



# Dorothy Dalglish School

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April 2024



Dear DDS Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that spring break is nearly here! It won't be long until the warm weather arrives and stays, leaving the snowy memories of the winter season behind.

Students and staff have enjoyed a very busy month of March. With three months left in this school year, we are very focussed on each child's learning journey. Literacy and numeracy continue to be a critical focus for all our learners. On March 14th, students showcased their growth and learning through student-led conferences. It was truly inspiring to witness our students share their learning with you. A huge thank you to all parents for your amazing support of our recent cake auction and Scholastic Book Fair. Your generosity truly made these events successful!

### *Mini Basketball*

Get ready to dribble, shoot, and score because mini basketball is back! Starting April 8th, Grade 4, 5 and 6 students are invited to join the action-packed five-week tournament. Held every Monday and Wednesday during lunch, teams will compete in an intramural format. Lace up your sneakers, gather your teammates, and let the games begin! Best of luck to all participating teams! 🏀

### *Notes from the Office*

You may have seen some of our recent reminders that Early Learning and Kindergarten registration is now open. Developmental check-ups are scheduled for **Friday, April 19th and May 24th** so be sure to register your child as soon as possible.

Please note that all hot lunch orders and hotdog lunch orders are due the 15th of the month for the following month's lunches.

The new "Lunchbox" Subway lunches on Tuesdays are due the Sunday before that Tuesday.




I hope everyone has a great Spring Break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on April 8th.

Yours in Learning,

Mrs. McGregor



# APRIL 2024

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	SPRING BREAK - School resumes Monday April 8, 2024					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Deadline to order Subway Subs for Tuesday	Basketball Intramurals - Noon Grade 4,5,6	Subway Lunch	Basketball Intramurals - Noon Grade 4,5,6	Hot Lunch Pasta & Meat Sauce	Kindergarten Friday Assembly DDS Spirit Day "Tie-Dye"	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Deadline to order Subway Subs for Tuesday	Basketball Intramurals - Noon Grade 4,5,6	Subway Lunch		DDS Parent Council Meeting Monday, April 15 3:45		
28	29	30				



## DDS Parents/Guardians and Guests

Please remember to check in at the office when you are visiting the School. If you are coming to pick up your child, the office staff will notify the classroom teacher and have your child meet you in the office. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please call ahead and make an appointment to limit classroom disruption. Thank you.



Coalhurst Legion  
Poster Contest  
Winners.  
Congratulations!





DDS now offers Subway subs as a lunch option on Tuesdays, starting April 9th.

Log into your [SchoolCash](#)

account, click on the **LUNCHBOX** icon to order for your child. Orders must be placed by **Sunday 12 PM ET** for the following Tuesday. **No late orders will be accepted.** If you have any questions regarding this new lunch option, please call the school office.



Thank you to everyone who has set up the new Edsby app for school communication. The school uses this app for most notifications now. Please use this app to report your child's absences. If you need assistance getting set up on Edsby, please call the school office.

URL: <https://pallisersd.edsby.com/>






**DONATIONS & SPONSORS WELCOME!**

**COME SHOW YOUR SUPPORT**

**SUPERHERO WALK**  
for Autism Awareness

**MAY 4, 2024 ~ 2:00PM - 5:00PM**  
**@ HENDERSON LAKE - HORSESHOE AREA**

**FREE BBQ TO FOLLOW!**





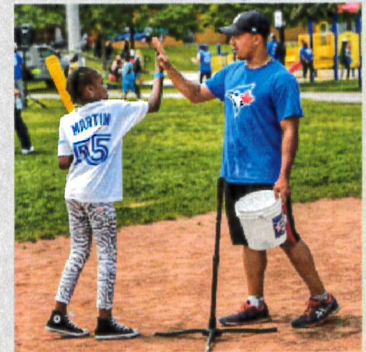
## CHALLENGER BASEBALL



This is a great opportunity for young individuals with cognitive and or physical disabilities to enjoy the full benefits of participating in a sport, such as baseball. The coaches help each player by providing a safe and enjoyable experience, and to assist players with all aspects of the game.



