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Make Way for Ducklings

Comox Valley, B.C. – During these difficult times we are living through it is important to find joy in the little things, which is exactly what the school community at Mark R. Isfeld are experiencing in recent days.

Isfeld students and staff have been enlivened early May by the gift of discovering a Mallard duck had laid her eggs in their school courtyard. Six ducklings hatched with another four eggs in the waiting. As ducklings require 28 days to hatch, it is presumed that the mother duck had laid her eggs in early April.

When she and her ducklings were finally discovered by two teachers, the school immediately contacted MARS Wildlife Rescue Centre. A MARS volunteers had uncovered the unhatched eggs and decided it was more important not to relocate the mother and her ducklings.

So, while the school eagerly await news whether the eggs hatch or not, the courtyard is closed to protect the area. MARS has provided food and water dishes to make the environment as comfortable as possible for the newly born ducklings.

When the time comes to move mom and her babies from their first home at Isfeld Secondary, MARS will carefully rehome them to a new and safe environment.

The Isfeld community have been falling for the ducklings from a far bringing radiant smiles to their faces Students and staff will never forget the lively ducklings that brought a little light into the lives of so many.

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