickly as possible – we work closely with our local media to share information. Listen to local radio stations and follow local news outlets online to also get information about the impact of severe weather on schools.

Phone:

Some schools subscribe to an automated messaging system which leaves a message for parents of the school. It generates an automated message that updates you on the current situation. You may have heard it before regarding student absences, or an incident at your school.

Student Safety is a Shared Responsibility

Student safety is our first priority and a shared responsibility. The Greater Victoria Region is large and we understand that some areas may be more difficult to travel than others. It's a parent's decision if you choose to keep your child home due to road conditions. Please call the school and let them know if your child is staying home. The decision to attend school is the responsibility of each family.





West Coast Seeds

Untreated seeds for organic growing, non-gmo



This year the Frank Hobbs PAC is running a fundraiser with West Coast Seeds for the purpose of raising funds for our School PAC and Community Garden! We chose this fundraiser because we would like to promote a program that is environmentally friendly and promotes growing food, while providing funds that goes back directly to our school community.

Every packet sold will earn 40% for our PAC. West Coast Seeds provides Canada No 1 seeds that are untreated and non- GMO, which means that it promotes sustainability. They have provided a wide range of their best selling vegetables, herbs and flowers, to give a little something for everyone! - How to Order seeds:

Visit: fundraising.westcoastseeds.com (paper form is also available by request, please email Jenny at jennynanninga@gmail.com). Please ensure that you order from this site only (vs. their main page, otherwise we will not earn the 40%) and shipping is free!

Click on 'SHOP' at the top right bar, and select your seed type (or 'All Products')

Add all desired items to your cart. When you have all items in your cart, click on the cart button. Find our organization: 'Frank Hobbs Elementary PAC' from the drop down menu. Complete your purchase and add in your details so we can contact you when our order is ready to be picked up or in case you need to be contacted regarding your order.

Shipping is **free** to the school and should arrive by mid to late March. You will be notified when your package is available.

Please make sure to order by March 5th to avoid disappointment. If you are unable to order online please contact Jenny Nanninga at jennynanninga@gmail.com, for other options or if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your support!

We're Fundraising with Mabel's Labels!



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PAC NEWS

Happy New Year! Your Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is committed to supporting student education and activities during these challenging times. The PAC budget is significantly lower this year, and there are still a few important programs to fund. With traditional fundraising initiatives on hold, we are asking each family to contribute a monetary donation of \$20 per family. For parents unable to volunteer their time, contributions are another way of supporting your child's education through the PAC. This is a suggested amount - please give what you feel comfortable with. Less is fine and more will be put to great use!

Your PAC dollars support initiatives that enhance Frank Hobbs student experiences. Here are a few things that the PAC is funding this year:

Classroom supplies: the PAC gives each teacher \$400 per year to supplement their classroom supplies and activities.

Science Ventures presentation: All K-5 classrooms get access to this fun & educational STEM program!

Grade 5 graduation: PAC has committed to ensuring that our grade 5s get the celebration they have earned without having to dip into classroom funds.

Replacing the school's supply of booster seats.

The PAC is involved in the School's Community Garden Space.

In previous years, and when we are able to return to 'normal' operations, our PAC would like to continue:

Supporting library resources - PAC has communicated with the teacher librarian for ways we can add and support the Library Learning Commons.

PAC dollars makes school programs accessible to all. If any students are in need of supplies or items, PAC ensures they are paid for.

Dance Program for K- 5.

Traditionally, the PAC has also hosted year-round community events and fundraisers, like BBQs, Winterfest, teacher appreciation lunches, and end of year parties. For health and safety reasons, these activities will not go forward this school year.

We welcome any new ideas or suggestions for community building at Frank Hobbs!

Wondering how you can help increase our PAC funding without a direct donation?

We run Monk's School supply orders at the end of the school year. Links are sent out to families in June, and runs throughout the summer until early September.

There's a fundraising account at Pepper's Foods. Pepper's donates 5% of your bill back to the school. Before your order, ask to purchase a gift certificate in any denomination for Frank Hobbs school. 5% of that gift certificate total gets sent to us annually.

Mabel's Labels! Tired of losing your child's clothing or supplies? We've partnered with Mabel's Labels in order to receive 20% back on your purchases - sale and promo codes still apply. Visit & purchase through campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search Frank Hobbs Elementary. This is ongoing and has no end date.

Purdys Easter Fundraiser. Order your Easter treats and our PAC receives 20% of your total. Visit <https://fundraising.purdys.com/606675-82538> and order by March 22nd

New this year - a West Coast Seed Fundraiser, where we receive 40% of your seed order total. Visit fundraising.westcoastseeds.com, add items to your cart then select Frank Hobbs Elementary PAC as your organization. Ends Mar 5th.