Empowering children with disabilities through physical activity



**Free  
Registration!**

**To Register:**

[www.lethbridgelittleleague.com/challenger](http://www.lethbridgelittleleague.com/challenger)

Or by email:

[seto849@icloud.com](mailto:seto849@icloud.com)

# LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE SUMMER CAMPS



Get all the details and register for camps [here!](#) Palliser families can use discount code "PalliserSD24" for 10% off select camps until April 30, 2024

**WOW!!**

**We had a fabulous Book  
Fair!**

**Thank you so much for  
supporting our Spring Fair.**

Candy draw winners: Mark & Hannah

Book winners: Raiyn, Charley, Paige, Ryker, Brody &  
Talía

**We are so excited for all the  
new books we were able to  
purchase for the Library.**

## School Council News

We'd just like to remind you that the hot lunch program will not be offering milk as an option for the remainder of this year due to delivery issues. This month's meals will be pasta & meat sauce on Thursday, April 11 and chili & a bun on Thursday, April 25. All meals are cooked on site, starting at 9/9:30am and "plated" by lunch hour recess so they're ready when students come back in. We're always looking for helpers so if you're able to help cook at 9/9:30am or come in and serve around 11am, please let Laurell know ([dds.hotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:dds.hotlunch@gmail.com)) There will be 2 more meals in May followed by burgers for the Track and Field day in June.

We met on Monday, March 18 for a brief meeting. Awesome job to parents and students for raising over \$800 for the grades 5 & 6 through the cake auction and over \$3000 for Scholastics! We'll be hosting our 6<sup>th</sup> bi-annual Harvest Gala on Saturday, October 26. Keep your eyes open for ticket information and opportunities to support this event. We'll be meeting April 15 at 3:45 in the old computer lab, with a virtual link available for those who cannot attend in person. As always, please contact Michelle ([jimmarti@shaw.ca](mailto:jimmarti@shaw.ca)) if you're interested in joining council or if you have any questions.

Our AGM will be held in May with the following positions open for nominations:

- Chairperson – creates the agenda, sets the meeting date, and runs the board meeting, oversees all activities involving school council (fundraising committees, newsletter write up, etc.)
- Vice Chairperson – Works along side the chairperson, hosts meetings if chairperson is unable to attend and takes minutes if the secretary is unable to attend.
- Treasurer – responsible for timely deposit of cheques and payment of invoices, keep accurate financial records and provide an update at monthly meetings (deals with hot lunch funds only).
- Secretary – responsible for taking accurate and detailed minutes at each meeting and sharing them with council members in a timely manner.

**DDS SPIRIT CUP WINNERS!**

Congratulations

Grade 6

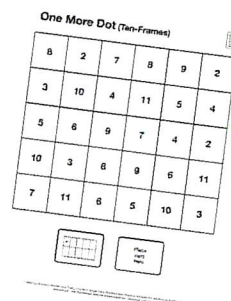


## Kindergarten News

My oh my, how March has flown by!

### Here's a quick glance at what we have been learning:

- Discussed the changes that come with the changing seasons (whether the weather is allowing that or not!)
- Continued to review letter sounds and print the capital letters.
- Participated in our daily "Heggerty" lesson to practice hearing rhyming words, count syllables, count words in a sentence, and combine words to make compound words.
- Practiced adding 1 to numbers 1-10.
- Learned some sight words: I, the, cat, is, good
- Practiced spotting these sight words in short stories and our morning message
- Prepared and practiced activities to share with our families at Student-Led conferences!

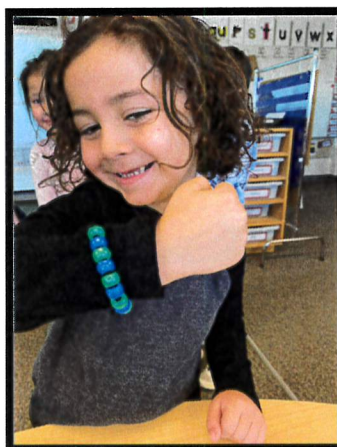


### Thank you's and other notes and reminders:

- Thank you to everyone that came out to Student-Led conferences. It was so great to see students able to show off their learning and see parents playing some of the games we do in class! The students have brought the "One More Dot" math game home in their red folders.
- Thank you to Miss E and Mrs. Rhiece for visiting our classroom and helping out whenever they can!
- Thank you to Mrs. Pittman for facilitating another awesome book fair!

