



# April 2022 Newsletter

## Principal's Message

Spring is finally here! It has been so great to watch the students mingling together and enjoying the sunshine. Probably the greatest joy has been watching the older and younger students interact - their enthusiasm for being with each other is so infectious!

It has been another awesome month. The School Council's hot lunch program is in full swing - which has been fantastic! We also have received a small grant from Palliser Schools to provide nutritious food to our students - so we have been busy adding cucumbers to our hot lunches, as well as apples, oranges, and bananas to our classrooms on a weekly basis. It has been great to see students walking the halls while eating an apple or banana! Mrs. Klassen and Mrs. Slusar also had the great idea to make mini-greenhouses out of milk jugs. All the students in the school had the opportunity to plant tomatoes, spinach, kale or other veggies. We are starting to see sprouts already! If you are ever at the school we have milk jugs filled with soil and seed everywhere outside. It is awesome to see!

There are also a number of great events happening in our school over the next few weeks. First, by the time you receive this we will (probably) have had our first whole school assembly this year! April 1st also marks our first school-wide wellness day. Instead of having wellness sprinkled throughout the day, staggered for each class, we are having school-wide wellness from 11-12. Each adult is going to host a wellness activity and students will have the opportunity to choose the activity that makes them feel well. Also, we have our student-led conferences on the evening of Thursday, April 7th from 4-7:30. We would love for everyone to come by, bring their child(ren), and see all the great things that they have been doing at school this year! Also, it would be amazing to see all of the parents at school again! Mrs. Hancock has been busy getting the book fair ready to go for our school. It starts on April 1st and runs until April 8th. We are excited to be offering an online and in-person option this year - so feel free to shop from the comfort of your home or, better yet, you can come to the school on April 7th for student-led conferences and do some shopping then!

One thing that I wanted to share with you, the parents, is how going to "the principal's office" has changed since I was a kid. Back then, you only were sent there when you were in trouble and had to answer for something. I'm pleased to say that isn't the case anymore. Students come to the office to visit Miss Becky and I when they need help with something, when they need a little extra attention or care, when they need someone to talk to, when they aren't feeling well and need some help, or when they want to ask something (for example, the grade 6's coming and asking about mini-basketball or playing a certain game in PE class). We have comfy chairs, books, snacks, and lots of kindness to share. It sure makes our day when we have students come see us in the office!

Lastly, I wanted to say a huge thank-you to the Sunnyside staff. What an amazing group of people we have that are investing in your children. The amount of time and effort that they put into report cards, planning great activities, working together to meet the needs of students, and building relationships with the students is incredible. We are so lucky to have this great staff!

As always, please feel free to reach out and contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks and have a great month of April!

Mitchell Van Dyk



# April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> <b>Scholastic Book Fair Starts</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>School Council Meeting @4:00</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Parent Teacher Interviews 4-730pm</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Scholastic Book Fair Ends</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>No School for Staff or Students</b>	<b>12</b> <b>No School for Staff or Students</b>	<b>13</b> <b>No School for Staff or Students</b>	<b>14</b> <b>No School for Staff or Students</b>	<b>15</b> <b>No School for Staff or Students</b>	<b>16</b>
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<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Grade ½ Pavan Field trip</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

# Learning Commons

## Scholastic Book Fairs

It's here! Our school's Scholastic Book Fair has begun! Students will be scheduled time to browse and shop at our school from April 1-8, during school hours or 330-730pm April 7, during Parent Teacher Interviews.

And don't forget! Even if you can't join us in the school, you can experience the joy of our Book Fair online by visiting our Virtual Book Fair Extension on the same dates!

