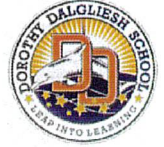


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June 2024

Dear DDS Families,

As the summer season approaches and the end of the school year draws near, we are excited to bring you our June newsletter filled with important updates, upcoming events, and highlights from the past month. It's been a remarkable year filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences, and we are immensely proud of our students' achievements.



It is that time of year when we have one foot in the current school year and one in the next. June is a busy time with field trips, special events, learning and finishing up curriculum. At the same time we, as a staff, are working on our school plan for next year. We will be sharing our 2024-2025 School Plan with parents and guardians at our June 17th School Council Meeting. All are welcome to attend!

This month, we find ourselves bidding a fond farewell to Mrs. Stauth, Mrs. West, Mrs. Becker, Ms. Mohrmann and Mrs. Angenent. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to these women for the invaluable contributions they have made to our school and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. You will be missed!

We also want to wish our Grade 6's all the best as they transition to Picture Butte High School in the fall. We know that wonderful adventures and new opportunities await them! The Grade 6 Farewell ceremony has been scheduled for Friday, June 21st at 12:45pm.

As we finish out the year, I would like to pass along my appreciation to the parents who have supported the learning all year long, our community volunteers who enhance everything we do at the school, and our staff who have gone the extra mile everyday to support students. A final thank you to the students who have made learning their job while also practicing the character virtues we so deeply value here.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer!

Yours in Learning,
Mrs. McGregor





Teacher Staffing 2024-25

Kindergarten: **New Hire**
Grade One: **Mrs. Nishikawa**
Grade Two: **Ms. Giesbrecht**
Grade Three: **Mrs. Gurr**
Grade Four: **Mrs. Ashley McLeod**
Grade Five: **Mr. Atwood**
Grade Six: **Ms. Milne**

Music and Learning Support Teacher: **Mrs. Neufeld**
Administration & Learning Support Teacher: **Mrs. McGregor**

JUNE 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
WORD OF THE MONTH: PERSEVERANCE						1	
2	3	Subway Gr. 6 to PBHS after lunch	4	Gr. 6 to PBHS all day	Track & Field Day Bring hat, sunscreen. water	8	
5	6	7	8	PBHS Parent Night	9	10	
11	12	Subway Gr. 3 & 4 Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump K & Gr. 6 to Fire Station	13	14	KINDERGARTEN Friday Assembly DDS Spirit Day - wear Sunglasses	Volunteer Appreciation - June 14th Assembly ←	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	Gr. 1 & 2 to Japanese Gardens & Legacy Spray Park Parent Council Meeting 3:45PM	Subway	23	24	KinderGrad 2:00PM  KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION	Gr. 6 Farewell 12:45PM 	22
25	School Swimming bring swimsuit, towel & sunscreen Gr.1 - 6	Subway School Swimming bring swimsuit, towel & sunscreen K-Gr.6 LAST DAY FOR KINDERGARTEN	26	27	28	29	
30	HAVE A GREAT SUMMER						

Student of the Week

May 3, 2024

Kindergarten Evan

Kindergarten Austin

Grade 1 Hayden

Grade 2 Youssef

Grade 3 Sebastian

Grade 3 Milo

Grade 6 Molly



SPIRIT CUP WINNERS

Congratulations to the Kindergarten class!



Wear Blue Day



A HUGE thank you to
**Ingrid, Ron and the
Shaughnessy Greenhouse** for supporting our
flower gifts for our Mother's Day tea.

We truly appreciate their kindness and
contributions, this year as well as in the past.

If you're looking for beautiful flowers
or plants for your yard, please check out the
Shaughnessy Greenhouse.





Artist, Angeline Simon put on a workshop for the students. Students had the opportunity to create unique artwork using portraits and found 2D material.