Thanks so much,

*Mrs. Becker*





## Grade 1 News



It's hard to believe that we only have a few months left of school. March was a busy month in grade 1 as we prepared for Student Led Conferences. We finished our good copy of our second scripted story and have been working on ui, ue, oo sounds as well as ir, ur, er and ar sounds. We are so proud of the progress that each student has shown since the beginning of the year. It is amazing to see their growth! In Numeracy, we have been adding and subtracting numbers within 20 using a variety of strategies such as counting on, counting back, using 10 frames and adding doubles as well as working on fact families and balancing equations.

Our grade 1 class would like to send a HUGE shout out to Mrs. Pittman for organizing our Spring Book Fair to raise money for our school library. Mrs. Pittman puts a lot of time and energy into hosting our book fair and we appreciate her efforts to improve our library. We would also like to THANK all the parents who came out to Student Led Conferences. The students were very excited to share their learning with you and we hope that you were proud of all they have accomplished so far! Thank you for being such a supportive and loving community!



Mrs. Nish & Mrs. McLeod



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## **BASKETBALL INTRAMURALS**



Basketball Intramurals will be starting up after the Easter Break. Students have already signed up if they want to participate. Intramurals will run on Monday and Wednesdays during lunch break for students in grades 4, 5, & 6.

If students find this activity is not for them and decide to quit, they will not be able to re-join.

## Grade 2 News

Easter break is here, which means we are in the last chunk of Grade 2!  
I cannot wait to spend this month as a class.



## Math

We have finished subtracting, where we worked on our subtraction facts to 20 and 2 digit subtraction with borrowing. We will be starting Fractions in April...which is a fun (and delicious!) unit!

## Language Arts

We are continuing to learn about so many different animals and then writing about them in a five paragraph informational book. We finished the book *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* and the ending is easily the best part - ask your child to tell you about it! We are reading and doing activities with our picture books and will be starting *The Lemonade War* as a class.

## Wellness

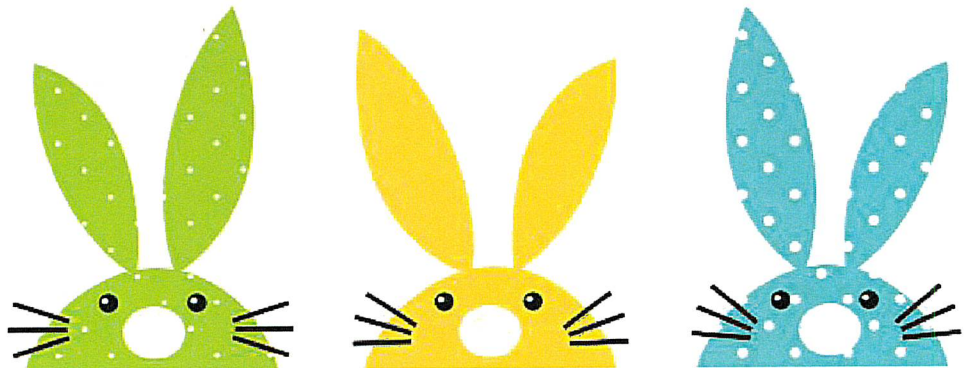
In the gym, we have been playing different tag and strategy games. We are practicing sportsmanship and encouragement. In health, we have been working on how to take care of our body; eating well, exercising, and body and dental hygiene. We will be starting a new unit this month on interpersonal skills and emotion management.

## Science

We are starting an awesome unit on Crawling and Flying Animals. We will look at many different insect life cycles, and will have some tiny visitors in our classroom this month - you may have heard of them (Eric Carle says they are very hungry!).

Thank you to Miss Elashuk for visiting our classroom with her Worry-Woos! Thank you to my Gr. 2's for leading such wonderful parent conferences. Our class also did an excellent job running assembly. Thank you to Mrs. Pittman for bringing the book fair to our school. Thank you to parents who supplied materials for our leprechaun traps.

