

PINK SHIRT DAY

On February 22nd ARES students learned about the significance of PINK SHIRT DAY.

Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying after a new student was harassed and threatened for wearing pink. These students bought dozens of pink shirts and distributed them to their classmates to wear the next day. The word got out online and hundreds of students showed up in pink to stand together against bullying.

This year's slogan "Lift Each Other Up" is about connection and how we can learn to support one another.

At ARES, we held a school wide assembly before buddy classes gathered to brainstorm ways to demonstrate kindness. Together we made a mural of hands in our library with all of the ideas written on the hands.



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FEBRUARY NEWS



What's New at ARES?



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THE BC SPCA VISITS ARES



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Several classes at ARES enjoyed a presentation from the BC SPCA.

The three questions students learned about were:

- How are wild animals impacted by humans?
- What can we do to ensure wildlife have a high quality of life?
- Can our daily decisions impact wildlife?

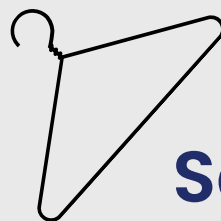
BCSPCA
Speaking for Animals



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Thanks Mr. Percival
for organizing
these visits



Wire Sculptures



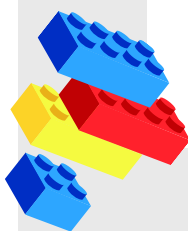
The students in Ms. Ellert's class have been busy bending old wire hangers to make sculptures. Nylon was stretched over the wire, three layers of glue was added to stiffen the sculpture, and the sculptures were then painted. Sculpturing is an excellent way to explore through the design process of building an object from brainstorm to full creation.



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READ-A-THON 5

Congratulations ARES students, teachers and families who took part in our reading month. This year's Read-a-thon was a great success. The students have collectively read over 100,000 minutes. We have also been impressed with all of the amazing Lego builds that students have been willing to share on our weekly update videos. A special "Thank You" to the Student Leadership Council who took time each day to visit classrooms and record each individual's reading minutes. We are looking forward to next year's Read-a-thon to see what new adventure may come our way.



We had MANY amazing Lego build photos sent in ~ Thank You!



What books did the ARES Staff love to read when they were young? Students enjoyed connecting the books on our interactive bulletin board.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you Mrs. Leslie for organizing the book fair and to the many parents and student volunteers who helped make the two days such a success.



Did you know that our Scholastic Book Fair sales totaled **\$4704.10**? Proceeds will go back into ARES to support our Library and classroom book collections. Thank you families!



"Bullies usually experienced being bullied when they were younger" ~ ARES Grade 7 Student

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PLAY YOUR WAY TO KINDERGARTEN



Creating Connections
Nurturing Positive School Experiences

For Ages 3-6 years

Please join us for a school Performance
and other fun activities at ARES on
March 3rd, from 10:30 - 12:00

Some activities will be:

- Circle Time
- Meet school staff and the Kindergarten class
- Join Kindergartens for a school performance
- Play outside - Snack is provided

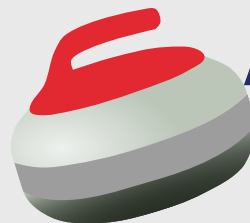


REGISTRATION LINK

ARES

<https://forms.gle/NH1KAAdBfQhWinWe6>

kindergarten



ARES Goes Curling

Students in Mr. Blick, Mrs. Delcaro, and Mr. Percival's classes enjoyed several sessions of curling. Thanks to the local volunteers who provided instruction, so that our students could experience something new.



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ARES STAFF CREATE A METAPHOR FOR RESILIENCE

ARES staff were treated to a professional development workshop on Friday, February 17th. To align with our school vision, our Kindergarten teacher, Jen Gardner used ART to teach us about resilience.

Incorporating the Circle of Courage and with the purpose of enhancing staff connections, we experienced being vulnerable, just as our students often do. Jen assured us that art is not perfection and creativity leads to resilience, so we put our trust in her capable hands.

Our grade 1/2 teacher, Linda Cote made the original scene of the Purcell Mountains. Using oil & chalk pastels, plasticine, and paper, we were each given a square to reconstruct. The completed squares were put together to create a much larger version of the original piece of art.

While many of us acknowledge that we are far from being artists, we persevered and reconstructed the original image, while having a lot of fun being vulnerable.