Student of the Week

May 23, 2024

- Kindergarten Eidan
- Grade 2 Austin
- Grade 3 Jonathan
- Grade 4 Hunter M
- Grade 5 Tristan
- Grade 5 Brock
- Grade 6 Jamie
- Grade 6 Lili



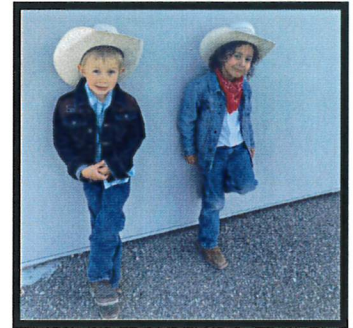
How To **HOST**
a Successful
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY!

.....just have the Kindergarten class host - they rocked it!



Kindergarten News

What a bittersweet month we have ahead of us as we start the big transition from Kindergarten to Grade 1! While we have a lot of fun days planned, but, there is still a lot of learning left to do!



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

- Students have taken to being the teacher/"coach" for each other as we have begun using a new resource to help us review alphabet sounds, sight words, and sounding out words. Take a peak in their red folders for the occasional example of this and have them show you how they coach one another.
- We have started reading short, repetitive and easy stories 1 on 1 with Mrs. Becker during center times.
- Students have been exploring numbers 11-20, and thinking about how they're split into tens and ones.
- In writing, we have been working on writing sentences more independently. We count the words in the sentence, draw a line for each word, and then put the sounds we hear in each word on the line.
- In Science, we did a quick introduction to energy, discussing how and why humans and animals move.
- In PE, we have continued taking advantage of the nice weather and have been doing a lot of outside activities—including frisbee and soccer.



Thank you's and other notes and reminders:

- Continue to check red folders for their homework. The picture sorts that I am sending are a great way to consolidate their learning!
- Some important dates to remember for June are:
 - June 6: Track & Field—the Kindertgartens do not participate, but we will receive a hamburger for lunch that day (please still send lots of snacks!)
 - June 11: Walk the Fire Department and Lions Park
 - Wear good walking shoes and pack a picnic lunch, extra snacks, and lots of water!
 - June 20: Kindergarten Graduation
 - Feel free to send an extra outfit along that day—I will make time for students to change before the ceremony.
 - June 25: Swimming in the afternoon (and our last day of school!!!)
 - If possible (and it's still easy for bathroom breaks), send students to school in their bathing suits and pack a change of clothes for after swimming.



Thanks so much,

Mrs. Becker

Grade 1 News

Another month has flown by! We can't believe that we are almost at the end of another incredible school year. We started the month of May off by celebrating the special women in our lives. Our Division 1 students, along with the help of Mrs. Neufeld, put on a fantastic performance for our Mother's Day Tea. We are very grateful to Mrs. Neufeld for taking the time to help organize such a thoughtful performance! The students and staff at DDS also participated in our annual Community Walk where we delivered flowers to neighbouring houses. It is a fun way to get out into the community and spread some cheer! Thank you, Mrs. Gurr for organizing our annual Community Walk. Thank you to Mrs. Nish, Mrs. Guenther and Grade 1 for planting and growing the plants for this activity.

Our grade one classes have been working on our last numeracy unit, Geometry and Measurement. We have been focusing on 2D and 3D shapes, congruent shapes, symmetry as well as comparing lengths and areas of objects. In Literacy, we have been reviewing all of the "secrets" (phonics rules) that we have learned throughout the year and editing sentences and paragraphs with proper punctuation and capitalization. We encourage you to continue reading with your child each night and throughout the summer holidays. You will be absolutely AMAZED at their reading abilities.

As we look into the final month of the school year, we are excited to participate in our school wide Track and Field Day on June 6. Please remember to send water bottles, hats and sunscreen. We will also be going to Nikka Yuko Japanese Gardens and Legacy Spray Park on Monday, June 17 for our Grade 1 field trip. The students will also need to bring their bathing suit, a towel, hat, sunscreen and a bagged lunch. And finally, we will enjoy the last couple of afternoons of school at the Picture Butte pool on June 24 and 25.

We are looking forward to finishing up our Grade 1 curriculums and celebrating all of our achievements over the course of our school year. All of the students in Grade 1 should be so proud of their accomplishments!