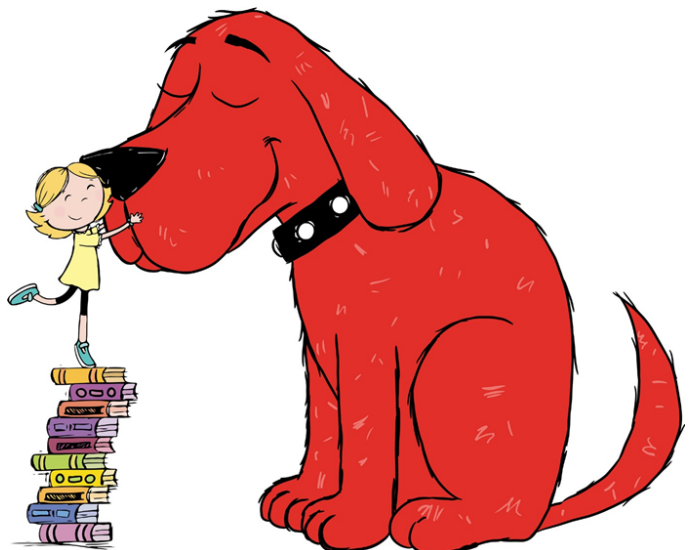
[Virtual Book Fair Link](#)

Share this link with Grandparents, too! Extended family can participate in the Virtual Book Fair Extension from the comfort of home.

Remember, all purchases benefit our school and earn Rewards that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our school's classrooms and library.

Thank you for participating in our  
Scholastic Book Fair!

Happy Reading!



# Sunnyside Early Learning Program

## *What happened in the Early Learning Program in March*

What a busy busy month!!

This month we explored Under The Sea, and started Nursery Rhymes. Learning all about animals living underwater, and on land. Did you know that .. Dolphins sleep with one eye open! Sea otters have a secret pocket of skin near their armpits to store food!

We participated in the Snowman building contest and won the dirtiest snowman!!



Thank you to Mrs. Klassen, Mrs. Slusar and the grade 1-2 class for helping us plant Pea Sprouts!





Ice Painting- freeze water in balloons and cookie sheets. Remove plastic from the balloons once frozen. Let your child paint and spray the ice.

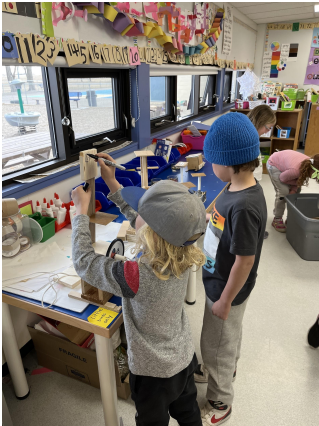
# Kindergarten News

Ms. Pascal's Kindergarten photos from March 2022



# Grade 1/2 News - Mrs. Klassen

March was **amazing!** Here are a few of the best moments from the last few weeks!



Building bird feeders!



Bird art!



Owl pellet investigation!



Planting, growing,  
and tasting!



Exploring Ice!



Our first trip to Pavan Park...snow and shine!



*Gratitude...for signs of Spring and the joy it brings!*



# Grade 1/2 News - Mrs. Slusar



Morning message in the snow

Discovering ice creations

Frost Walk



Snowman Building Contest



Grade 5-6 reading buddies and PJ Day



Fort Building



Science building unit



Dissecting owl pellets

# Grade 3/4 News – Mrs. Henderson

March was yet another busy month here at SSS. Before we know it, our Easter/Spring Break will be here and gone and it will be the end of April!!! Unbelievable!! Here's a little blurb about some of the things we've been up to. Enjoy!

**Math:** Multiplication has been our focus for most of March. We are learning multiplication strategies and practicing our basic facts through a variety of activities including playing tons of games, working in our workbooks and on colouring pages, using flash cards and multiplication tables, etc. Practicing these facts at home would be wonderful and greatly appreciated!

**LA: Reading** - Our love for reading continues! Every student takes part in independent reading, reading groups, and a class read aloud every day! Thank you to Mrs. Hancock and Mr. Van Dyk for being a part of this! For our class read aloud we continue to read the Judy Blume "Fudge" series. We are almost done with Book 4 "Fudge-a-Mania" and will be starting the final book, "Double Fudge" soon. **Writing** - Students have just finished writing their persuasive friendly letters to Mr. Van Dyk. Ask your child what they think would help improve SSS! **Word Work** - Every two weeks, students are given a new sort to help improve our phonics, vocabulary, and spelling skills.

**Social:** In Social we are now looking at the land and resources in Peru, Tunisia, Ukraine and India. In addition, we are completing some map work on Canada.

