



Victoria Symphony

The Victoria Symphony is committed to enriching lives in our community through the shared experience of extraordinary music. Their programs engage children, youth, aspiring composers and the entire community to create a thriving music community on Vancouver Island. Each year the Victoria Symphony provides students in the Cowichan Valley a unique and rich opportunity to experience the art of music by bringing performances to our local area.

<https://victoriasymphony.ca/community/educationoutreach/>

The Cowichan Calligraphy Club

Members of The Cowichan Calligraphy club generously donate their time to our school every year and partners with our primary classrooms to transform poems written by students into beautiful works of art.



Bench Elementary School and Alex Aitken Elementary school

On a yearly basis, the students, staff and community members of these two schools generously donate gently loved stuffed animals to our students. Students look forward to this special experience each year, and enjoy taking their new friends home.

<http://alexaitken.sd79.bc.ca/>

<http://bench.sd79.bc.ca/>



North Cowichan RCMP

Members from the North Cowichan RCMP visit our school and facilitate positive relationships with our school community.

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/detach/en/d/168>



Fresh Water Fisheries Society

Through this program, the Fresh Water Fisheries Society generously provides our students with salmon eggs, tours of the fish hatchery, and other educational materials.

<https://www.gofishbc.com>

Cowichan Tribes

Cowichan tribes in tandem with our school district Aboriginal Education team generously supports our Alexander's students to provide rich and meaningful educational opportunities and experiences.

<http://abed.sd79.bc.ca/>



The Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of the Cowichan Valley has been involved in the school mentoring program at Alexander Elementary for many years. Our children who participate in the program get a positive adult or teen mentor in their life and are referred by the counsellor, parents, teachers, or the principal. Furthermore, BBBS has offered excellent in school programs for groups of

children such as *Game On!* and *Go Girls!* - both of which provide vital mentoring activities and social skills building for leadership and self-esteem to our children.

<http://www.bbbscowichan.ca>



The Cowichan Intercultural Society has been involved in the youth ambassadors program at Alexander Elementary. Our grade 6 and 7 students participate in workshops that promote acceptance and inclusion.

www.cis-iwc.org



Roots of Empathy
Racines de l'empathie

Roots of Empathy is a national program which has been part of Alexander Elementary on and off for many years. Students participate in a year long Roots Of Empathy program by receiving monthly visits from an infant and mother. Students learn about what it takes to take responsibility and care for a baby while learning how their natural tendency to protect and nurture can be applied to all their personal relationships.

<http://www.rootsofempathy.org>



Pacific Streamkeepers Federation

www.pskf.ca

Serving the Streamkeeper Community

Streamkeepers is a program which has been part of Alexander Elementary for years. Over the course of a year, students participate in visits to streams and estuaries that provide valuable habitat for fish. They learn how to care for these environments while also learning about the importance of keeping such ecosystems healthy.

<http://www.pskf.ca>



Nourish Cowichan

www.nourishcowichan.ca

Nourish Cowichan is a society that provides nutritious breakfasts to school children of the Cowichan Valley, supporting them in reaching their full potential.

Nourish Cowichan began providing breakfasts at Alexander for one day a week in the fall of 2016.



Cowichan Green Community
cowichangreencommunity.org

Cowichan Green Community Society, (CGC) is a non-profit organization that has been focusing on environmental sustainability in the Cowichan Region since 2004.

In 2011, the Cowichan Green Community Society planned, implemented and planted the Alexander Community Garden, providing our students opportunities through learning gardening techniques and skills.



Vancouver Island University
www.viu.ca

Alexander School provides learning opportunities for education students enrolled at VIU, connecting practical experience with new educators to the field of education.

Warmland House

<https://cowichanvalley.cmha.bc.ca/warmland-house/>

Farmland House is designed to be a gateway to stable housing and integrated, client focused support services for men and women, who are also coping with a variety of challenges such as mental illness, addiction and chronic health

conditions. Our students fundraised in December 2017, to raise money for our homeless citizens, our kindergarten made Holiday cards and delivered them.