Mrs. Nish & Mrs. McLeod



Grade 2 News

I can hardly believe that it is already June. Our class has come such a long way this year. I am so proud of each and every one of them. I'm excited to enjoy the fun activities (swimming, our ½ Field Trip, Track Day, our water balloon fight) and to finish our year together. Report cards will be going home at the end of this month, and I cannot wait to share all of your child's successes with you.

Math

Our math unit is really taking SHAPE. We have been working on 2D and 3D shapes, including translations, rotations, and reflections. We are also practicing our estimation and measuring skills and then graphing our results. 2D or not 2D...that is the question. Lastly, it is TIME to do our time unit; working on how to read a calendar.

Language Arts

We are finishing up our opinion writing and will be experimenting with writing some poetry. We will also be doing activities, crafts, and writing with some picture books. Our class is finishing the Boy Called Bat read aloud, about a boy with autism. His mother, a veterinarian, brings home a skunk kit to take care of until it can be released into the wild, but Bat wants to keep it!

Wellness

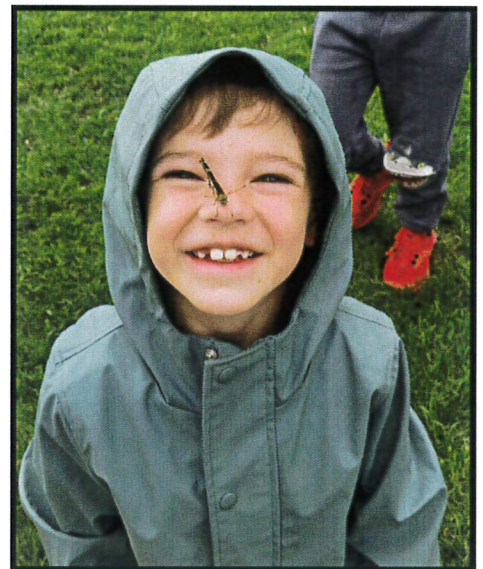
We have been playing soccer in the nice weather and gearing up for track and field day. In health, we learned about respectful rhino and have been doing activities to go along with respect.

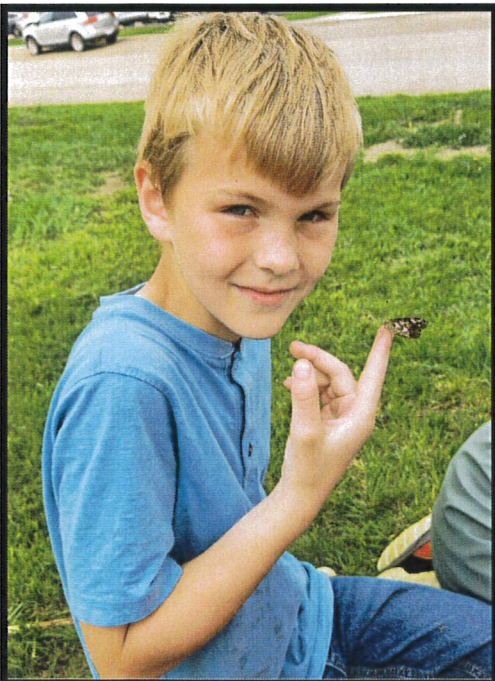
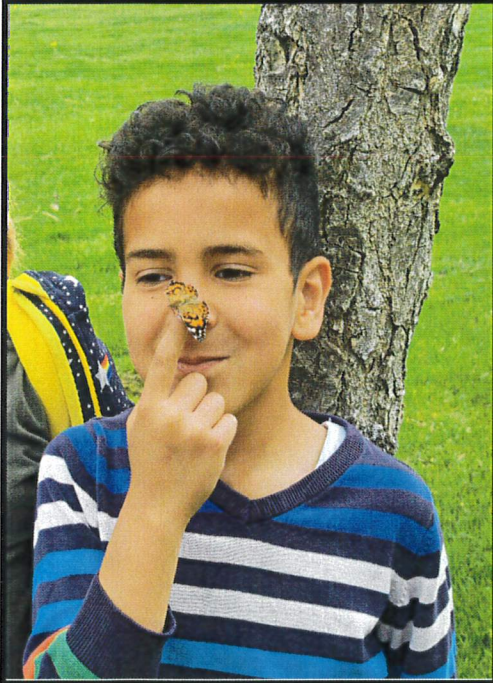
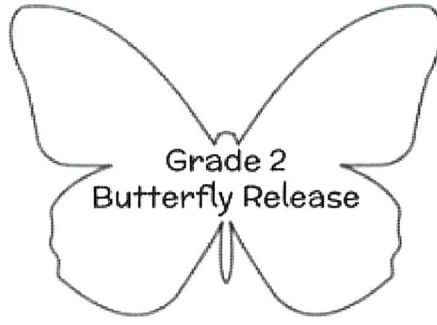
Science/Social

