## COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING IN SAANICH SCHOOLS Guidelines for Reporting Using Digital Portfolios



## Capturing and Documenting Learning

## Digital portfolios capture and document learning that:

- Describes curriculum *big ideas* and *competencies*.
- Provides glimpses into each child's *learning*. *understanding*, *and progress* (makes student learning visible) via ongoing, timely, specific communication.



- Invites *analysis* and *reflection* for further learning from the student and their parent/guardian.
- Shows *teacher experience and expertise* in designing and capturing meaningful assessment activities.
- Is fair, *transparent*, *meaningful* and *responsive* to all learners.
- Focuses on knowing, doing, understanding.
- Provides *ongoing, descriptive feedback* to students, including suggestions regarding ways that parents can support their child.
- Provides varied and multiple opportunities to demonstrate learning.
- Communicates clearly to the learner and parents what the student is able to do, what they are working towards and ways that learning can be supported.
- Reinforces the importance of self-assessment and goal setting.
- Includes *feedback from multiple sources*, as appropriate, including the student, teacher, peers, and parents.
- Encourages students to use the information to *work towards revisions* to their work and to *set new learning goals*.

## **Communication should:**

- Show **authentic evidence** of student learning, such as work samples, photographs, audio and video. These may be observed at any time during the learning process.
- Be chosen to **enhance parent and student understanding** of the progress being made by the student.
- Document what students know, understand and can do.
- Show a child's **learning over time**, and demonstrate their understanding of **how they learn**.