

Our School Story Year 2 of 3

What are the unique, positive characteristics that we celebrate in our school/community?

Our staff connect to create a positive learning environment for our students. Some highlights of our school include:

- Positive learning community
- Collaborative staff who work together as a team to best support the needs of our students
- Provide programming and opportunities that are challenging, engaging, and motivating for our students (sports, clubs, outdoor education, music opportunities)
- We value our connections and relationships and highlight and celebrate our strengths.
- We work hard to help our students understand who they are as a learner and support them in setting and achieving personal goals.
- Students focus on being safe, responsible and respectful in all areas
- Active and involved parent community

What are the important demographics of our school and community?

Cilaire Elementary is situated on the traditional and unceded territory of Snuneymuxw people. We have access to amazing natural learning spaces such as Departure Bay, Beach Acres Park, and an on-site small forest. Cilaire Elementary School is a Kindergarten to Grade 7 school with a population of 180 students (79 Primary and 101 Intermediate students). Our families come from a range of socioeconomic backgrounds and our community has some ethnic diversity. We celebrate and honour different cultures. Twelve percent of our students are Indigenous. Our school population has been steadily increasing over the last three years. For this 2023-2024 school year, we are organized into 8 divisions.

For the 2021-2022 school year, the Cilaire school building was temporarily closed for seismic upgrading. The school moved to the Woodlands site. This is our second year back in our seismically upgraded, more accessible space.

1. To develop a school-wide program that provides students with meaningful and relevant land stewardship activities, while encouraging experiential learning through outdoor explorations and field trips to foster a sense of belonging within the community and an appreciation for nature and our place and it's cultural history.

2. To create a school culture that fosters a sense of belonging, connectedness, inclusivity, safety, and student success.

Our School Goals

Our School Celebration Story

Cilaire staff believe in the importance of offering a variety of activities and resources to support the holistic development of their students. These activities include music/band, extracurricular opportunities, and academic supports. A highlight is our Cyclone Celebrations at the end of each month when we take time as a whole school to recognize our students' accomplishments and qualities. Our bantam students are very active in school sports.

Students experience many outdoor learning opportunities. In addition to visiting locations immediately surrounding our school, most classes had the opportunity to visit a local farm to learn about this ecosystem and our local food.

We enjoy many other activities that bring us together, such as; Winter concert, Holiday Havoc Crafting and March Music Madness activities, spirit days, community carol singing, buddy reading, movie night and Entrepreneur Fair.

We are beginning to focus more on strategies that support emotional regulation. Weekly a group of students have been going on mindfulness walks with our school counselor. We also offer a weekly games room as a support and safe place for students who struggle at recesses. Zones of regulation and Successful Learner Trait language is used school wide. Staff are beginning to learn more about and utilize the Open Parachute Program.