We released our butterflies! We have finished learning all about living things. We will spend some time working on coding and typing skills on the computers. Students also printed, typed, and decorated their own Indigenous Land Acknowledgements, which are on display in our hallway. They did an awesome job!

I have really enjoyed our time together and will miss our class so, so much. I hope everyone has a great last month of the year, and an enjoyable summer.

Miss Giesbrecht

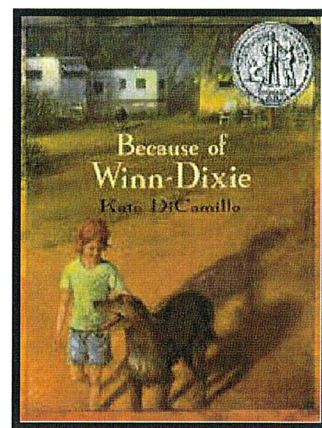




Grade 3 News

I can't believe we're heading into June already! I'm not sure where this school year went but I have really enjoyed working with the Grade 3 students this year!

In Language Arts we are finishing the novel Because of Winn-Dixie, focusing on the characters as well as the “story mountain” that we typically see in books. Next we will be exploring poetry with students reading poems as well as writing different types of poems. They will be working at incorporating figurative language into their written pieces as well. To celebrate the end of our poetry unit each student will share his / her favourite poem. In true “slam poetry” fashion we will show our appreciation by snapping our fingers (instead of clapping) for our fellow poets!



Our last math units of the year are division and measurement. The new numeracy curriculum has a lot of outcomes to cover and I am extremely proud of how hard the grade 3s have worked. Overall, this class has been tenacious, never giving up and always keeping a positive attitude towards the math concepts they were learning! Way to go, grade 3s!

Our final unit in science is living systems and students will learn about how plants and animals interact with each other and within environments. In social studies we will learn about India as well as how we can be responsible global citizens in our world.

Congratulations to Kenley and Blayde for “bumping up” again in their spelling! Awesome work you two!!

Reminders:

On June 11, the grade 3 and 4 classes will be going on our field trip to Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump and the park in Fort MacLeod. Please refer to the list that will be sent home as a reminder of what your child needs to bring along on this day. Please return the permission forms as soon as possible and if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me.

We will be going swimming a couple of times in June. We will write reminders in our agendas to bring a swimsuit and a towel on those days.

Thank you's:

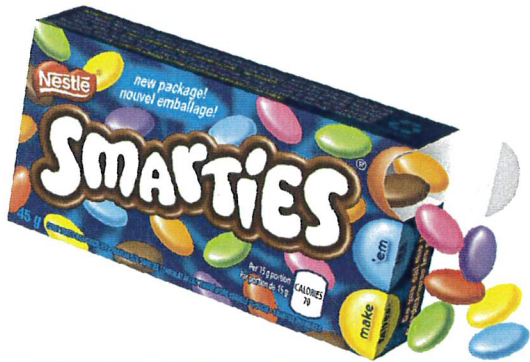
Thanks to the Home and School Council for the awesome staff lunch in May! We appreciate all that you do at DDS!

Thank you to Mrs. Pittman who has been amazing in the grade 3 class this year and will be driving the bus for us on our field trip! You rock!