Please contact Jenny Nanninga at jennynanninga@gmail.com if you have any questions or need any information on these ongoing fundraisers.

NEW THIS YEAR - An Online Auction! We are looking for help in coordinating our online auction fundraiser for the end of the year. These funds will help support the current and 2021-2022 school year. If you're interested in helping, or you work for/run a business that could donate goods, services, or skills, please contact Jenny Nanninga at jennynanninga@gmail.com

If you have any questions please email frankhobbs.pac@vcpac.ca or attend the next Parent's Zoom Meeting on February 8 @ 6:30 pm. Thank you everyone for making Frank Hobbs the best that it can be even during these unprecedented times.

Please enjoy the next few pages from our
Frank Hobbs ART GALLERY

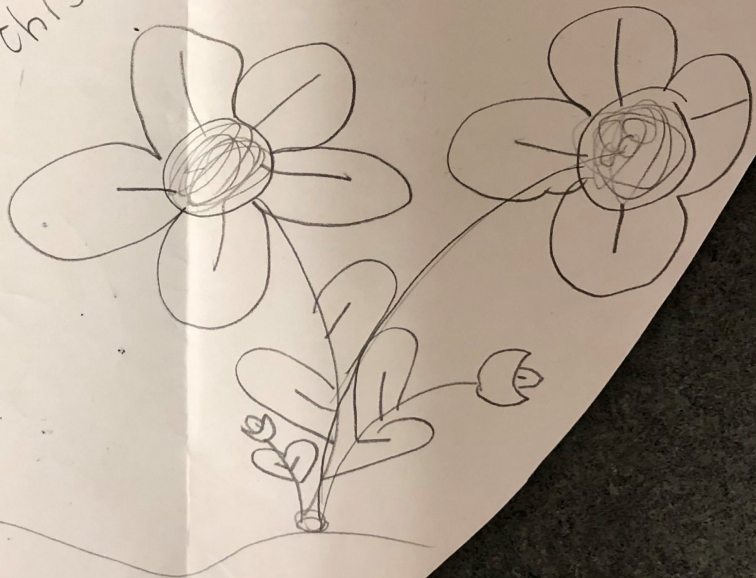
To Frank Hobbs

I LOVE

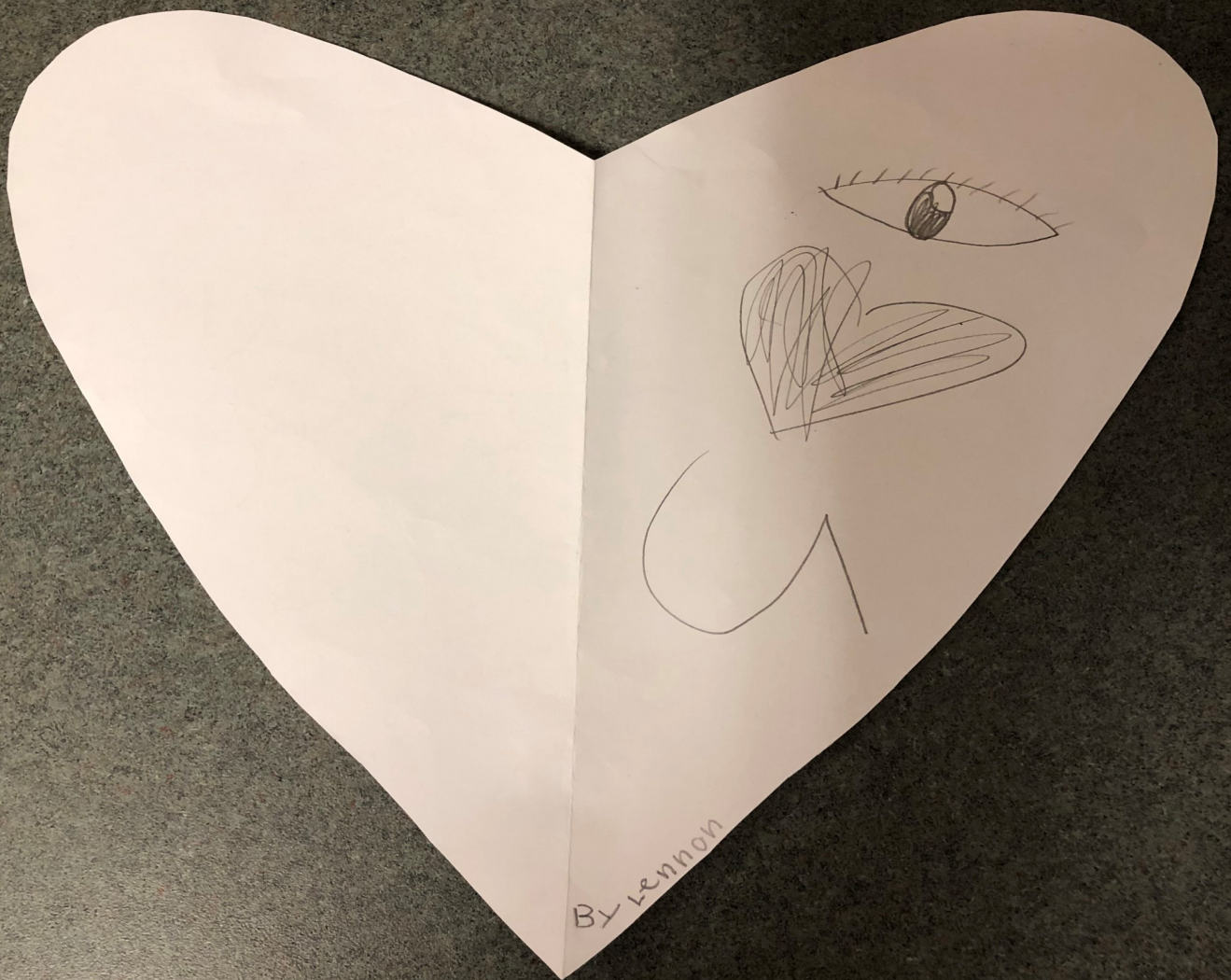
You

So Much.

It is
Fun at this
School.



THIS IS THE HAPPIEST SCHOOL!



