



November 2022 Newsletter

Principal's Message

It sure seems like the beautiful Fall has come to an end. We had such amazing weather to start the year! What a great way to kick off a school year - with so much time outside, enjoying the wonderful Fall we had. But - there's no such thing as bad weather and we are looking forward to embracing all that Winter offers us. We are Weather Warriors here at Sunnyside!

I would like to take this time to let you know about a few things that we are working towards here at Sunnyside. As a staff, we have been talking a lot about the vision of Sunnyside School. What is it that makes us so unique? What are things that we can all commit to to make sure that Sunnyside is the best possible place for your children? What are wellness goals that we can strive towards to ensure that your children have the best environment to learn and grow? I am hoping that at some point during the year, we will be able to bring staff, students, and parents together to talk more about this. I truly believe that Sunnyside School is an exceptionally great place for your children - but we don't want to rest on that. We want to continue to grow, improve, and change to better help your child(ren) grow!

I would like to say a HUGE thank-you to our School Council who put on an amazing Penny Carnival. There was a BBQ, root beer truck, carnival games, prizes, cotton candy, a popcorn machine, snow cones and a whole host of other fun things. It really was an awesome evening! Thanks to everyone for coming out!

On Thursday, November 3rd, we will be having parent teacher interviews here at the school for kindergarten to grade 6. I am thrilled that we are able to do these in person - it has been a few years of online/phone call interviews, and they really aren't the same. Please check your email for the sign-up link. This is an important part of updating you on your child's progress, so please make it a priority to attend. Please be aware that another important form of communication, the report card, will be emailed out to you on November 25. We have decided to try and reduce paper (as well as the chance of the report card not making it back to you) and do them digitally this year.

Lastly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Sue Wobick, our new Education Assistant. As many of you know, Ms. Julia has moved on to explore new adventures and to grow her amazing talents. Sue will be replacing her and working in kindergarten and the grade 1/2 classes, with a small amount of time in grade 3/4. I actually worked with her when I taught in Picture Butte and I believe she is going to be an excellent addition to our staff!

Once again, thank-you for the privilege of being principal of this school. It has been an amazing year and I am so excited to continue working with you and your child(ren)!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns (or just want to chat about education) please feel free to give me a call here at the school.

Mitchell Van Dyk



November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Mini Volleyball	2 Book Fair Starts	3 Parent- Teacher Interviews	4	5
6	7 STEAM Group (Gr 3-6) Hot Lunch	8 Mini Volleyball	9 Book Fair Ends Remembrance Day Ceremony School Council (4:00 pm)	10 PD Day No School for students	11 No School	12
13	14 No School	15 Mini Volleyball	16	17 Mini Volleyball	18 Turkey Bingo (6:00 pm)	19
20	21 STEAM Group (Gr 3-6) Hot Lunch	22 Mini Volleyball	23	24 Mini Volleyball	25 Report Cards Emailed home	26
27	28 STEAM Group (Gr 3-6) Hot Lunch	29 Mini Volleyball Gr 1-2 Pavan Park	30			

Learning Commons

Sunnyside School will be having a Scholastic Book Fair this month. The book fair runs from Wednesday November 2 to Wednesday November 9 during school hours. The book fair will also be open on November 3 from 4-8 during parent teacher interviews. If you would like to look at it virtually the link is <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5188744>

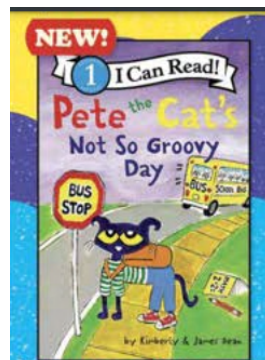
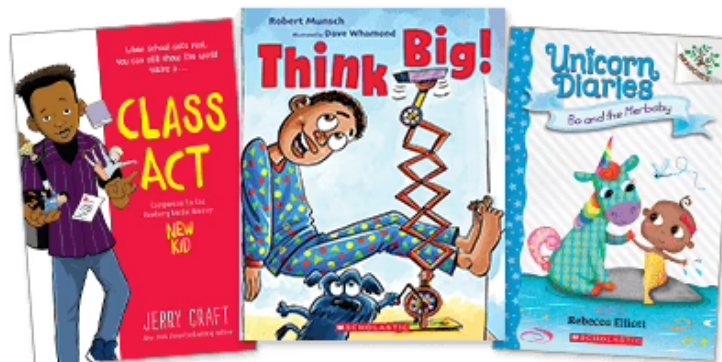
Scholastic Book Fairs

Get ready!

