



December 2022 Newsletter

Principal's Message

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Welcome to the month of December! December is one of my favorite months of the year - there are always so many great things going on. Please make sure you take a look at the calendar to see the many ways we are celebrating the season - with festivities and opportunities to give back to our communities. Last year, our school community did an incredible job supporting the Angel Tree campaign. I am hopeful that we will be able to match those donations while also supporting the "Silver Linings" campaign for seniors.

The last month has been a good one here at Sunnyside! I hope you had the chance to attend parent-teacher interviews - what a great night that was. There is nothing better than watching parents and teachers working together for the growth of students. We also had Turkey Bingo on the 18th - it was the first one I have attended. To see so many families crammed into our gym, enjoying themselves and celebrating a Sunnyside tradition was awesome! Thanks to everyone who came out and supported our school. Also, a huge thanks to all the volunteers who made the evening possible. Lastly, report cards were emailed home on the 25th. Hopefully you have had the chance to view them. They are another wonderful part of the communication between parents and teachers. I know I enjoyed reading the insights the teachers had for your children - hopefully you do too! Regardless of where your child is at or what their needs are, our goal is to help them grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

On that note, I wanted to share with you how incredibly lucky we are at Sunnyside. Not only do we have amazing community and parent support, but our staff is second to none. I have watched our staff go above and beyond daily to support and care for our students. The amount of additional time they put in to provide meaningful learning experiences for your children is quite amazing. We are also a great team, working together, collaborating, brainstorming, and sharing to meet the needs of all Sunnyside students. We are incredibly lucky to have this talented group working with our students!

I'm really excited for all of the great experiences we are going to have in the month of December. It's going to be a ton of fun!

As always, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. We can chat on the phone or set up a meeting - but I always love connecting with parents!

Mitchell Van Dyk



December 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Mini Volleyball	2 PD Day no school for students	3
4	5 Hot Lunch Mac & Cheese if ordered	6 Mini Volleyball	7 Start of the "12(ish) Days of Christmas"	8 Tentative Mini Volleyball Tournament	9	10
11	12 Hot Lunch Sloppy Joes if ordered	13 Whole school Skating (TENTATIVE)	14 School Council Meeting	15	16	17
18	19 Hot Lunch Hot Dogs if ordered	20	21 Tentative Christmas concert Date	22 Turkey Dinner and Hay Ride	23 Last Day of classes before Christmas Holidays	24
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DECEMBER

Welcome to Sunnyside School's 12 (well, actually 13) days of Christmas! Please Join us in dressing festive and having some fun! We have planned some fun days to help get us in the Christmas spirit! Feel free to participate in one of them, some of them, or all of them - have some fun and be creative!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<p>7 - Welcome CHRISTMAS! It's Red and Green Day!</p> <p>-Dress in Red/Green -Christmas Tree Raffle Kick-off</p>	<p>8 - Rudolph the red nosed... wear reindeer antlers!</p> <p>-Go for a winter walk with your class</p>	<p>9 - Wear your crazy Christmas socks - over your pant legs! We wanna see 'em!</p> <p>-Bring a non-perishable item to school to donate to the food bank</p>
<p>12 - Baby, it's cold outside! Wear your winter-ey scarves!</p> <p>-Decorate your classroom!</p>	<p>13 - JINGLE BELL, JINGLE BELL, JINGLE BELL, ROCK! Wear your jingle bells!</p> <p>-Decorate Ornaments with your class!</p>	<p>14 - SANTA! I know him! Dress like an elf!</p>	<p>15 - Is your tree up yet....? Dress like a Christmas Tree!</p> <p>-hot chocolate outside!</p>	<p>16 - You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch! Dress like the Grinch or in toxic green!</p>

**19 - HO
HO HO!**
Wear your
Santa hats!



**-Make
Snowflakes!**

**20 -
CANDY
CANE
DAY!**

Dress in red and
white - you can
even wear
stripes if you
have 'em!



**-Outdoor
Christmas
Carols!
-(Tentative)
HayRide!**

21 - Jersey Day
(I know it's not
Christmas
themed) - but
wear your
favourite
team's jersey or
colours!



**22 - Ugly
Christmas
Sweaters!**



**-Turkey Dinner!
-(Tentative)
HayRide!**

**23 - Pajama
Day!**



Learning Commons

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

I would like to thank all the students, parents and staff who supported the book fair this year. We had total sales of \$2830, which allowed us to get \$800 worth of free books for the Learning Commons.

Another big Thank you to the Parent Council who have generously donated \$1000 to the Learning commons. We have purchased games, puzzles and activities to keep the kids busy during wellness and Learning Commons time.

We would also like to thank all the parents who have generously donated supplies to our Learning Commons. The kids have been really enjoying them.



Sunnyside Early Learning Program

This month we started off making poppies for Remembrance Day, and then moved to our 5 senses, making blow art, and wind chimes. They turned out great! The end of November will be exciting with our beloved dinosaur theme. In our science center we are learning about Spiders, Spiders, Spiders!

Did you know that spiders respin their webs daily?
And that they smell with their leg hairs??