Snowman

Challenge

Name: VV

Sascha

Me

SOMEONE

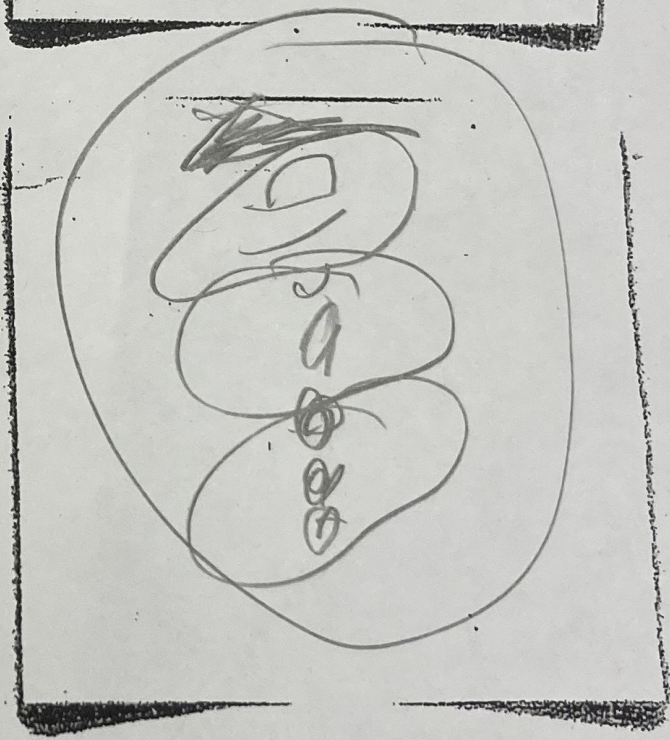
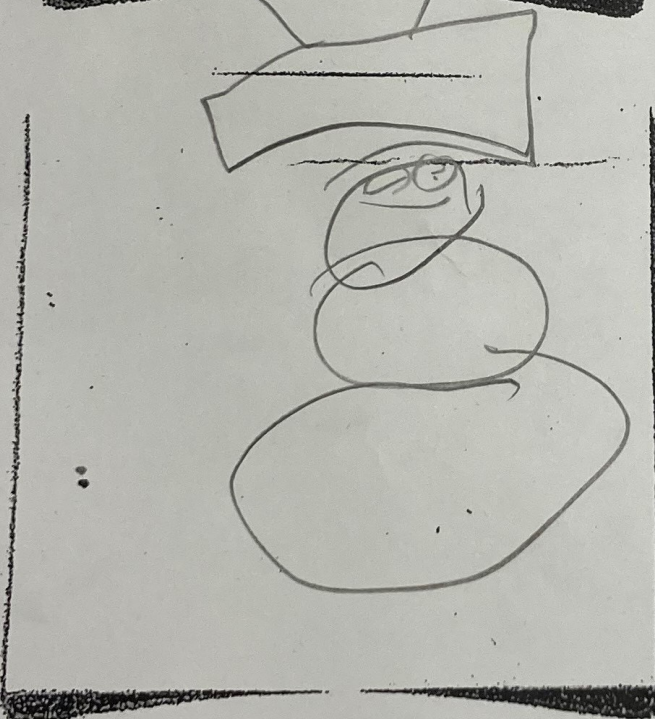
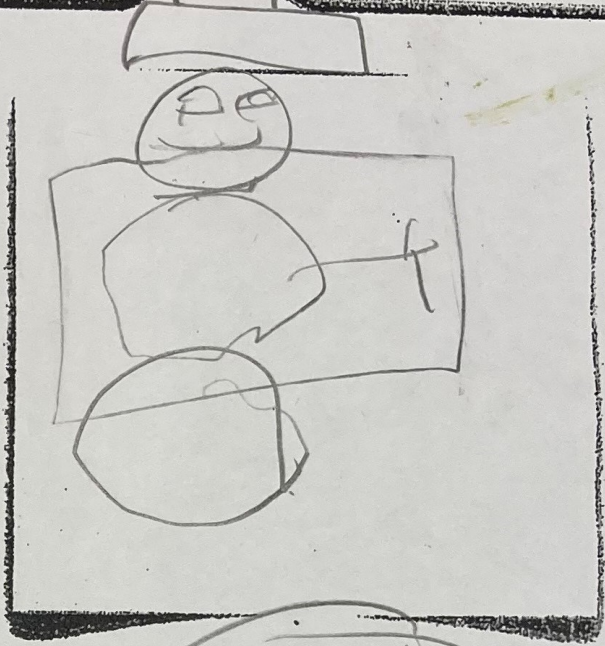
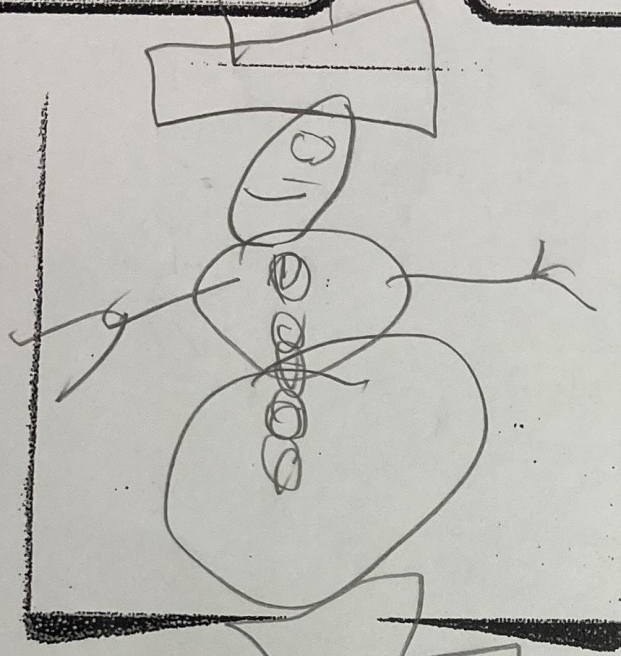
Someone
to play
with

NEED

-Sturdy

-stand up
on its own

CONSTRAINT



SNOWMAN CHALLENGE



MY 2021 WILL BE:

Grateful

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3 THINGS I WILL DO TO MAKE IT THAT WAY:

