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Comox Valley Schools Selected for Junior Canucks Floorball Pilot Program

COMOX, VALLEY B.C. – Comox Valley Schools is proud to share that we have been selected as one of only two districts across British Columbia to pilot an exciting new Floorball initiative, thanks to the Junior Canucks Program and Sport for Life.

As part of the pilot project, the Junior Canucks Program has generously donated a full set of floorball equipment to every school in the district—a contribution valued at over \$55,000. Each school will receive 35 appropriately-sized floorball sticks and 50 balls, ensuring students from kindergarten to Grade 12 have the opportunity to engage in this fast-paced and inclusive sport.

To launch the program, certified floorball instructor Greg Beaudin visited three selected schools last week to deliver hands-on training sessions to students, teachers, and district staff. The schools chosen for the initial training were:

- Highland Secondary School
- Lake Trail Community School
- École Robb Road Elementary School

The training sessions were a tremendous success, with students and staff enthusiastically engaging in drills, games, and team-building activities. Greg's energy, knowledge, and passion for the sport made a lasting impression and helped set a strong foundation for the program.

"We are incredibly fortunate to be part of this pilot," said Jina Taylor, District Physical Literacy Support Teacher K-9. "The energy and teamwork encouraged by floorball will benefit students and teachers for years to come."

To ensure all students benefit, the Junior Canucks Program has agreed to provide a full equipment set to every school in the district, regardless of whether they are part of the initial training visits.

The next phase will bring floorball training to an additional 10 elementary schools across the district before the end of the school year. In addition, a Floorball Resource Guide is being developed to help teachers deliver the program confidently and effectively in their physical education classes.

Floorball is a fast-moving, low-barrier sport similar to floor hockey but played with lightweight sticks and balls, making it ideal for all ages and skill levels. This generous initiative by the Junior Canucks Program and Sport for Life offers an exciting new opportunity for students to stay active, build teamwork, and try something new.

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