Soon you will be able to explore exciting new books to enhance your home library and inspire the young readers in your life! Hundreds of books, carefully chosen to delight kids of all reading levels, will be waiting for you when our virtual doors open!

- **REMEMBER!** Every purchase earns valuable Book Fair Rewards that can be used to support our students.
- **Shop any time!** Your Virtual Fair is open 24 hours, beginning at midnight on your start date!
- **No shipping fees!** Orders are sent directly to our school.

**Free shipping where available, some restrictions may apply*



Sunnyside Early Learning Program

What a beautiful month! Because of the nice weather, we were lucky enough to watch the trees change color every week. In our science center, we learned about leaves, pumpkins, and corn. We talked about the life cycle, and parts of a pumpkin. We opened up a pumpkin and felt how gooey the inside is, and found all the seeds. We shucked corn, and talked about all the important parts that corn needs to grow, and that not all corn is for us to eat- animals eat corn too. We had fun at our pumpkin party with crafts and games.



Kindergarten News





Grade 1/2 News

Mrs. Klassen

September could not have been more beautiful here at Sunnyside. This past month we soaked up the incredible weather and continued to grow and learn together.



Finding math on our daily walks: patterns, halves and symmetry are everywhere! We continue to build our number skills, investigate patterns and solve problems.



Reading is a huge part of our day. Our daily routines include reading with partners, reading with teachers and reading on our own! We are building our phonetic skills and finding books we love to read and share!



Digging tunnels in the sand led to an amazing amphibian discovery by some of our grade 1's! This Tiger Salamander paid us a short but incredible visit before we released it back into the wild.



Our young artists busily explore warm colors and sunsets!



It was a brisk morning in Pavan Park, but it was filled with laughter, learning and connections! We'll be looking for more volunteers for our November 29th trip so let us know if you'd like to join! We'd love to have you!



If you can't beat the wind, you might as well join it!



We are grateful for...

"The world" - Elizabeth

"The way we caught leaves in the wind" - Klay

"Looking at new things on our walks"- Romi

"Riding the tires"- Rustin

"That I can help pick up the litter"- Ryker

"Playing with friends" -Blayke

"Playing pretend fortnite at recess" - Kolten

"I am thankful for fall" - Isabella

"Having apple cider when we are cold" - Camden

"The leaves" - Walker

"That we could plant tulips" - Laney

"Our morning walks together" - Mrs Klassen

Please remember to send your child to school with a Water bottle each day!

Grade 1/2 News

Mrs. Slusar

The past month the Grade 1-2 classroom has had many learning opportunities. We continued to work on routines, read daily from our book bins, write "How-To" books and continue building our numeracy. Some of our exciting outdoor activities in October included watching some amazing fall sunrises, planting tulip bulbs, walking and exploring a nearby corn field, observing and tasting sugar beets and trying to catch those beautiful fall leaves we had this year. Each student also chose a "Sit Spot" this month that they will visit regularly throughout the year. A sit spot is a comfortable place in nature where students can quietly reflect and be mindful. We were able to take advantage of some warm, calm fall afternoons to do some sketching from their sit spot. Enjoy the pictures for some of our October class adventures. We are grateful for the opportunity to once again visit Pavan Park and learn from this outdoor campus. Thank you Parent Council, for helping fund these visits and classroom parents who volunteer their time to come and assist on these trips. We appreciate you!

Just a reminder

Mrs. Sulsar and the Grade 1-2 class.





Grade 3/4 News

Mrs. Henderson

Another month has flown by. From the fabulous weather we've had to field trips to school-wide activities, there is always something on the go here at Sunnyside. Here's a brief outline of some of the things my classes have been working on this past month.

★ **Math:** We have been busy with problem-solving, task-based activities, games and challenges, as well as 2-, 3-, and 4-digit addition and subtraction.