**Science:** We continue to work on our "Building With a Variety of Materials" unit. Students are taking part in many "hands-on" building challenges and activities. Some of our constructions include creating a LEGO marble maze, taking part in the "longest paper chain" challenge and currently groups are building a Basketball Tower out of newspaper.

**Art:** The element of art we are looking at is space. Students are learning to draw using a foreground, middleground and background. I can't wait for you to see their work hanging in the halls next week!

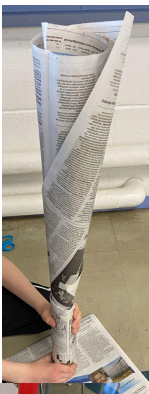
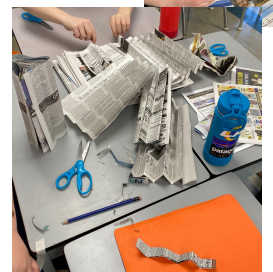
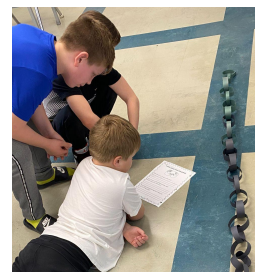
## Reminders:

- ★ If you haven't done so already, please sign and return your child's report card envelope.
- ★ Book Fair → April 1 - 8
- ★ Student-led Conferences → April 7
- ★ Easter Break → April 11 - 22

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. I look forward to seeing you on April 7!

Mrs. J. Henderson



HAPPY  
Easter

# Grade 3/4 News – Mrs. Hudey

## Spring is in the air.....

**Reading-** We continue to practice a variety of reading strategies.

(Prediction, Sequencing, Inferring and Evaluating)

-Students continue to work in small guided reading groups daily.

**Writing-** Students are working on a variety of newspaper articles.

We are looking forward to sharing this fabulous project at Student Led Conferences!

**Math-** We are working on the following topics: Number Sense strategies, mental math, estimating, addition, subtraction and multiplication. Students are working collaboratively on number talks and problem solving. Thinking about numbers and solving problems using multiple approaches has been fun!

**Science-** We are starting a new unit: “Building with a Variety of Materials”

**Social Studies-** Connecting with the World: Comparing Communities

Peru-Tunisia, India, Ukraine,

**Wellness:** All of the students of Sunnyside School had the opportunity to plant a milk carton greenhouse– tomatoes- lettuce-parsley and spinach!

We are excited to watch them grow!

**Student Led Conferences are back!**

**April 7, 2022 – 4:00-7:30pm** *Come and celebrate your child’s progress!*

**Scholastic Book Fair: April 1-8th ( Family night April 7th)**

Check out the new books, merchandise and enter to win draws!

**Please note: No School –**  
**April 11-22– SPRING BREAK!!**



# Grade 5/6 News – Mrs. Jesse

Yippee! We made it to spring and hopefully some nice warm weather! I'm looking forward to wrapping up our current units and starting our last units in many of our core subject areas! I'm also looking forward to some fun events that will be coming up in the next few months!!

: We are in our final week of Fractions, Ratios and Percents! We will focus on reviewing key concepts during the first week of April and write our final assessment before Easter. We will also move on from division and work on multiplying decimals. Following Easter, we will be moving into geometry (literally), where students will practice translating, flipping and rotating shapes on a coordinate plane.

**Science:** We are also finishing up our chemistry unit. Students have been busy creating solutions and mixtures that are reversible. Our last two weeks will focus on irreversible changes and students will have the opportunity to witness some exciting chemical reactions. I am hopeful that we can finish up before Easter break, but if not, we will review and assess the week we return. Our final science unit will be Evidence and Investigation.

**Reading:** In reading students have been reading their own choice novels and have been identifying figurative language as they read. This will come in handy for their next reading and writing unit: Mystery and Suspense. Students will be writing mystery stories and participating in a mystery book club with their peers.

**Writing:** In writing, students are working on newspaper articles. Students have finished their first one and will write three more before the end of the unit. We are focusing on proper article structure and tone.

## Important Dates:

April 1 - 8 Book Fair

April 7 - Celebration of Learning

April 9 - April 24: Easter Holidays

