

May 2023 Newsletter

Principal's Message

With the weather changing, the trees budding, and the wonderful smell of manure being spread over the fields - Spring is definitely in the air! It has been an exciting few weeks back since the Easter break. We have hit the ground running and are preparing for all of the hard work and fun that May/June brings!

There are a few exciting developments happening here at Sunnyside! First, our numbers have grown significantly over the past 2 years and we will be hiring a new teacher for the Fall. We have decided to split the grade 5/6 class for next year, as they could be over 32 students. So for most of the day, we plan on having a grade 5 and a grade 6 class (although this isn't set in stone - sometimes things change). The new teacher will also be teaching some fine arts to the entire school - mostly music, but potentially other things like drama as well. We have also been working hard to get grants, approvals, and permits together for the greenhouse we are hoping to build. We just received word this week that the Sunnyside Community Association was awarded a \$10,000 community grant from the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta. This money will go towards the purchase of the greenhouse. We are very excited about all the additional learning opportunities this will bring for our students! On that note - I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Barn Dance on May 13. This is a great way to support the school - whether you buy a ticket, volunteer your time, donate a dessert, or help find items for the auctions. We would love for every Sunnyside family to try and find a way to help out - every little bit counts towards enhancing Sunnyside School for ALL students!

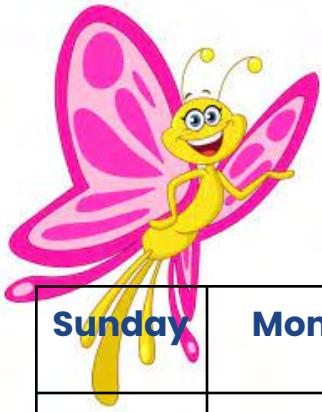
One of the things that I am most proud of here at Sunnyside is how dedicated the staff and parents are to making sure that our students are given the best learning opportunities as possible. As a staff, we are always talking about how we can improve the quality of your child's education. I love watching our staff share ideas, read books, attend conferences, and work together to find new and innovative ways to help every child find success. We truly have an incredible staff here at Sunnyside. I have also been so grateful for the work of you, the parents. Whether it has been fundraising, volunteering, donating, connecting via phone calls or emails, or stopping by the school to say hi and chat, the parental support of this school community is second to none. There are so many benefits to all of the parental and community support Sunnyside receives!

Please check out the calendar attached to this newsletter - there are a lot of events coming up that we would like you to take note of.

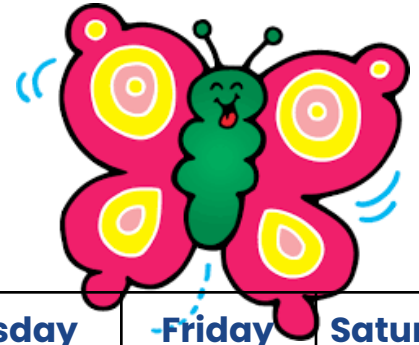
As always, if you ever have questions, concerns, or just want to connect, please don't hesitate to email or call me.

Yours in education,

Mitchell Van Dyk



May 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	-Friday	Saturday
	1 Hot lunch Mac & Cheese	2	3 Additional Kindergarten Grade 5/6 tour of City HALL Parent council meeting	4 Council of School Councils Palliser head office 6:30-8:30pm	5	6
7	8 Hot Lunch Cheese Pizza	9 Grade 3/4 Field trip to Yates theater	10 Additional Kindergarten Kindergarten field trip to the fire hall	11 Kindergarten mothers day Paint and tea	12	13 Sunnyside Barn Dance
14	15 Hot Lunch Spaghetti & Meat Sauce	16	17 Additional Kindergarten Grade 1//2 pavan park Grade 6 Writing PAT	18	19 PD Day No school for Students	20
21	22 Victoria Day No school for staff or students	23	24 Additional Kindergarten	25	26 Tentative Outside Day	27
28	29 Hot Lunch Grilled Ham and Cheese Wraps	30	31 Additional Kindergarten			

Learning Commons

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Scholastic Book Fair. Our wonderful little school sold over \$2800.00 worth of books, which allowed us to receive over \$1000.00 of free books!

Congratulations go out to Kylie V and her teacher Mrs. Klassen. They were the winners of the draw for \$25 worth of free product.



Please note that there is a new process for Scholastic book orders

Parent Orders - Shipping to a School

If you are a parent please add the Class Code (RC192287) to your order and select 'Ship to School' as the shipping method: you will not be charged for shipping.

Your order will be part of the consolidated classroom order. The classroom order will ship for free to the classroom when the order reaches \$40, otherwise a \$7.50 shipping fee will be applied to the teacher's account. Items designated as 'Oversized' are not eligible for this shipping method.

Once again, I'm asking that if anyone has donations of any materials that children can create with that would be awesome. I also take book donations of any books that your children may be done reading at your house. If I already have copies of the titles, then I find the appropriate classroom and donate them to that classroom library.