Thank you to all of the grade 3 families for your support. I have loved working with your children and your kindness throughout this school year has been greatly appreciated!

Mrs. Gurr

GRADE 3 MATH
GRAPHING THE COLOURS OF SMARTIES
ON THE BOX



What's Happening in Grade 4

Wow, we are already into the last month of school. It is unbelievable how quickly this year has flown by. What a fantastic year it has been and it's hard to believe we are in the home stretch.

During the month of May, students worked on developing fictional narrative stories. Students worked on adding dialogue to their stories, writing in paragraph form, as well as developing their setting and characters. It was a lot of fun for the students to share the stories they wrote with their classmates and to celebrate their hard work. June's focus will be on nonfiction writing.



In May, the grade 4s worked on Algebra and learned the order of operations. We also took a look at some Geometry and learned about angles prior to our picture frame building with Lethbridge College. June will be a month where we look at some of our shorter math units such as Statistics and Geometry

In Science, we are wrapping up the Plant Growth and Changes unit. Students have enjoyed germinating a bean seed in the classroom windows and have been watching them grow now that they are planted in soil.

In Social Studies we are also wrapping up our unit on Alberta: Celebrations and Challenges and are finishing our learning about Alberta after 1905. Students have learned about different cultures and diversity in Alberta, as well as tourism in our province.

As we prepare for our Track & Field Day, grade 4s have been learning how to do High Jump and are continuing to work on their long jump and ball throw.

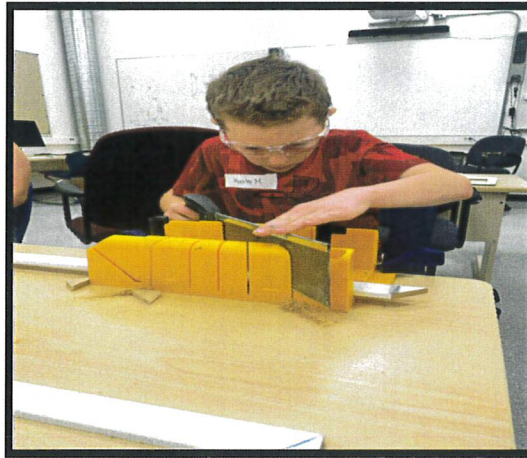
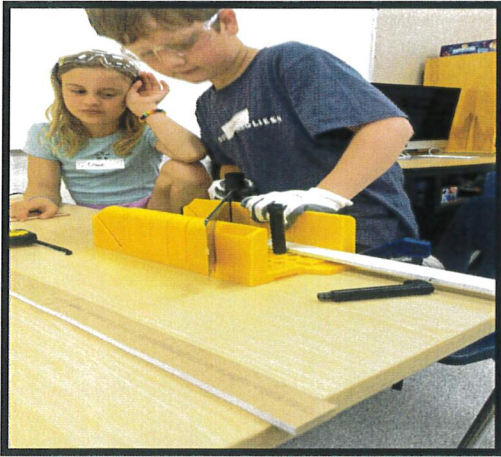
As you have probably heard, I will not be returning to DDS for the next school year. I would like to extend my gratitude for all of your support you have given me this school year as your child's teacher. It has been truly wonderful to teach your child and get to know your child and family. I will miss DDS and all of the wonderful people that I have had the privilege to meet here. ❤️

All the best!

