



March 2022 Newsletter

Principal's Message

_____ Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a relaxing Family week break! It was so good to be back yesterday and see all of the students again. I definitely missed them - and I could tell that they missed each other as well!

There are a number of things I would like to highlight. First of all, I want to say thank-you to all the students and staff who participated in our kindness week in February. I was blown away by how well the students embraced the activities. Even though there were things going on all week, the highlight had to have been the day we all placed sticky notes around the school. Every student and staff member put positive messages on the doors and lockers all around the school. It was so fun to see the lockers littered with positive messages! It was also great to see how much fun all the students had giving out kindness to others. Another great event was the school-wide bingo that we had through Google Meet. The school was one loud, excited, boisterous place that afternoon! I think all the students had a great time (well, maybe not all - a few were a little annoyed they didn't win). Maybe next time! :)

By now you probably have received the Alberta government Assurance survey in the mail. These surveys are really important to us as a school. They help us understand what we are doing well and what things we can improve on. I would love it if every family in the school filled one out - it would really help us to know what we can continue doing and how we can make Sunnyside an even better place for your child(ren). Also, if you have any concerns, you can always give me a call or send me an email. As I have said many times before, I LOVE having conversations about how we can make Sunnyside an amazing place for all students!

March 1 also represents a shift in the Alberta government's covid-19 policies for schools. Mask mandates have already been relaxed for students and cohorting will be relaxed as well. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please visit <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-public-health-actions.aspx>. If you still are unsure or have questions, feel free to call us at the school.

Lastly, I want to recognize the amazing work of our School Council and Community Association parents. We have hot lunch starting up again - and the spaghetti we had for the first one was amazing! They have also been incredibly helpful building up Sunnyside School. Because of them, we have been able to add two new outdoor classrooms, a skating rink (currently a puddle...), new mulch for the front of the school, 4 new trees to start our orchard, snacks for various parties, a Christmas dinner, Christmas goodie bags, a few new chromebooks, and awesome Sunnyside buffs for new students and staff! We are so blessed to have an amazing group of parents helping make Sunnyside an awesome place for students. The School Council is welcome to ALL parents - please feel free to join us on the first Wednesday of every month if you want to help make Sunnyside an awesome place for your child!

Thanks, and have a great month of March!
Mitchell Van Dyk



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 School Council Meeting 3:45-4:45	3 Ski Trip Grades 5/6	4	5
6	7 Mini Basketball	8	9 Mini Basketball	10	11 PD Day No School for Students!	12
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Learning Commons

Greetings from the Learning Commons,

First of all, I would like to thank all the families that supported the Christmas tree raffle this year. With those funds, we were able to buy lots of games, puzzles, and craft activities for the children to enjoy during their wellness times. The games and puzzles are always available for families to sign out and use at home if they wish to do so. You can find them all on the Learning Commons Site and in the Destiny Discovery Library that is online. Children can also come to the Learning Commons in person and request any items that may interest them.

Another exciting event that is coming back to the school is the Scholastic Book Fair. This year, Scholastic has modified the fair and made it into an In-School Hybrid Book Fair. This means that the children will be able to shop in person in the Learning commons and there will also be an online Shopify link that allows families to also shop the fair remotely. **New this year - All packages will be shipped to the school for distribution so no shipping fees for parents.**

Thanks for being such a wonderful, supportive community!

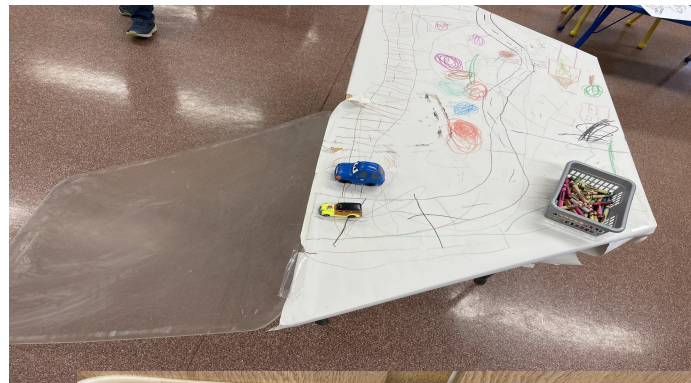
Brenda Hancock

Learning Commons Facilitator

Sunnyside Early Learning Program

What a fun and busy month! We started our month with Transportation, sharing our favorite, and fun ways that we would get to school. This transformed our mornings experimenting with sink or float- and let's make a boat. To end the month, we had our Friendship Party. Making a yummy dessert together, handing out valentines, and showing off everyone's favorite stuffy or toy. To end our friendship theme we made Stone Soup! So Yummy!!!

Sink or Float?? Let's make a boat!!



Kindergarten News

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What a fun month in Kindergarten! We had tons of new experiences and learned a lot! Below are a few photos from our month. It was jam packed with all sorts of exciting activities.

Teddy Bear Picnic and Teddy Bear Dance party



Our Classroom chicks hatched and are doing well!



Valentines Day celebration



Grade 1/2 News - Mrs. Klassen

February went by in a flash! Take a look at some of what we have done in the past few weeks!