Mrs. Hancock



ELP April Newsletter

Although April was short- we had a bunch of fun!



We went for nature walks to see all the new buds, and flowers, and talked about the life cycle of plants, and butterflies. Did you know-Caterpillars have six eyes? They don't have lungs or teeth? We are starting to spend more and more time outside in this beautiful weather

April In Kindergarten





Grade 1/2 News- Mrs. Klassen

It's finally feeling like Spring! Here are a few of the things we have been up to in the past two weeks!



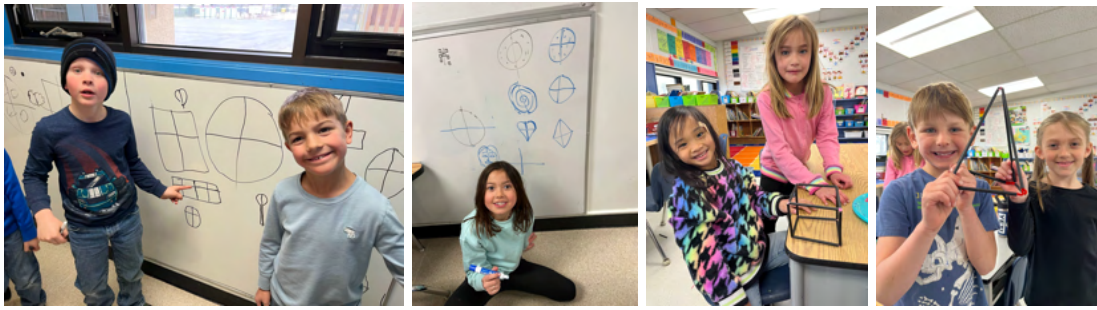
We got to listen to the grade 5/6 students read their non-fiction, published books! We are so impressed with their writing and are looking forward to reading together some more this Spring!



Our two Thatching Ant colonies are alive and kicking! Our trip to Pavan was incredible...the Pileated Woodpecker (stock photo) gave us an amazing performance. We hiked up a new trail and found some early spring flowers. Our next Pavan date is May 17th. Let us know if you're able to join us!



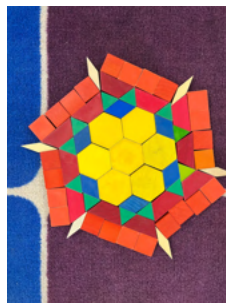
Our tulips are up! We are measuring them each week and keeping track of their growth...let's just hope the deer don't find them!



In math we have explored 3D shapes and are learning about fractions too!



Wow! Can these kids work! Our whole school did some Spring cleaning outdoors and it looks great!



Pattern Block design by Jayden



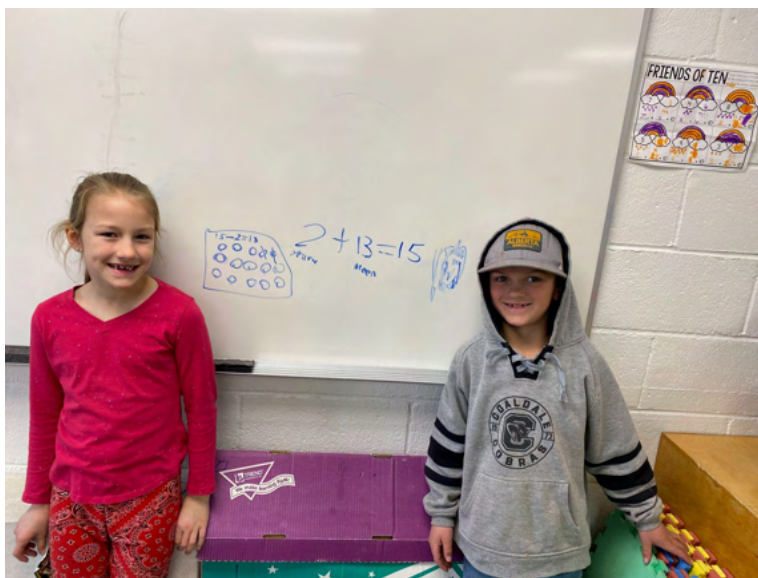
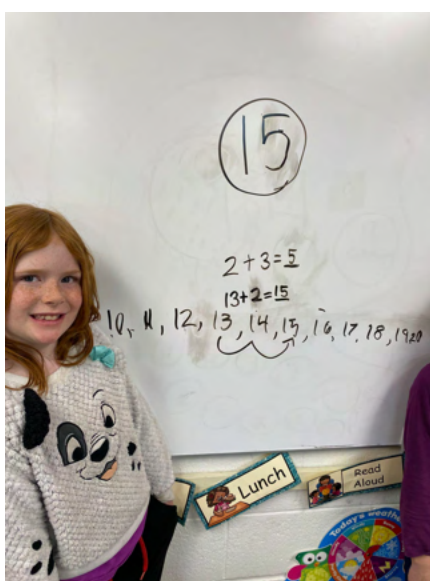
Gratitude

