

## Tree Ceremony - April 5, 2018

On Thursday April 5 Lord Tweedsmuir staff and students gathered on the grass field, to officially welcome our newly planted trees and the school's outdoor learning space. The District's Aboriginal Education team helped us to voice our hopes, dreams and intentions for this space, through traditional song, drumming, and smudging. The school's choir sang a choral rendition of the poem "And My Heart Soars." Though the skies were rainy, students listened intently and noticed the many birds that fluttered and chirped nearby. The ceremony was a time to be mindful of the four words that capture what the school garden means to the school community: Respect, Connect, Reflect, Protect. Classes walked alongside a dry creek bed and, placing a stone in the "stream", they thought about their wish for the garden. Ms. J. Alava (Div 15)