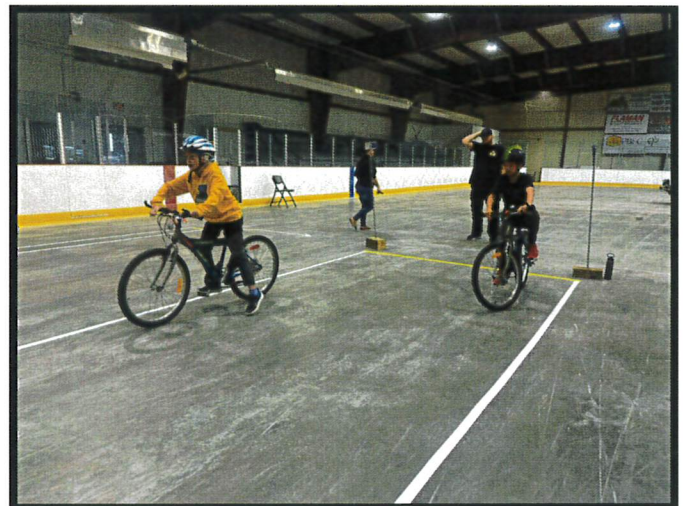
Mrs. Angenent



Lethbridge College Stem Workshop



Bike Rodeo



Grade 5 June News

In June we will be completing our final writing unit of the year, poetry! Throughout the month of June students will be creating their own poetry anthologies, or collections. We will learn about different techniques for improving word choice, such as alliteration, figures of speech such as similes and metaphors, and many other strategies for creating imagery and strengthening voice. Students will also be able to choose a theme for their poems and we will integrate artwork when publishing our poems.

In reading, students will be finishing up their study of the synthesizing comprehension strategy which requires readers to put together all the pieces to make meaning. Often this involves determining the importance of different details or information, in order to get the gist of a text. Students will read several nonfiction articles to practice this skill. Synthesizing also relies on making connections to prior knowledge about topics.

As we round out the year, we'll be completing our study of statistics with a focus on understanding frequency, mode, and the use of stem & leaf plots. These are all new concepts that have been introduced through the new math curriculum and so have been a big jump for the students to master. We will also examine symmetry as it relates to geometry and work to transform 2D shapes through rotations and reflections.

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.

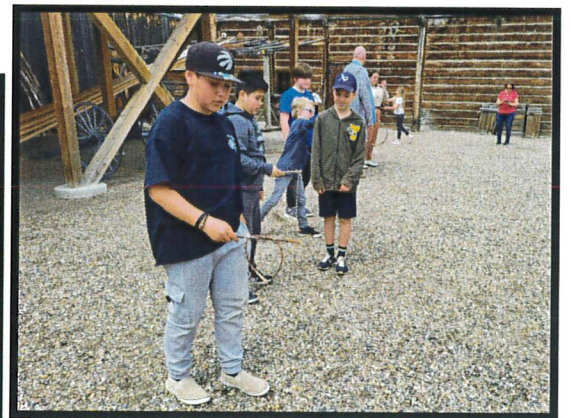
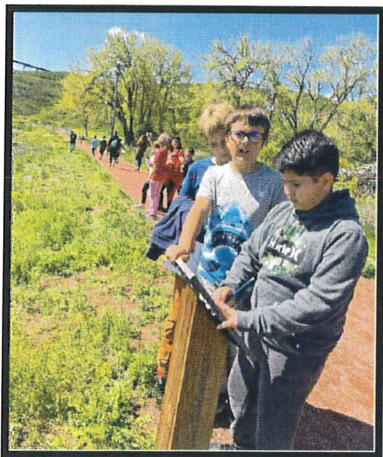
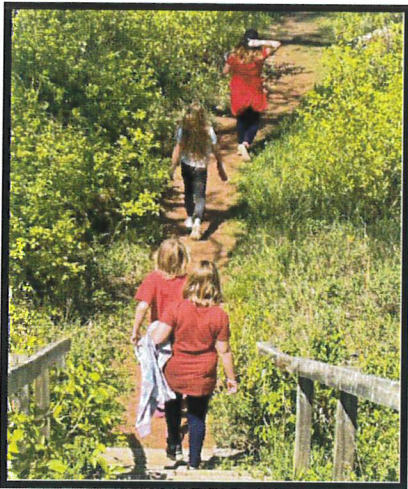
BIG Thanks to...

- ★ the families who encourage reading at home as well as practice with multiplication/division facts - it really helps your child be successful!
- ★ Mrs. Pittman for being the best librarian around:)
- ★ Parent Council for all your support for DDS staff and students
- ★ all the hot lunch volunteers
- ★ Mrs. Nielson for our morning nutrition program
- ★ Mrs. West and Miss Allin for all they do to support student learning in our class

Ms. Mohrmann



GRADE 5 FIELD TRIP



D.D.S. Library News

The Library is getting ready for Summer!