Using paper folding techniques to build marble tracks was so much fun. I think we may have some future engineers in gr 1/2!



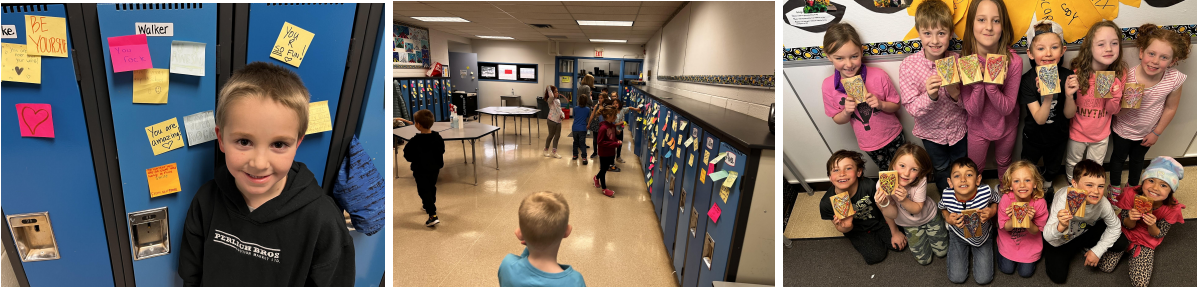
More building! This nail and hammer project has inspired us to make even more during wellness time.



Problem Solving in Math on some of our new whiteboard spaces!



Our 100th day of school collections! So many ways to share, count and sort our collections!



Our week of kindness celebration was a huge hit. A simple sticky-note can bring so much joy!

Gratitude: *A special thanks for the wood donated to our class by the Vucurevich Family...so much fun to build!*

Grade 1/2 News – Mrs. Slusar

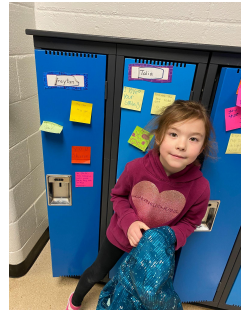


We started out our month with a morning skating party. Thank you Mr. Van Dyk for creating our very own Sunnyside ice rink!



We continue to enjoy morning walks with a stop off at the boulders for a little climbing fun.

A highlight from Kindness Week was writing and reading the uplifting messages that were left on our lockers. We all felt loved and appreciated!



String Art Heart Creations



Celebrating 100 Days of School. We celebrated with various activities throughout the day including counting to 100 in many different ways, organizing our 100's collections, making headbands about being 100 Days Smarter and seeing how many times we could hop on one foot in 100 seconds



We finished off the month by making our own Winter Sowing jugs. Here's hoping we can grow some delicious tomatoes, spinach and parsley. We'll keep you posted!



Grade 3/4 News - Mrs. Henderson

Yet another month has flown by at record speeds! WOW! We certainly have been busy and have been exploring some really cool topics. Check it out!!



Math: We are learning all sorts of important terminology and concepts in our 2-D and 3-D shapes unit. Some enrichment work has included exploring parabolic curves, tangrams, pattern blocks, plotting ordered pairs, etc. See some of our cool creations below!!!

LA: Reading - Our class **LOVES** to **READ!!!** Every day we have independent reading time, reading groups, and a class read aloud. For our class read aloud we continue to read the Judy Blume "Fudge" series. We are now reading Book 3 "Superfudge". Just ask about Fudge and Tootsie!!! **Writing** - Students continue to "put into practice" skills being taught as they write opinion paragraphs. **Word Work** - We continue to work on our phonics, vocabulary, and spelling skills.

Social: We finished our unit on "Celebrating Culture" in Peru, Tunisia, Ukraine and India. Students are starting a mini-research project looking at the culture of a country of their choice.

Science: We wrapped up our "Hearing and Sound" unit and have started a new one entitled "Building With a Variety of Materials". We are in need of some building supplies. If possible please start saving cardboard tubes (from paper towel), smaller cardboard boxes flattened, straws, yarn, etc. for our future constructions. Thank you in advance for your help!!

