



Message from Mr. Corston

This week parents/guardians are informed on how their child is learning through a formal report card. Communication on student learning is an ongoing process and there should not be any surprises for students or parents/guardians. As always, if at any time you have a concern with your child's learning please contact your child's teacher(s) or myself at the school.

This is a very important time in School District No. 83 connected to the Long Range Facilities Plan. Do not miss the opportunity to be informed and inform the process.

School District No. 83 students, parents, and community members are invited to participate in the consultation process of the Long Range Facilities Plan. Information and ideas gathered from these consultations will guide trustees as they develop the district's 10 year long range plan.

March 11 at 6 p.m. - Sorrento Elementary (Focus is rural schools)

At each session there will be a general overview of the entire district, with discussion focussing on the indicated topic. These sessions will cover the Salmon Arm and greater area (any school which feeds into high school in Salmon Arm). There are other sessions if the above date doesn't work; please choose the one that best suits you. Options are described in the Long Range Facility Plan, and other suggestions are welcomed. Please submit any suggestions or questions to vdeacon@sd83.bc.

Student Learning – Coding in Our Learning Commons

In January, we had a special guest visit Carlin's Library Learning Commons to help students learn about coding.

Jessa Clark, District Technology Helping Teacher, taught coding to all classes from kindergarten to grade 8 for three weeks through the library with Ms. Ellis. Students learned to code using Scratch Jr, Swift Playground, Ozobots (mini-robots), and Spheroes (sphere robots). Teachers could book Ms. Clark for more in-depth lessons at other times during the week.

Students had a great time while learning coding basics! They were excited to code - especially the K's who talked about it all week apparently! Thank you, Ms. Clark and Ms Ellis!

For students who would like to learn more coding on their own, they can visit our Carlin Website for links to Hour of Code and Scratch Jr. and/or sign out new coding books from our library!

Ready Set Learn

A Ready, Set, Learn event will take place in every elementary school in the North Okanagan-Shuswap between January and March 2020.

- Ready, Set, Learn is a free early learning event for families with children who are 3 to 5 years old
- All families will receive free books and a kit of materials and resources to help support their child's early learning experiences
- All families are encouraged to pre-register for the event at their local school or contact Jennifer Findlay at 250-833-2095 or jfindlay@sd83.bc.ca for more information
- The Ready Set Learn event at Carlin Elementary Middle School will take place on Wednesday, March 11 from 9:30-10:30 in the Learning Commons.

Message from PAC

Thank-you to everyone who came and joined us for the Carlin Unplug and Play event; it was so fun. Extra big Thank-you to Sunnybrae Bible Camp for the laser tag and LASS for the new books.

Upcoming dates:

February PAC meeting is on 18th at 6pm in the learning commons. Babysitter and snacks provided.

The next hot lunch will be soup and a bun and milk from the Village Grocer. The date is February 27th: order forms coming home soon!

The 10th annual Carlin Country Market plans are underway. This is our school's only fundraiser of the year and provides our school with field trips, gymnastics, sports equipment, new water fountains, and so, so so much more. Please email carlinpac@hotmail.com to see where you can help!!

Thanks
Carlin PAC