School Goals or Our Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

In the fall of 2025, we started to look at what our students needed to be successful with their learning and how we could create school wide goals that everyone could get behind. We also considered our school culture and what we wanted our community to see, feel and experience at Port Guichon. Together, as a staff we explored our core values and looked at school data. Three distinct areas came to light. We wanted to focus on Literacy at all grade levels, enhance our relationships with our parent and broader community, and improve student engagement. As a result of our collaboration, we asked the following inquiry questions:

- *Would focusing on literacy improve academic success in all areas, improve student engagement and strengthen our District, Community and Parent relationships?*

- *Would a focus on student engagement help attendance, lower anxiety, improve behavior, increase learning, strengthen the parent/ School bond?*

- *Would a focus on community connection strengthen the parent/ school bond, encourage positive student engagement and enhance our literacy academic goal by tapping into District and community resources?*

It became clear that by focusing on these three areas in isolation as well as in collaboration with one another, they would positively affect our school Culture and student achievement. Our PG school goals are:

Literacy

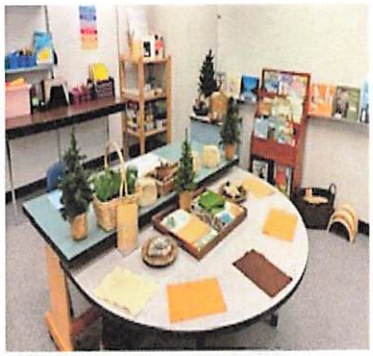
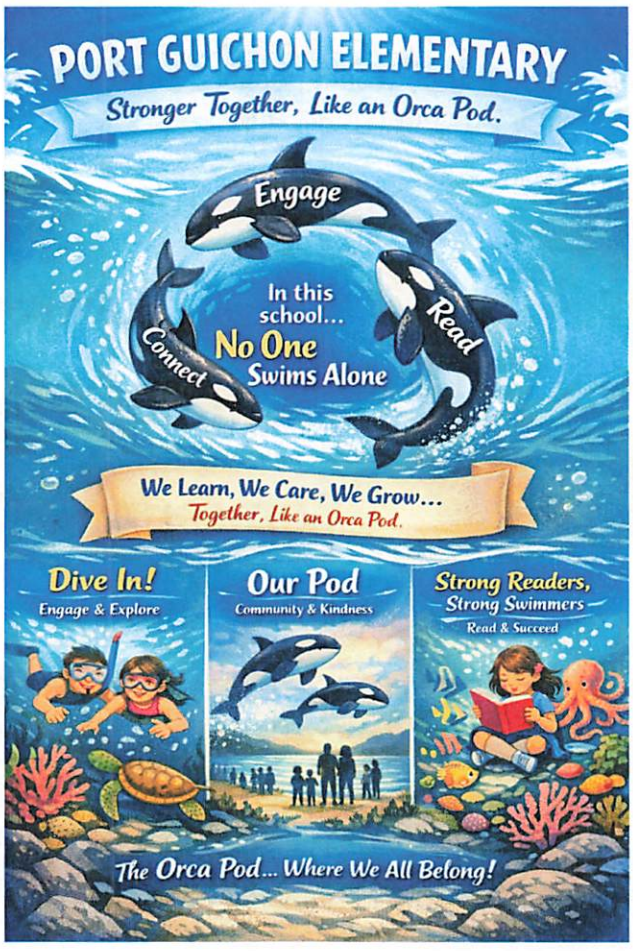
Student Engagement

Community Connections

Evidence and results: Initiatives around student engagement are resulting in improved behaviour and students wanting to engage. Students are seeking out our redesigned spaces in our student support areas as well as our library which has become a well-used and peaceful hub for student success, teaching and regulation.

New Learning for staff: There has been engagement in Literacy resources for all grade levels as well as looking at literacy data. Staff also explored core values and goal setting as well as looked at how we can create Innovative learning spaces in the school for student engagement.

Re-engaging with Community: Community connections have improved in such a positive way, from our flourishing PAC to our community events such as the PAC Movie Nights and Spring Fair as well as our introduction of family breakfasts where parents can come and have breakfast with their children and our staff in a lovely, welcoming atmosphere, before school.



Next Steps: We are excited to continue to embrace our school goals over several years in all our goal areas. We continue to explore ways we can become a literacy-rich environment leading to student success and engagement. We will be continuing to enhance our environment and add, next year, a dynamic and flexible multi-use classroom where our art supplies, musical instruments, and science equipment can be readily available and enticing. Our clubs will expand from just the Makers/Builders Club to additional clubs that the students have expressed that they would like to have and the hope is to bring in 4H as well. We feel that monthly assemblies, where we come together on a more regular basis will provide valuable whole school learning opportunities and ways to teach our code of conduct in a positive way. We are motivated to create more opportunities to invite in our parent community as well as invite community partners to enhance our curriculum.