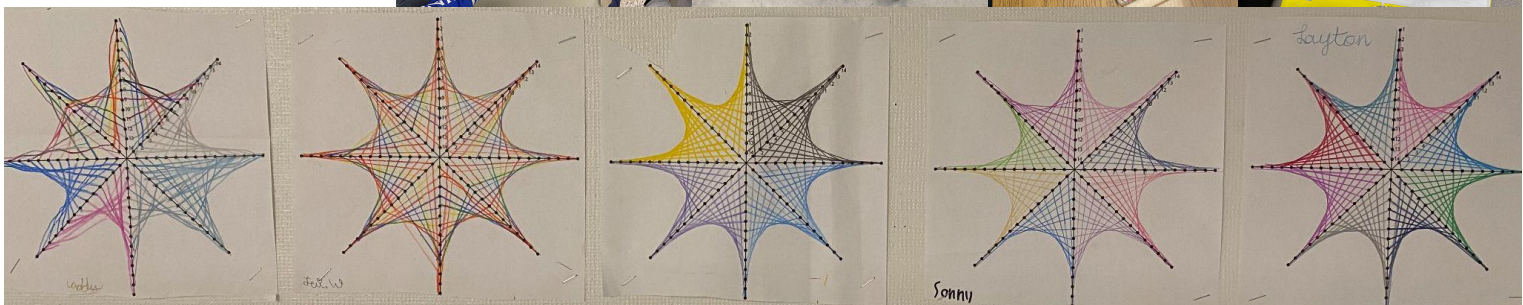
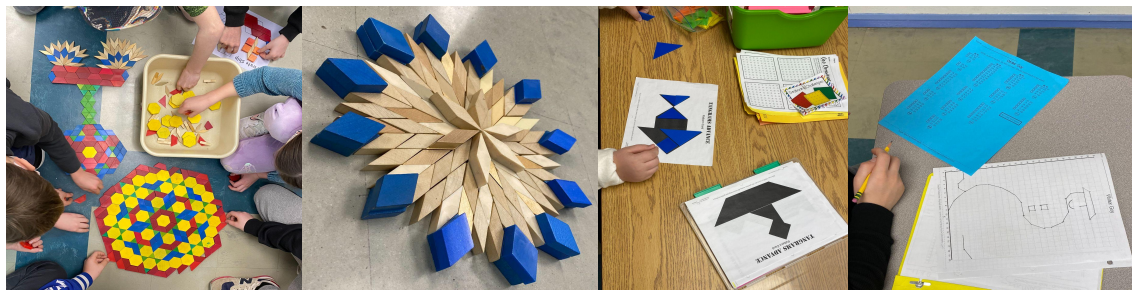
Art: We continue to study the elements of art - colour, line, shape, etc. We used basic shapes to create our cartoons. They turned out great!!



Just a reminder, a "Week at a Glance" is available on Google Classroom. Just ask your child to show you. It is a great way to see what your child is up to and can also be used if your child is away from school.

As always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Mrs. J. Henderson

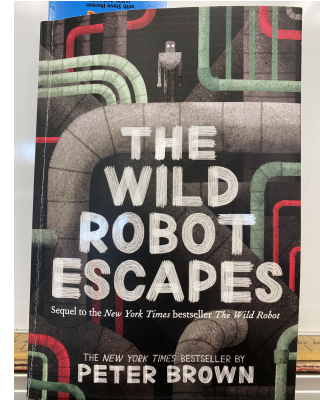


Grade 3/4 News - Mrs. Hudey

We are ready for a great month!

March brings the excitement of approaching spring with the possibility of a side of winter! We hope the weather cooperates to have another round of skating on our awesome ODR!

Reading- We are excited to start reading book two of our read aloud. Students are enjoying "The Wild Robot Escapes" by Peter Brown. We are learning about reading from a variety of genres! We are practicing our inferencing and evaluation skills. Students continue to work in small guided reading groups daily.



Writing- Opinion Writing - Sentence structure, vocabulary choice, transition words.
(OREO - Opinion, reason, example, opinion)

Math- Number Sense strategies, mental math, estimating, addition, subtraction and multiplication. Problem solving and geometry.

Science- Hearing and Sound

Social Studies- Connecting with the World: Comparing Communities
Peru-Tunisia, India, Ukraine,

Wellness- Skating on the ODR, building, 3D printing, drawing, board games, coloring, outdoor activities and games.

Please note: No school for students on March 11th and March 18th.

GRATITUDE:

- ★ Thank you Mrs. Hancock for supporting the students of Grade 3 / 4!
We appreciate everything you do!
- ★ Thank you Sunnyside Parents for cooking hot lunch for us!



Grade 5/6 News - Mrs. Jesse

Last month, in celebration of Valentine's Day, we celebrated the books we love. One of the books I celebrated was The Monster at the End of this Book. I can't help but feel like I am Grover asking for the months to stop whipping by. I can't believe we are so close to the end of the year.



Here is a picture of some of our favorite books.

Math - In math, we are just finishing up our 4th unit: Data Relationships. Students gathered data in a variety of ways and used various graphs to display their data. Students created questionnaires, manipulated databases and participated in experiments. They used their inference skills to create conclusions based on their data. In March, students will be working on fractions. They will name, order and create equivalent fractions throughout this unit. They will also relate fractions to decimals and percent. Our basic operation skill this month will be division. Students will practice and demonstrate various methods for division and evaluate the strategies they like best. Any additional practice at home always helps. 10 mins here and there working on both multiplication and division facts increases students' speed and confidence at school.

Science - In science we have started Chemistry. Students will be busy mixing and separating various substances. Students may wish to do some of these cool experiments at home.

LA - In reading and writing, we are moving onto newspaper articles. Students will practice reading and writing articles in preparation for the grade 6 PAT. We will also continue working on building our writing skills through our daily word work. I encourage students to keep on reading at home to keep up their reading stamina.

Social - In social, we have finished up our project based unit on Regions. Now we will move onto the History of Canada.

Some important dates: March 3rd - Ski Trip March 11 - PD Day March 18 - PD Day

Feel free to reach out anytime with questions!!