Please come into the school to check out our Metaphor for Resilience.

ARES Vision

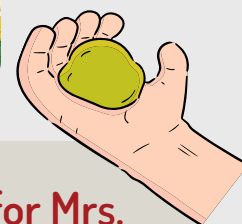
To support the development of RESILIENT children who can thrive in any community



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Staff Effort



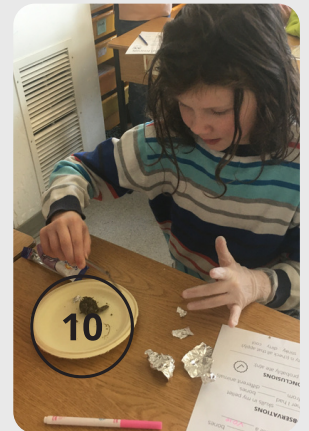
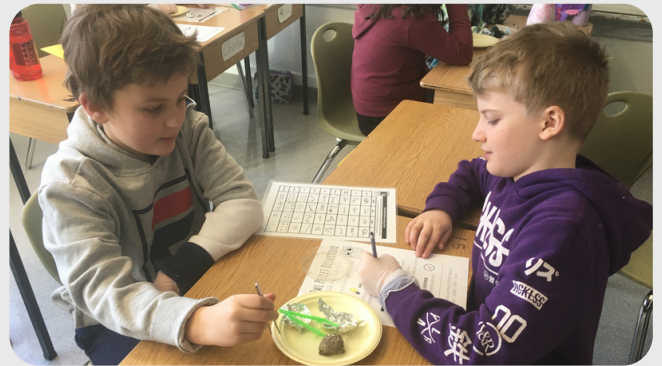
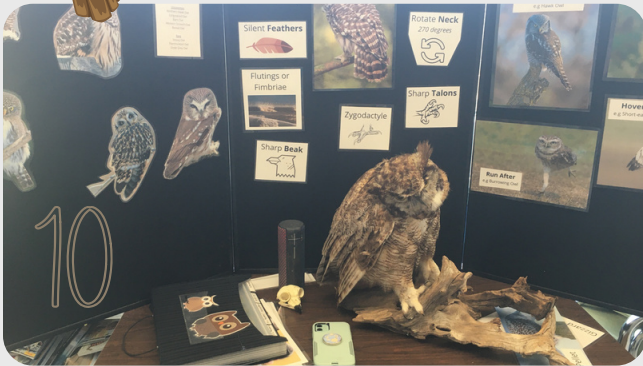
We are grateful for Mrs. Gardner, who lead us through an experience of resilience.

"My goal is to not hang out with people who say derogatory words" ~ ARES Grade 7 Student

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ALL ABOUT OWLS & WHERE DO FROGS GO IN WINTER?



Thanks to Carla Ahern and the
Kootenay-Columbia Discovery
Centre @ the Creston Valley
Wildlife Management Area for
these presentations

Many classes learned about the
world of owls...specifically what
species we have in Creston, their
life cycle, adaptations, hunting
techniques and more.

In the FROG presentation, they
learned how animals adapt to
winter life.

Both presentations involved a lot
of visuals and hands-on
activities.



IMPORTANT DATES

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- Friday, March 3rd – PAC Hotdog Lunch
- Thursday, March 9th – PAC Meeting @ 9:00
- Friday, March 10th – PAC Pizza Lunch
- Wednesday, March 15th – PAC Popcorn Day (\$2.00)
- Friday, March 17th – Spirit Day – Dress Like a Teacher Day
- Friday, March 17th – PAC Pasta Lunch
- Friday, March 17th – SLC Bake Sale (\$1 – \$3)
- Friday, March 17th – Last Day of School before Spring Break
- Monday, April 3rd – School Re-opens
- Friday, April 7th – Good Friday – No School
- Monday, April 10th – Easter Monday – No School
- Monday, April 17th – District Pro-D Day
- April 21 & 22 – Spring Musical
- Wednesday, April 26th – Early Dismissal (One hour earlier)
- Thursday, April 27th – Early Dismissal (One hour earlier)



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ARES Goal

To actively incorporate the Circle of Courage philosophy and the four universal needs of all children (Belonging, Independence, Generosity, & Mastery) into our school-wide culture.