All Students books are due back in the library the week of June 17th - June 20th.

Have a fabulous summer! 😎

Grade 6 Newsflash

In Grade 6, it's been a fun filled month with our field trip to the Frank Slide Interpretive Centre, our Grade 6 Overnight Extravaganza, Hats off for Mental Health, making collages at the Art Workshop: Reimagined Portraits, our RCMP presentation on Digital Citizenship, making Wampum belts, practicing for track & field, taking a community walk, attending the play "Sister Act" in Nobleford, and the Lethbridge College STEM workshop. And June hasn't even started!! Save the date on June 21st. Our Grade 6 Farewell is at 12:45 pm on June 21st. Students will be writing two PATs this year: Social Studies on June 19th, and Science on June 20th.

In **Language Arts**, we are engaged in our research essays. This is another opportunity for students to research topics that they are passionate about, and organize their information into a 5-paragraph essay. We are focusing on clear thesis statements, strong topic sentences to introduce paragraphs, and thoughtful transitions between paragraphs. We are also taking a hard look at proper comma usage and transferring comma usage to our essay writing.

In **Mathematics**, we are in the thick of our Geometry unit and using formulas to find the area of triangles, parallelograms, and trapezoids. We are also learning about the unique properties of triangles, finding missing angles, and classifying triangles by angles: acute, obtuse and right; then classifying triangles by sides: equilateral, isosceles and scalene.



In **Social Studies**, our Democracy study has brought us to the historical Haudenosaunee society and their consensus-based form of government. We are understanding the power of clan mothers, chiefs, the wampum belt, the Grand Council and how the Great Law of Peace became the constitution used to maintain peace and cooperation among the Iroquois nations.

In our **Science** unit, Sky Science, we are researching moons in our solar system, and studying asteroids, meteors and current innovations in space science

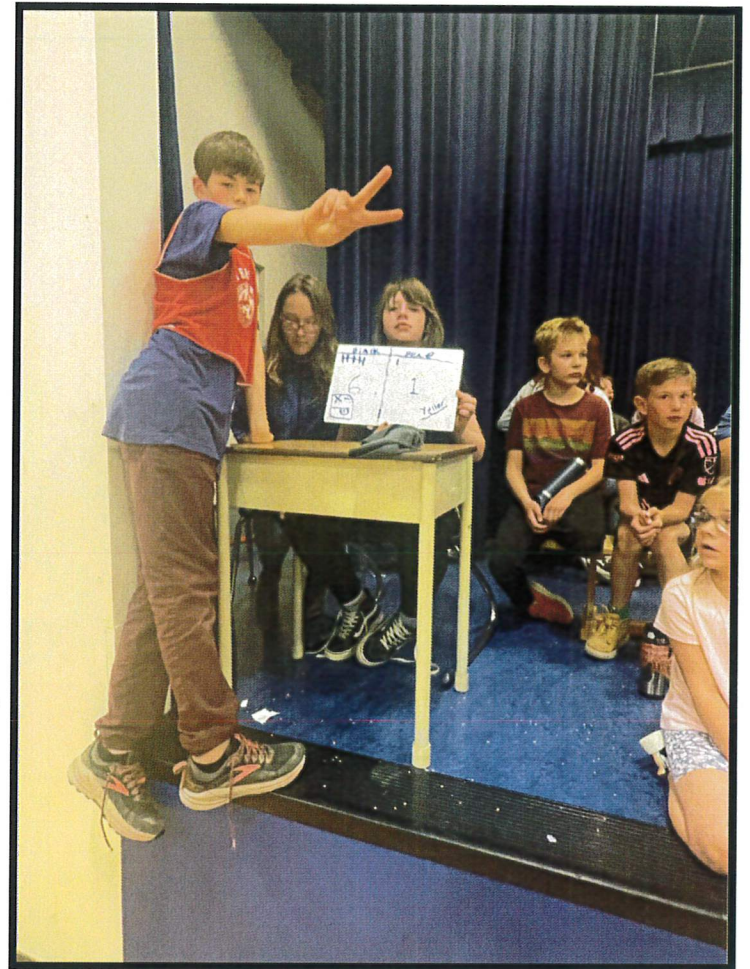
including the space station, the Hubble Telescope, astronauts, space shuttles and what this branch of science holds for the future.

