

May 26, 2022

Good afternoon Homelinks families. There are a couple of news items:

- Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, please have your child at the **Wildlife Centre** promptly by **9 am**. A bus will pick your child up at 11 am and bring them back to Centennial Park (beside Homelinks) where you can pick up your child at 12 noon. Bring a snack and water bottle, wear closed toed shoes or rubber boots, and dress for the weather. This is for all grade K – 7 students. The PAC has planned a quick meeting there for 9 am, too. Hope you can attend.
- This is our last week of organized classes. Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> is a School Planning Day and Homelinks will be closed. Teachers will be here through June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, there is a Learn to Fish program offered at Mawson Lake (near border). Please email [Kristina.leidums@sd8.bc.ca](mailto:Kristina.leidums@sd8.bc.ca) if your child is interested. Note that a parent needs to accompany their child.
- Portfolios of student work also need to be handed in by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks!
- Our Librarian has just purged more books from the Library and they have been put in the lower entrance...feel free to take any of these treasures home.
- Please ensure all third-party provider invoices are submitted by May 31<sup>st</sup> (piano lessons, etc). You can bring them in or send them to [clerical.hcs@sd8.bc.ca](mailto:clerical.hcs@sd8.bc.ca).

Please keep your Painted Lady caterpillars out of direct sunlight. Don't shake them. They hatched @ May 14 and arrived here on the 17<sup>th</sup>. In the next few days they will be spinning a silk pad from the lid of their small container. The caterpillar will hang from it and form a J shape. They will then form a chrysalis.



At this point you can carefully peel the lid from the container and transfer lid and chrysalis to a mason jar. Tape lid with chrysalis hanging to the underside of the canning jar lid (make sure you already punched holes into the lid). Keep out of direct sunlight. After @ 2 weeks, a butterfly will emerge. Its wings will be soft and crumpled. The tired butterfly will rest and slowly unfold its wings to dry. You can feed the butterfly daily with a solution of two teaspoons of sugar dissolved in one cup of

water. Put a small lid with this sugar water in the bottom of your jar. Release butterfly on a non-windy day with no cats or dogs around. Enjoy!