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Dear GME Parents and Guardians;

RE: Canada Show

Yesterday, we had the pleasure of debriefing the Canada Show with our staff, UBCO research team and special guests. I would like to share some of our reflections on learning. We also gave all of our students the opportunity to share their learning while in the gym on Friday at the pancake celebration on large mural size sheets of paper that we will post for you to read. You could ask your child what they learned from the Canada Show.

## **Preparation**

Practice pays off. Students spent the whole school year up to the performances during assembly time and at special focus practice sessions getting ready to perform in three cities for eight performances. They worked with a variety of adults who brought out the best in them and we saw how their leadership skills and confidence grew through the process. Even though at times we wondered if they were paying attention or really knew what was going on, many examples were shared about how smoothly the performances went even in the face of challenges. Things don't always go the way we plan and we had to adapt. Our students had a such a solid base and knowledge of songs and moves, that they were easily able to be flexible.

## **Presentation**

Each performance was unique. We have had random members of the community, not involved with our school, contact the school to compliment us on your children's performance. We have had others regret that they did not get to one of the performances and are asking if we will do more shows. That is the highest level of compliment. Our students beamed while on stage. Some discovered talents that they did not know or believe they had. Many who are not trained singers or dancers discovered that this may be an area they want to further develop. Some who have had training were able to use their skills to help others. During the last show, their joy was contagious.

## **After effects**

Our school community is forever changed thanks to this large scale arts performance with our partners, the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra. Our students left yesterday more connected than ever to one another, our staff and their own inner strengths and talents. I wish that my own children had had such an opportunity in elementary school. What an example of the strengths of public education in our province. It made us wonder during the debrief of how other students in our school district could share in this kind of experience without cloning Rhonda Draper?

## **Future Ideas**

Now what? Many asked the question about when we would be doing another show. At this point, this is a challenging question. Our UBCO research team will be with us for a total of three years. We have received another provincial Innovation grant for \$5,000 to continue the good work. It is difficult to predict what can happen when curious and creative minds come together.

As a school community, we are thankful to our two Canada Show leaders, Rhonda Draper and Rosemary Thompson, for their tireless guidance, patience and kindness. This was a team effort with too many others to name. Together we learned so much from this rich experience.

This is the first learning log. Next week will be about a session that I will attend on March 25 and Senisyusten Centre for Learning on Respecting Traditional Knowledge and Protocols.

Respectfully,

Wendy Briggs  
Principal