Grade 2 rocks!  
Miss Giesbrecht



## Grade 3 News

Come on Spring... we are definitely ready for some consistent sunshine and warm weather!



In Language Arts we are working in our guided reading groups. I am seeing students finding different genres of books that they are enjoying and I'm also seeing lots of strategies being used to figure out tricky words or check for understanding. Students now know the 6 syllable types and we are learning about various prefixes and suffixes as well. I am so proud of these grade 3s! Their enthusiasm for reading and books makes me smile every single day! In our next unit we will read the novel Because of Winn Dixie together to learn about characterization and practice some techniques that good readers do!

We finished off our information writing unit by doing a gallery walk in our classroom. Students moved around the room, reading other's books and leaving comments for their fellow authors. The grade 3 students said they enjoyed being in our "fancy gallery," listening to soft piano music and appreciating each other's books. Our next writing unit is fiction which should be a lot of fun as we get to use our imaginations. I can't wait to see the writing that the grade 3s produce in this unit!

We are working on the multiplication unit and will be moving into division and data analysis next. Students need to learn their multiplication facts to 10 X 10 as well as the related division facts. We have really tried to focus on visualizing the facts by referring to the equations as 'groups of' so students aren't just memorizing them but also have an understanding of what multiplication is. **I would like to ask families to help their children practice the facts at home to gain confidence in their times tables.** I will photocopy some flashcards for any students who want them for extra practice so please ask your child about this. There are also a lot of educational math games online that allow for children to practice the multiplication and division facts.

Our next science unit is earth systems and our social studies unit has us learning about Ukraine.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kenley for getting 100% five times in a row on her spelling tests. She has "bumped up" to a more challenging group! Excellent work on your spelling, Kenley!

I would like to give a HUGE thank you to the following people:

-All of the families who came to the student-led conferences. The grade 3 students truly enjoyed sharing some of their learning with you!

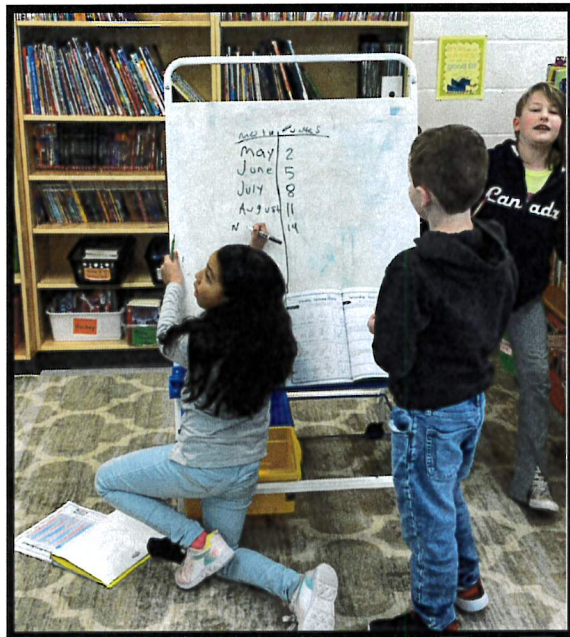
-The DDS Home and School Council and Hot Lunch Moms for always working so hard to support our students and staff!

-Mrs. Pittman for everything that she does in the Grade 3 classroom and for going above and beyond to find library books that are interesting for our kiddos as well as at the appropriate reading level. Our students' love of reading is definitely supported whole-heartedly by our fabulous Mrs. Pittman!