We are really enjoying our time in and outside of the classroom. Thankful for the wonderful weather!!



Kindergarten News

We had a very busy month in Kindergarten. We enjoyed the weather and our new Fairy Tale dramatic play area. This month we have been focusing on fairy tales, stories, letters/ numbers, and patterns. We created some beautiful Remembrance Day art and explored how colors mix and blend. It was a busy and exciting month but December will be even busier. 😊

Thank you to everyone who came out to interviews; it was exciting to celebrate how much the students have grown since the start of the year.

Our quilting project started last week and we are so excited about the beautiful blankets being made! Check out the photos below to get a sneak peak.

Thank you to all the volunteers for our playdoh and fabric donations! The support from our parents has been wonderful and made a huge difference!

Please remember to check ClassDojo for important messages and information.





Grade 1/2 News

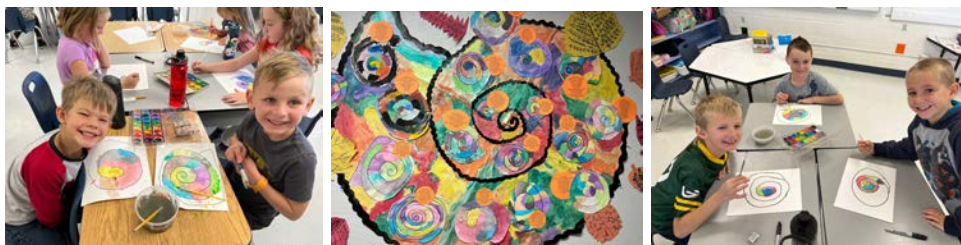
Mrs. Klassen



Arriving at school just as the sun has come up...what a great way to start the day! Singing together in the mornings helps us feel connected and joyful. We can't wait to start practicing our Christmas songs too!



Learning from the world around us: making 3D shapes, investigating tracks in the snow, and trying to determine what is eating our Sunnyside trees...???



Students made "Circles of Belonging" to reflect on their place in their communities, families, and the world! We are connected in so many ways!



Patterns, math challenges, counting sunflower seeds (phew!), collecting data, and exploring numbers to make 10...math is everywhere in grade 1/2.



Snowshape by Grace Keating

Gratitude

- I am thankful for the snow -Isabella
- I am so glad that snow is here! - Kaylor
- I am thankful for mother Earth - Ivy
- I am thankful for a little bit of sunshine - Laney
- I am thankful for all people - Rustin
- I am thankful for Mrs. Wobick's stuffed owl - Ryeker
- I am thankful for the snowy weather - Blayke
- I am thankful for our walks and snow angels - Camden

Grade 1/2 News

Mrs. Slusar

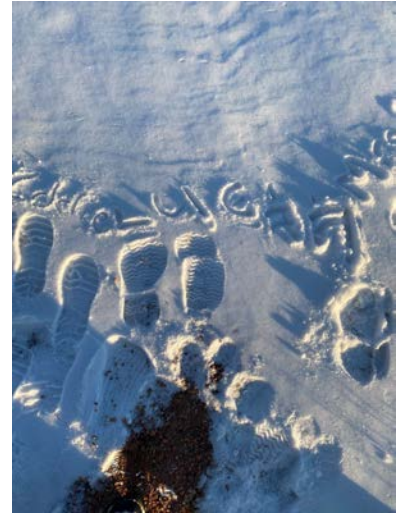
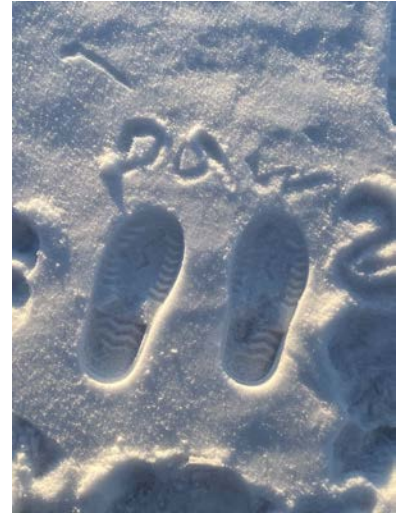
Wow! Another month has come and gone as we begin the last month of the year. November was a month full of learning and fun. We are settling into the routines and are able to accomplish more and more each day.

In reading the students are becoming fantastic reading detectives as they are given different missions each week. Once they have completed all of the missions, the students will earn their reading detective badges. They have enjoyed a writing celebration as they completed their "How To" writing unit. They drank hot chocolate and proudly shared their written work with each other. These writers are now working on "Small moment" stories and amaze me at the amount of writing they can do each day!

The Grade 1-2 students have been focusing on gathering data and sharing it in various ways during our Math time. They have been recording the temperature each morning and participating in numerous surveys and graphing that data as well. The students have also been working on fact fluency and learning the various combinations of 10.

We continue to spend the first part of our mornings outside starting our day building friendships, talking, singing and of course walking and seeing what nature has in store for us each day. Our monthly excursion to Pavan Park has been most enjoyable as well.