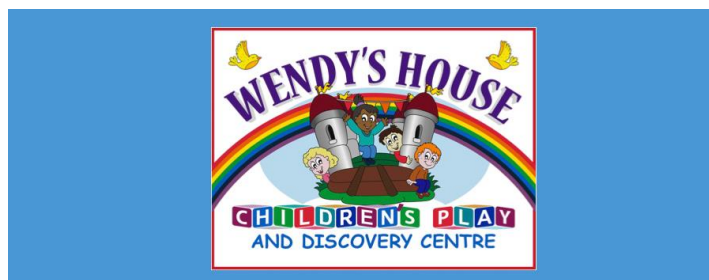


Social Planning Cowichan

<http://www.socialplanningcowichan.org>

Social Planning Cowichan researches, forms partnerships, creates strategies and informs the Cowichan public about social planning issues.

SPC organized a Halloween pumpkin carving event for four of our classes, as well as a “Meet your Neighbours” community fair attended by many of our students and staff.



Wendy's House

<http://sd79.bc.ca/programs/early-learning/wendys-house-2/>

Our students visit Wendy's House, and has become an important community connection to our school. Our students go with buddy classes, where they learn skills that assist them in play, responsibility, and positive community areas to gather.

The concept of play is at the very core of Wendy's House. The connections between make-believe play and early language and literacy development are well supported in research.



Jumpstart

<http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca>

Jumpstart currently operates 2 programs through Alexander, a noon hour sports club in our gym, and funding for athletic pursuits such as whole class swimming lessons.

Jumpstart is a national charity with a commitment to local communities. Organized sports connect kids to their communities. Canadian Tire Corporation recognized this and makes sure that money raised stays where it is donated. Canadian Tire Corporation is Jumpstart's biggest supporter as it funds all the general administrative expenses of Jumpstart, which means 100% of customer donations go directly to help kids in need.



Cowichan Exhibition

<http://www.cowex.ca>

The Cowichan Exhibition provides an educational experience of farming techniques from the old days gone by. During the fair, patrons are

welcome to explore displays of antique and modern farm equipment, observe farm animals, displays and techniques.

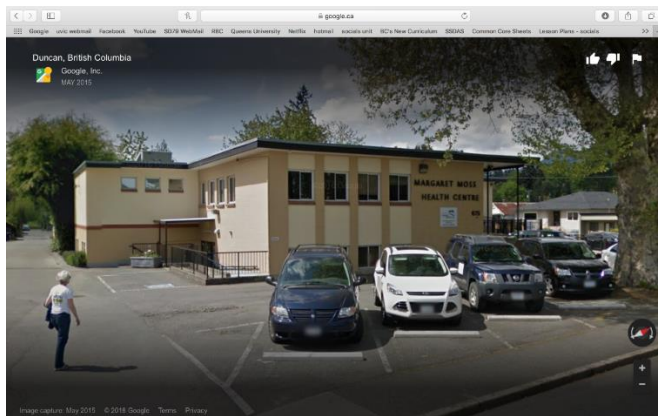
The Cowichan Exhibition provides our learners with an opportunity to visit the fair as a whole school at a discounted rate.

Margaret Moss Health Unit

<https://www.immunizebc.ca/public-health-unit/margaret-moss-health-unit>

School based program

Healthy schools- work with the schools to promote health in the schools-support the teachers. Free youth clinic sexual test STI testing. Pregnancy counselling, TA counselling. Answer questions on Health questions/partner. Dental and nutrition come into schools. Kindergarten they do hearing and vision. Nurses support services.



Cowichan Sportsplex

<http://www.cowichansportsplex.com>

Cowichan Sportsplex generously allows us to use their facilities on a weekly basis to help promote healthy living within our community. We use the track, the field

hockey pitch as well as the walking path. The sportsplex also allows us to use their facilities for our annual Track and Field Day.



The Lions Club

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>

The Cowichan Valley Lions club has donated twice. Once for the GaGa ball structure which the children play in. Secondly they donated to the library fund to help eliminate the average book age in the library. Upon receiving this money we were also able to decrease the average book age from 25-22 years.