1. Think of other people
2. Be kind
3. Do not be greedy.

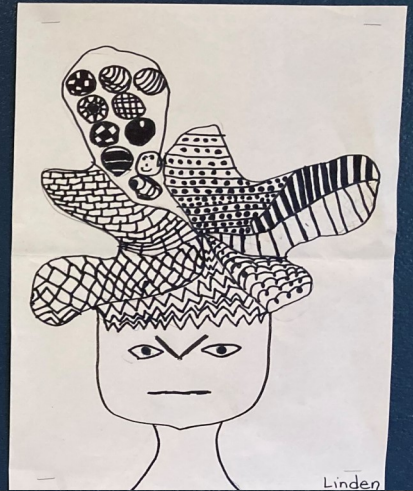
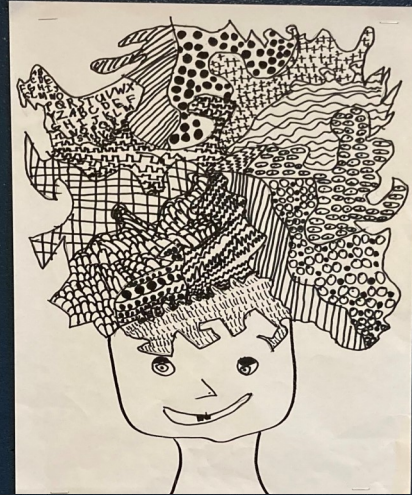
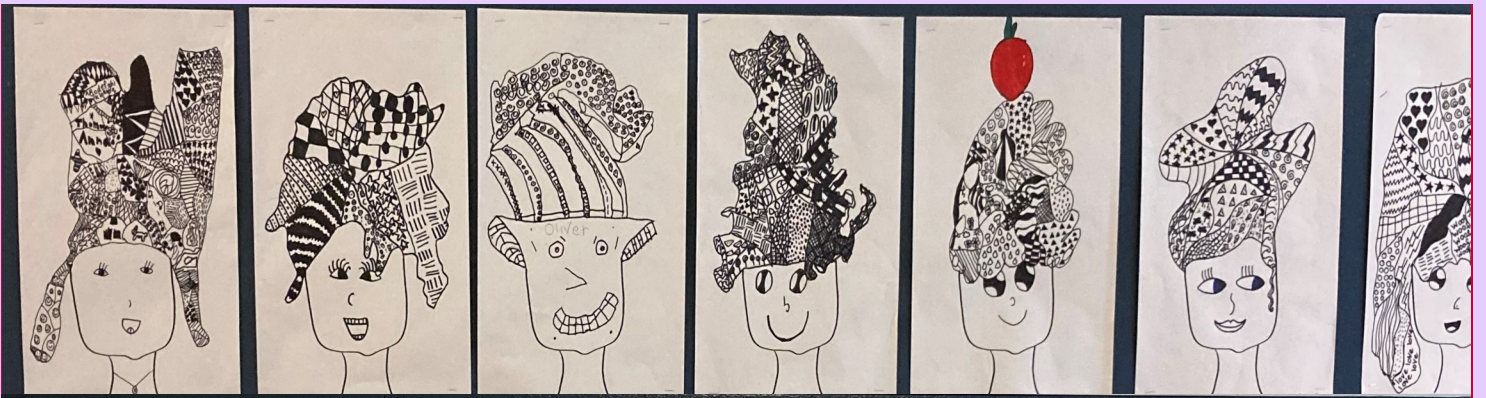
MY 2021 WILL BE:

Care

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3 THINGS I WILL DO TO MAKE IT THAT WAY:

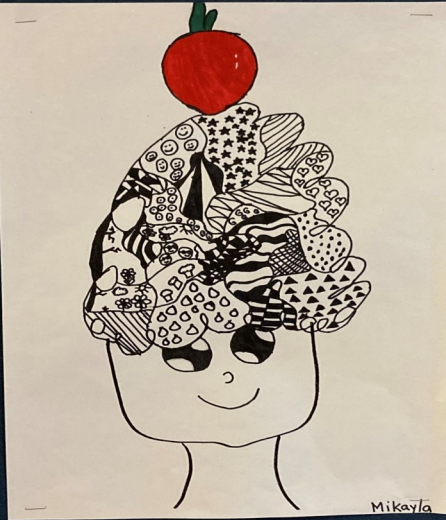
1. I will be grateful to my friends.
2. I will be proud of my artwork.
3. I will be nice to my family and teacher.



Linden



Hannah



Mikayla



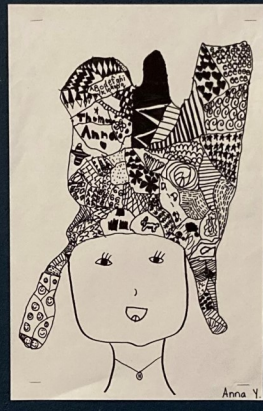
Penelope



Paul



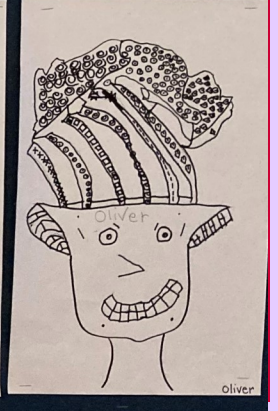
Kaelyn



Anna Y



Lucy



Oliver

School Calendar

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
4 BACK TO SCHOOL	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22 PRO D DAY
25 KINDER REGISTRATION & Early French Immersion	26 Registration for Grade 6	27 JAN 25-29 @3:00 pm	28 -	29 MISMATCH DAY
FEB 1	2	3	4	5