★ **LA:** Nonfiction remains our focus for reading and writing. In reading, we are identifying main ideas and supporting details. In writing, we are writing nonfiction paragraphs as well as Seven Directions Poems. In word work, we continue to look at the "conventions" side of writing including phonics, vocabulary, spelling, grammar, etc. →

★ **Science:** We continue to work on our "Waste and Our World" unit. We had the opportunity to make connections to "real life" situations when we part in the "Too Good to Waste" tour at the Lethbridge Waste and Recycling Centre. ↘

★ **3/4J and 5/6 Art:** We have been working hard on our "drip" art. It is almost done and I can't wait to see it up on the bulletin boards! Hopefully you can see it next week when you are here for Parent-Teacher interviews! Until then, check out our school wide "Umbrella" project below! Students in Grades K-6 designed umbrellas and it was assembled in one big display. So awesome!! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Mrs. J. Henderson



Grade 3/4 News

Mrs. Hudey

We have had a wonderful month of amazing weather and learning!
Here's what we've been up to:

Language Arts -

Reading: Choosing 'good fit' challenging books-

**practicing accuracy, fluency and comprehension strategies.

Writing: We continue to focus on reading/writing non fiction.

Sentence structure, adding more detail and editing skills.

Math: Place Value, problem solving, addition and subtraction strategies.

Science: We are exploring the unit - *Waste and Our World*.

Students had an opportunity to tour the Lethbridge Landfill and Recycling facility on October 18. Students enjoyed an engaging presentation and participated in a variety of hands-on activities.

Social Studies: We are learning about Alberta!

Health & Wellness: Having fun, taking risks and trying new activities to make us feel well. Friendship skills, group work and cooperation.

Art: Warm and cool colors -

Check out our DRIP ART at parent teacher conferences!

**Parent Teacher
conferences: November
3, 2022**

Life is fun in Grade three and four!

Pictures: Top to bottom

- 1-Writing a directional poem
2. GOODBYE Miss. Julia!
3. Pumpkin growers
4. Landfill Roadtrip!
5. Landfill Information



Grade 5/6 News – Mrs. Jesse

Math: We've continued this month working on tasks and challenges surrounding number sense. Students have worked with numbers up to the million's place and are now working with fractions. We will continue to work on addition and subtraction, but our focus during daily math is now on multiplication. Students are trying out a variety of strategies to help them solve multiplication problems such as the traditional algorithm, lattice method, halving and doubling, repeated addition, arrays as well as the window method. Ask your child to show you a few different ways they could solve the same problem.

LA: In reading, students have finished their Good Readers Unit and have now transitioned into our Notice and Note: Close reading strategies unit. Students have time each day to build their reading stamina and choose their own texts. During this time, students are also reading individually with adults and in small groups to help them target individual reading goals. In writing, students have completed two poems and are now working on their brainstorming for their second narrative.

Science: In Science this month, we have continued learning about Trees and Forests. Students focused on the interactions between living and nonliving components of this ecosystem. Students worked individually and in small groups to create various cycles: nutrient cycle, oxygen cycle and the water cycle in the forest. They have also learned how to classify various types of trees by their leaves, bark and overall structure.

Social: We have dived into our Democracy unit, by focusing on the pillars of democracy here in Canada. We have also talked about our rights and responsibilities at home, at school and in our country. We will be moving into our study of Ancient Athens next month.



Community Corner



TNT 4-H Multi Club is looking for members and volunteers to join us. We are a non-livestock club that currently teaches projects like crafts (especially seed art, sewing, painting), archery and shooting sports, fishing, pheasants, and cooking. Other projects can be considered if we have volunteers to lead them. Meetings are first Wednesday, monthly and there are many opportunities for fun and learning. Please contact our leader Melanie Daniels at 403-635-0564 for more information.



Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child

If you are interested in sending a shoebox with gifts please pick up a free shoebox and pamphlet from the office. All shoeboxes should be returned to the school by November 13, 2022. If you have any questions or for more information please contact Connie Boulton at 403-330-6202.



Friday Wellness Groups

We are looking for parents to volunteer for our wellness groups on Fridays. From 11:15-12:15, students are able to choose from a variety of activities that will contribute to their individual wellness. For example, we have board games, maker spaces, hand bells, 3D printing, print-making, outside games, cooking (for grade 6). Last year, we had some parents run things like chess club and Zumba. We would love to have parents come in and teach us something they are passionate about (with a small group of students). Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering!