

## Deroche Elementary Bear Nation Weekly Bulletin

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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:** Hello Parents, Grandparents, Guardians and Supporters of Deroche Students: As you can see, this past Friday our students participated in the important work of releasing almost 50,000 Salmon Chum fry into Deroche Creek which runs through our school grounds. The students were continually overwhelmed by the number of fry in their buckets but remained calm enough to do a very good job releasing the fish into the stream gently after spending a few moments equalizing the water temperature. We started this activity by singing and drumming, led by Jason Thompson, a parent Leq'a:mel Nation, who was accompanied by Chief Alice Thompson and a Director of Lands and Resources, Stephen McGlenn. We are grateful they made the time to come to our school. Overall, despite some rainfall and hail, it was a very successful activity for our whole school, and we are also very grateful to James Weger of The Department of Fisheries and Oceans at Inch Creek Hatchery, who, along with his staff, came to our school and worked hard filling our students' buckets. Another successful Chum Salmon Release at Deroche!

Wishing everyone a special Easter long weekend! Mike Abercrombie - Principal

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