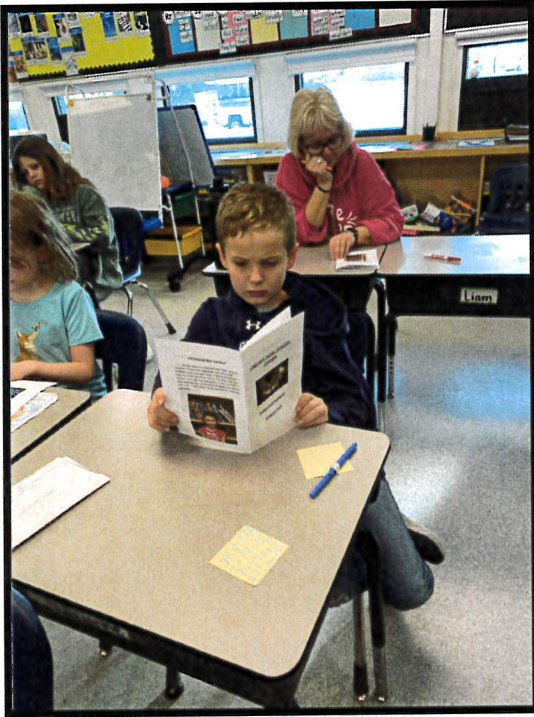
Mrs. Gurr



Lots of learning  
happening  
in Grade 3!



**THE GRADE 3 CLASS SHARED THEIR NONFICTION BOOKS BY DOING A 'GALLERY SHARE.'**  
**IT WAS AWESOME TO SEE THEM ENJOYING THEIR CLASSMATES' WRITING! ❤️**



## What's Happening in Grade 4

It has been a busy and fun month. It feels like we just got back into the swing of things after our February break and it is already the Spring Break!

During the month of March, students learned about the different purposes of text. Students then wrote their own descriptive, informational, narrative, and persuasive paragraphs about the same topic. We also had a March Madness Poetry showdown. Everyday we had two poems face off until we had a winner. The poem 'Homework! Oh, Homework' by Jack Prelutsky was our Grand Champion. Students enjoyed reading the different poems, learning about rhyme schemes, figurative language, and the meanings of different poems.

In March, we wrapped up our multiplication and division unit as well as the measurement unit that focussed on area. Students have done very well learning long division! I am really proud of how the class persevered with learning a challenging new concept! Our next major unit in math will be fractions!

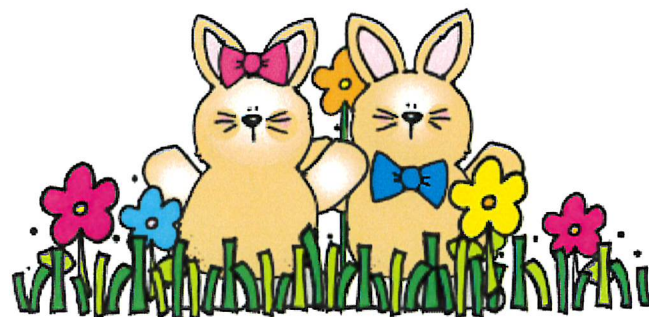
In Science, we finished up the Wheels and Levers and the Building Devices That Move units. Students presented research on a device that uses a pulley or gear to the class. We had a lot of fun testing out different simple machines and enjoyed building cars with bottles, cardboard, bottle cap wheels, and balloons. Students learned a lot about friction, the importance of lightweight materials, straight axles, and round wheels! Our last Science unit will be

Social Studies we continued our unit on Alberta: The Stories, Histories, and People. The final unit in Social Studies will be Alberta: Celebrations and Challenges and will look at Alberta after 1905.

Lastly, a big shout out and thank you to Mrs. Nielsen, our educational assistant in grade 4, for all of the help and support she provides in the classroom and also with the breakfast program!

All the best!

Mrs. Angenent



## Grade 5 April News

For the month of April we will focus our reading lessons on inferring and drawing conclusions. The class will practice using relevant details from a text along with their prior knowledge to better understand what they read. Students will also apply these skills to inferring a character's emotions from their words and actions. Towards the end of the month we will shift into our evaluating comprehension strategy.



In writing, we will be moving into our literary analysis essay unit. Students will analyze different texts, draw conclusions, and construct thesis statements that comment on their chosen literature. To start we will read the mentor text, "Fox", before brainstorming essay ideas by analyzing the characters, themes, and writing style in the story. From there students will choose the ideas that interest them most to create thesis statements from. For these essays the class will also learn how to use direct quotations from the text as evidence for their arguments.

After spring break we will be connecting what we've learned about algebra to our patterns unit in math. Students will be learning how to use input/output tables to demonstrate arithmetic sequences, create expressions to describe these sequences, and graphing these linear expressions onto grids using coordinates. These are largely new skills for the grade five curriculum and so many students will not have had previous exposure to these concepts. **Throughout our math classes students rely heavily on knowing both their +/- facts, as well as the multiples of numbers 1 - 12. The more fluent students are with their facts, the easier these problems are to solve. Any practice at home really makes a big difference for your child's success at school.**

BIG Thanks to...

