



# *School District No. 54* (BULKLEY VALLEY)

*"To empower all learners to live the challenges of a diverse and changing world."*

## **Education Forum Report** Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

On Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, I had the pleasure of being presented with the progress, and content of the Districts "Young Readers Program". Walnut Park teachers Cyndy Hooper and Lynn Rutley, along with other educators, are engaging young learners in kindergarten to grade two to the power of reading.

What seems simple in the reading process can be much more complex when trying to find effective strategies to help students of different levels achieve a comfort zone and success. Such ideas of a "tool box" of aids that young learners can make use of to settle their minds and bodies to the learning through reading have been widely popular offered with much success.

Moreover, engaging the student in reading and understanding what they are reading is a cornerstone of the program, as pictures and inquiry are used to entrench the reading experience to young learners. Furthermore, the program has offered interaction with select parents to entrench the learning through reading on the home front. All-in-all the program uses the knowledge and experience of traditional learning and married it with outside the box method of making young learners comfortable with reading.

I must say the video and slide presentations from very capable student participants was an eye opening and comforting revelation to be sure. There are some great kids getting some great instruction in the power of reading.

Respectfully submitted,

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