A few Reminders...

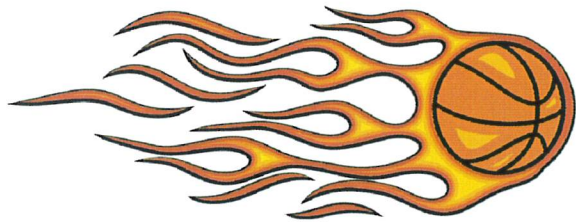
- PATs are June 19 & 20. Get lots of sleep the evening before.
- Always bring indoor shoes

Ms. Milne





MINI-BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Music Class News

May has been a beautiful month of singing, playing, strumming, and celebration! This past month, the Division 1 classes did an AMAZING job performing their songs for the Mother's Day Tea. I know it is not easy to stand up on stage in front of a crowd for some children, and I was so impressed with how each class brought their best to perform for some very special people in our lives. It shows just how important you truly are! Thank you to all of those who came to celebrate with us and for those of you who were not able to attend, I hope you were able to spend some quality time together outside of school and that you each know how much you are loved and how special it was helping the children prepare for this celebration!

The Division 2 classes have been doing a variety of musical learning. The Grade 4 class has been extending their recorder playing abilities beautifully and as I know it is not the easiest instrument to listen to 😊, the students are doing an excellent job of not overblowing and listening to each other and have made fantastic progress with their skills! In Grade 5, we finished up our Instrument Families of the Orchestra Unit and have begun reviewing our Ukulele Skills. The Grade 6 class completed a Bucket Drumming Unit and will now focus on some aspects of lyrics in music for the remainder of the year. We look forward to a special performance at the year-end celebrations!

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of the Division 1 teachers and assistants who helped to make our Mother's Day Tea a success and also to the Grade 5 & 6 volunteers who helped with setting up for the Tea! Your positive attitude and dedication to helping out whenever needed is so appreciated!

Also, another shout-out to Shaughnessy Greenhouse for the beautiful flowers!

"Flowers are the music of the ground, with earth's lips spoken without sound."

Edwin Curran

Keep Singing!
Mrs. Neufeld



School Council News

We held our AGM on May 27 with Laurell Greene being elected as vice-chairperson and Ashley Cleghorn as our treasurer. Thank you, Steph Winch and Mandy Zeinstra, for your time served in those positions.

At our regular meeting we passed a couple motions for year end treats and gifts. We also discussed the 2025/26 timetable changes that Palliser is looking at implementing. If you have any suggestions as to ways to improve our students' mental health, please reach out and we can share those with our trustee. Everyone is welcome to attend our final meeting on Monday June 17 at 3:45pm. Contact Michelle at jmmarti@shaw.ca with any questions or feedback.

Our final meal for hot lunch will be at the track meet on June 6 where we'll be serving hamburgers and veggies for the students and staff. If you're available to help barbeque (starting at 9am) or serve (starting at 11:30am), please let Laurell know at dds.hotlunch@gmail.com



We'd like to thank our sponsors;

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who together provided 1830 meals at the cost of \$4310.43 plus beef, over this past year. Thank you to our school families for donating items to the turkey dinner in December. These meals wouldn't have been possible without our parents coming in and cooking over the past year so a big Thank You to Mandy Zeinstra, Ashley Cleghorn, Crystal Van Raay, Willow Baarda, Martha Dyck, Eva Penner and Laurell Greene.

We hope you all have a wonderful, safe summer and can't wait to see you in the fall! For those students, families and staff who are moving on to other schools or adventures, we wish you the very best in this next chapter!

DOROTHY DALGLIESH SCHOOL OFFICE

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JULY 1, 2024 - AUGUST 26, 2024