- ★ the families who encourage reading at home as well as practice with multiplication/division facts - it really helps your child be successful!
- ★ our librarian extraordinaire - Mrs. Pittman!
- ★ Parent Council for all your support for DDS staff and students
- ★ all the hot lunch volunteers
- ★ And never to be left out - thank you to Mrs. West for keeping our crew learning and running smoothly:)

Ms. Mohrmann



## **Grade 6 Newsflash**

There are a number of exciting upcoming events. We are planning a Grade 6 field trip to the Frank Slide Interpretive Centre and Belleview Mine Tour on Thursday, May 30th. Afterwards, we are planning to host a Grade 6 overnight event at DDS, with students attending school the following day. More details to come. Our Grade 6 Farewell has been scheduled for Friday, June 21st at 12:45pm. Save the date!



Provincial Achievement Testing is just around the corner.

In recent news, Alberta Education has cancelled Math and Language Arts PATs. Here is the May/June PAT schedule:

- Wednesday, June 19 (9-10 am) Social Studies
- Thursday, June 20 (9-10 am) Science

In **Language Arts**, we are bringing our Media & Advertising unit to a close. Students presented their new products and advertising campaigns in class - well done! We are now practicing writing news articles using the inverted pyramid to convey the essential facts first, and less relevant details at the end.

In **Numeracy**, students are right in the thick of 2-step algebraic equations, and are learning the virtues of writing out their work meticulously so as to preserve equality, and not miss any steps on the way to solving equations.

In **Science**, we are culminating our *Evidence and Investigation Unit* with a Crime Scene Investigation case in which the staff are suspects. Students are getting their warrants signed by a judge, and collecting statements, fingerprints, shoes to print and writing samples in order to find the culprit who stole all of the gym equipment on the night of March 18th. We expect an arrest in the coming days - stay posted! We start Sky Science after the break!

In **Social Studies**, we continue to study *Democracy in Ancient Athens*. Students will be writing a skit at the end of this unit to demonstrate their knowledge of the social class system, Assembly, and Courts in Ancient Athens. Students have been assigned a social class role as a Citizen, Metic or Slave, and will write their scripts from their perspective.

A few things...

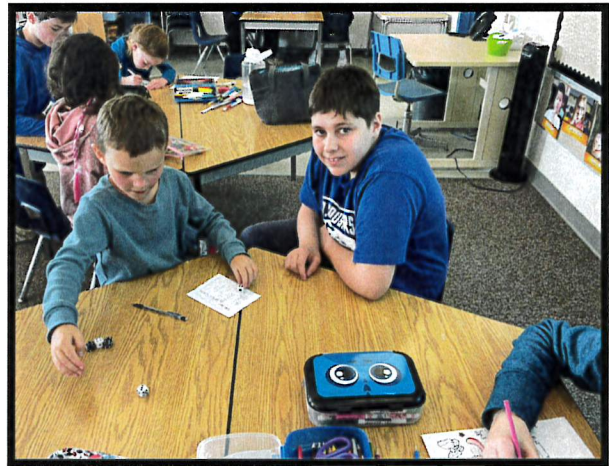
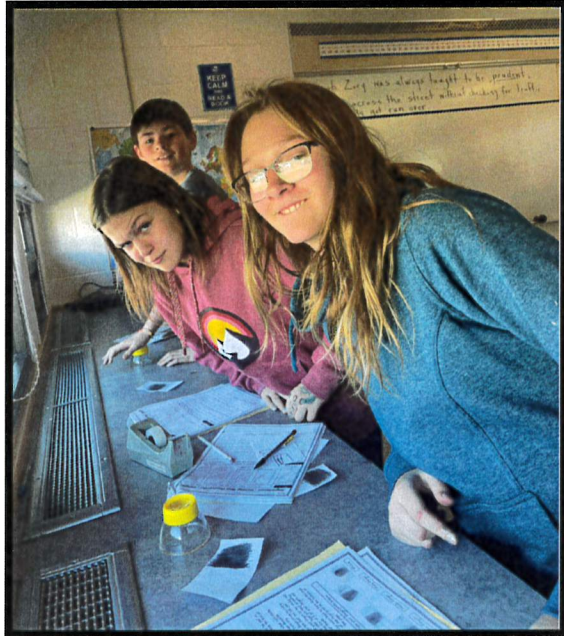
- Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and/or purchased cakes to support our Cake Auction!
- We are studying Healthy Eating in Wellness. Encourage your child to pack their own lunch and include some fruits and vegetables.
- Mini Basketball starts after the break. Students may want to consider bringing gym strip and deodorant to school with them on those days:)