Mrs. Slusar and the Grade 1-2 class



Grade 3/4 News

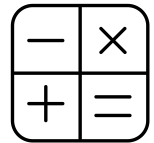
Mrs. Henderson

I think we have experienced every season and almost every type of weather in November! Our class of Weather Warriors is ready for anything Mother Nature can throw at them! Way to go, team!!



Here's a description of just a few of the things we have been up to recently.

★ **Math:** We continue to work on strengthening our number sense. This includes concepts such as adding and subtracting 2-, 3- and 4-digit numbers, skip counting forward and backwards, counting money, measuring lengths in cm, basic multiplication facts and decimals (for the Gr. 4s). We strengthen our skills through a variety of methods including working with whiteboards, dice, decks of cards, playing games, task card activities, taking part in class discussions, partner or small group activities, etc. There's always something on the go in our classroom!



★ **LA:** In reading, we have recently switched our focus on to fiction. We are challenging ourselves to read higher level books/novels as well as try some new genres (ex. Science fiction, mysteries, fantasy, historical fiction, etc.) In writing, we are writing "How To" paragraphs. We are learning to use topic sentences, provide detailed steps using transition words and to include a closing sentence. In word work, we continue to look at phonics, vocabulary, and spelling.

★ **Science:** We continue to work on our "Waste and Our World" unit. We are looking at different types of waste, methods of waste disposal, and the impacts on our environment.

★ **3/4J and 5/6 Art:** Our "drip" art project is complete and it turned out FABULOUS! The picture below doesn't do it justice. Hopefully you've been able to see it in person. Almost 50 different "drips" created this masterpiece! We are now working on a variety of seasonal art projects. Be sure to check out our bulletin boards the next time you are in the school.

Have a great day and, as always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Mrs. J. Henderson



Grade 3/4 News

Mrs. Hudey

Get ready for an exciting month of holiday spirit!

Here's what we have been working on:

Language Arts - Reading/Writing

Reading challenging chapter books

**focusing on comprehension

New class read aloud- 'The One and Only Ivan'

Paragraph writing - brainstorming-plan-draft-edit-publish

Science- We will be wrapping up our unit on *Waste and our World*



Social Studies- Alberta- Landforms and Regions

Math-Addition with regrouping

Keep practicing those basic facts!

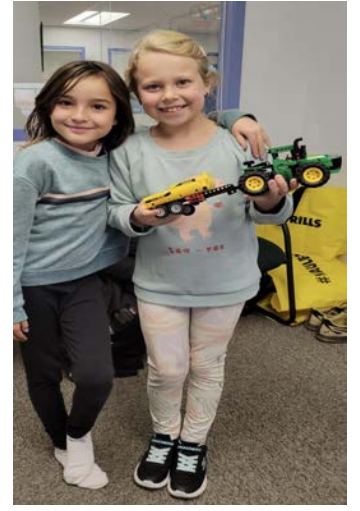
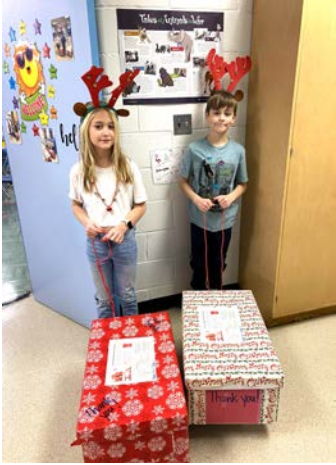
Art- Holiday art!

The Twelve Days of Christmas! Get ready to show your Christmas spirit!

Sunnyside Community Christmas Project-

We have been busy collecting donations and cards for local seniors! THANK YOU for all your generous donations!





STEAM PROJECTS!



Grade 5/6 News - Mrs. Jesse

We've made it to my favorite month of the year and I am so excited for all the fun activities we have planned in our classroom and in our school. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions about all the activities that will be happening, as there will be many!

Math: For the past few weeks, students have been challenged with many tasks using Fractions. Grade 5's have focused on representing proper fractions using pictures, decimals and percents. Grade 6's have also worked on representing improper fractions. Both grades have demonstrated their ability to create equivalent fractions as well.

Science: In science this month, students finished their investigation on Trees and Forests. Students wrote a tree autobiography as their final project. We are just starting our next unit on Sky Science and this unit will take us all the way to February. Students will be expected to pay attention to the moon over the next month and we will also be looking for specific constellations over the course of the unit as well.

LA: In reading, students are finishing up their unit on Signposted for Close Reading. They will continue to look for these signs as they read their independent reading novels. We will revisit these signposts as we move into Nonfiction in January. In December, students will focus on identifying themes in a common novel during our Interpretive Book Club unit. In writing, students are working on their personal narratives. They will move into some creative storytelling, as well as some paragraph writing using Christmas as their theme/topic.

Social: We have finished our first unit on Democracy in Social. Our final project was a paper bag project, where students reflected on Charter rights they have accessed. We will start Ancient Athens this week.

Important Date: Secret Santa Gift Exchange (letter to follow)
December 23rd

