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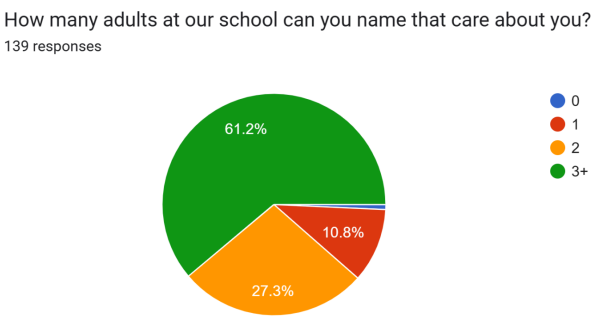
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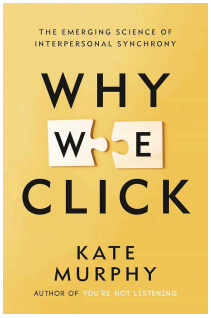
Making Connections

We live in a time when many people feel disconnected and live without individuals that they know care about them. As a school, we are focusing on supporting students to feel connected to each other and to the adults who are part of our school team.

Over the last month, our Grade 2-7 students completed a survey to give our team feedback on ways we can continue to improve our school environment to support them in feeling more connected. One of the questions asked about adult connections. See below for responses.



We are encouraged that over 88% have two or more adults that they know care about them. However, we are not satisfied. We continue to look for ways to build relationships between students and with our staff team.



I've recently been reading a book called, *Why We Click*, by Kate Murphy. She explores the science of how humans subconsciously fall into rhythm with one another. Murphy argues that feeling disconnected from those around you can lead to higher stress levels and a weakened immune system. Some of Murphy's key recommendations include: prioritizing in-person interactions, managing your own rhythm (moods are contagious) and listening with an introspective awareness of our bodies. If this topic interests you, this book may be a worthwhile read.

Upcoming Events & Dates

- May 5 Intermediate School Track Meet
- May 6 PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Library
- May 8 Point of Contact #4 Interim Report
- May 12 Kindergarten SPARK Session #1 at 8:45 am
- May 15 In-Service Day (no school for students)
- May 18 Victoria Day (no school)
- May 20 Kindergarten SPARK Session #2 at 3:30 pm
- May 21 Zone Track & Field Meet at Hillside
- May 27 Kindergarten SPARK Session #3 at 3:30 pm
- May 28 District Track & Field Meet at Hillside
- May 29 Volunteer Appreciation Social at 1:45 pm
- June 2 Support Staff Appreciation Day
- June 18 PAC Year End BBQ
- June 19 National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 25 Summative Learning Updates published
- June 25 Gr 7 Moving Up Ceremony & Year End Assembly at 11:15 am
- June 25 Last day of school - dismissal at 12:34 pm
- Sept 8 First Day of School 10:30 am - 12:34 pm
- SD #73 School Calendar for 2025/2026
- SD #73 School Calendar for 2026/2027

Learning Updates Overview

- **1st** Point of Contact: Classroom Connections - Nov 6th
- **2nd** Point of Contact: Written Learning Updates published - Dec 12th
- **3rd** Point of Contact: Written Learning Updates - March 11th
- **4th Point of Contact: Interim Report - May 8th**
- **5th** Point of Contact: Summative Written Learning Updates published - June 25th

Battle of the Books

All three of our Battle of the Books teams won first place at the Zone Battle of the Books and moved on to Districts. On Thursday, April 23rd, our teams competed hard and represented Rayleigh well with excellent school spirit and support for one another. Well done, Rayleigh!

New School Website

During the evening of April 30th, our brand new school website will go live. Every school in SD73 has a new website and you will automatically be redirected to it when you try to go to our old website. We hope you will find it easier to navigate.

Parloff Season

Our school joined the District Parloff schedule this year and Grade 4-7 teams ran in the McGowan Parloff on April 23rd and in the Dallas/Juniper Parloff on April 29th. We want to say a big thank you to Mrs. Tweed & Ms. Hassall for coaching and supporting these teams.



Intermediate Track & Field Season

Our school will be holding an Intermediate Track & Field Day on Tuesday, May 5th. The students who qualify from this event will move on to the Zone Track & Field Meet on May 21st at Hillside Stadium. Finally, the students who qualify for the District Track & Field Meet will be at Hillside Stadium on May 28th. For the most current information about this and other sports, please visit our website (Sports & Athletics).

Open Parachute Learning Moment

This month's Open Parachute Learning Moment shares ideas around how to support your child around School Avoidance (absenteeism). We hope that this 10 minute learning opportunity will give some ideas that will work for your family.

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Volunteer Appreciation Social

We are extremely grateful for the tremendous school community support that we receive and our school is putting on a Volunteer Appreciation Social on Friday, May 29th at 1:45 pm in the Library to recognize and thank you. If you are someone who has helped out around the school (field trip driver, lunch hour supervisor, classroom helper, hot lunch helper, PAC member, athletic coach, etc.) please save the date and join us for a few treats and special performances from students.

PAC News

The PAC encourages everyone to join us Wednesday, May 6th at 6:30 pm in the Library for our Rayleigh PAC AGM. We will be electing next years' executive council members. Childminding is available in the gym by donation.

Coming up Sunday, May 31 is our Community Garage Sale. Please sign up at the office to have your address added to the digital map or to book a spot in the school parking lot.

Community News