Happy spring!

Ms. Milne



# GRADE 6



## Music Class "Notes"

March is one of my most favorite times in the music room because we get to learn about the music of Ireland and why many people celebrate St. Patrick's Day. It just so happens that Easter also falls quite early this year so the month has been full of celebration!

The Kindergarten class enjoyed learning a "Rap" to accompany the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. We also had a lot of fun doing a body percussion play along to a Celtic piece of music. We have been exploring the unpitched percussion instrument families and also singing about bees and hopping like bunnies for Spring. I was able to purchase a large "Stretchy Band" that has been an exciting singing and movement prop as well.

The Grade 1 class took advantage of the last few weeks of winter to explore unpitched percussion instrument families and learn a song entitled "Snow Snow" to use with the book *Froggy Gets Dressed* by Jonathan London. We also enjoyed learning a stepping pattern to the song *Lucky Leprechaun*. The last couple of weeks have focused on "Bees", "Bunnies" and "Baskets" as we differentiate beat and rhythm in preparation for Easter.

Grade 2 had a lot of fun learning the traditional Canadian folk song *I'se the B'y* from Newfoundland, accompanied with a partner stepping pattern. This was a great opportunity to explore where we live in Alberta compared to people in Newfoundland and some of the different vocabulary. We then shifted our focus to "Rain" as we learned a new song with xylophone accompaniment to welcome Spring, and "Rabbits" so we could play some Easter singing games.

In Grade 3, we have finished up our recorder unit and have been singing the round *Donkeys Love Carrots* in two and three parts. We had a blast moving to an Irish Reel and explored form in music with a Sailor Song "Ahoy!". We have also been reviewing how notes are written on the staff and had the opportunity to "hunt" for singing patterns to notate.

The Grade 4 class has been adding xylophone, ukulele, and boomwhacker accompaniment to the African song *Funga Alafia*. We also learned about the bagpipe, moved to Scottish bagpipe music and learned the stepping patterns for an Irish Reel. We wrapped up the month with an Easter Bunny themed singing game.

The Grade 5 class culminated the jazz unit with the song "Scoo Be Doo" which we were able to video. We have continued to explore other types of form in music and learn a little about the composer Ludwig van Beethoven. We also enjoyed using unpitched percussion instruments for an Irish music play along.

The Grade 6 class has been learning to read rhythms with a variety of activities that involve playing rhythms on various instruments. They have been learning to layer the rhythms and play different rhythms simultaneously, not an easy skill!

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to the parents that came with their children to celebrate learning in the music classroom during Student Led Conferences. It was such a joy sharing and making music with you!

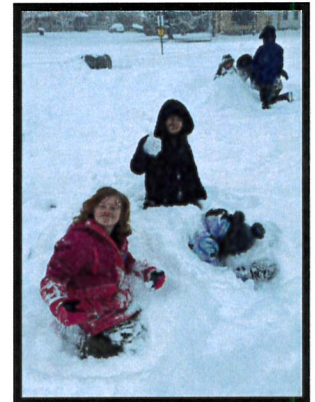
Keep Singing!  
Mrs. Neufeld



# Student of the Week

March 22, 2024

- Kindergarten Pipa
- Grade 1 Fallon
- Grade 2 Ellie
- Grade 3 Esme
- Grade 3 Ivan
- Grade 4 Eiago
- Grade 4 Hunter
- Grade 4 Mackenzie
- Grade 5 Kensley
- Grade 6 Liam





Fun in the snow