- “I am thankful for the sun.” Kaylor
- “I am thankful for Ms. Becky.” Blayke
- “I am thankful for my dog, Callie.” Aubree
- “I am thankful that we can live on this Earth.” Ivy
- “I am thankful that we could propagate poplar trees.” Grace
- “I am thankful for the puppy we found today.” Ryker
- “I am thankful for nature.” Greyson
- “I am thankful for the Spring clean-up.” Kolten

Grade 1/2 News- Mrs. Slusar



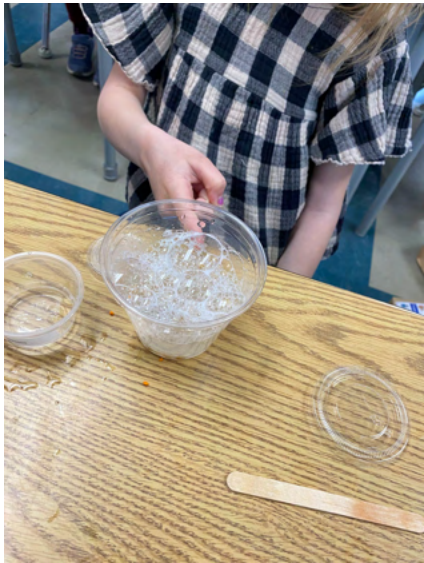
Once again this month the Grade 1-2 classes had the opportunity to explore Pavan Park. We looked for signs of spring observing buds, noting if they were alternate or opposite. We also climbed some coulee trails hoping to find Prairie crocus and Moss Phlox.



Students have continued to show their math thinking skills through various tasks on the whiteboards.



We had some new participants for our Friday Wellness group - Tea, toast, talk and talent. Students have opportunities on Friday to experience wellness in so many different ways.



The students enjoyed a presentation from Scientists in School this month. They had the chance to explore various liquids and solids and participate in fun experiments. Be sure to ask your child about this.

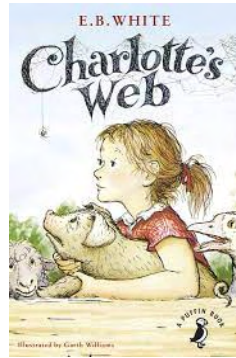


News from 3/4J

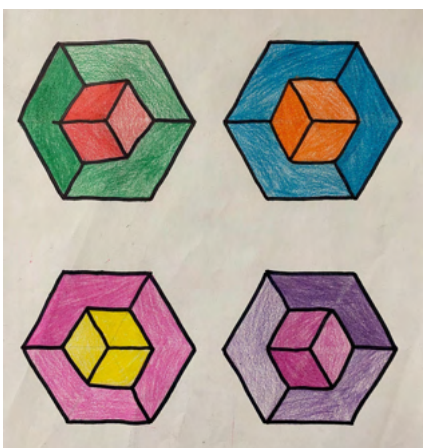
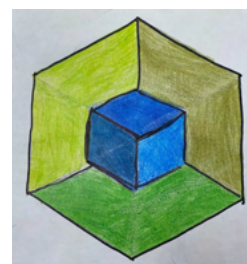
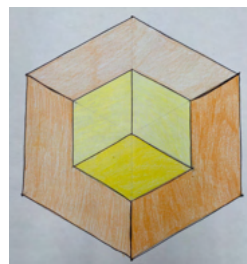


We've only had two weeks of school since our Spring Break so I'll try to keep this summary short and sweet!!! 😊 Can you believe there are only TWO MONTHS OF SCHOOL LEFT!!!! **WOW!!!!**

- ★ **Math:** We start every day with our “Math Buzz” challenges. These challenges see us solving a variety of problems on a wide range of mathematical topics. We have also wrapped up our unit on fractions and have begun to explore percentage, decimals and time.
- ★ **LA:** Reading is such a big part of our day whether it be reading independently or as a class. Reading stamina, fluency, accuracy and comprehension skills remain our focus. Students are currently enjoying our class read-aloud of the classic “Charlotte’s Web”. In writing, we are working on cursive writing, proof-reading, editing as well as starting a poetry unit. In word work, we continue to focus on phonics, vocabulary, and spelling skills.
- ★ **Science:** We are looking at six types of simple machines - levers, pulleys, inclined planes, wheels & axles, screws, and wedges. Just before our Easter break we had a fabulous time in our second Scientists in Schools workshop this year where we experimented with several of these simple machines. The fun and experiments will continue!!
- ★ **3/4J Art:** We are creating 3-D Optical Illusion Cubes. Is the cube cut out of a block or is it sitting in the corner?!? Can you see both?!?



As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.
Have a great day!
Mrs. Henderson



May Newsletter

Grade 3/4 Mrs. Hudey

Happy Spring!

We are busy working on new units and enjoying the beautiful weather!

Here's what we've been working on:

LA - April is poetry month! We are reading and writing poems. Students are creative and adding artistic details to their work.

Book clubs- students are reading and practicing new comprehension strategies.

MATH- We are finishing units on telling time, fractions and money.

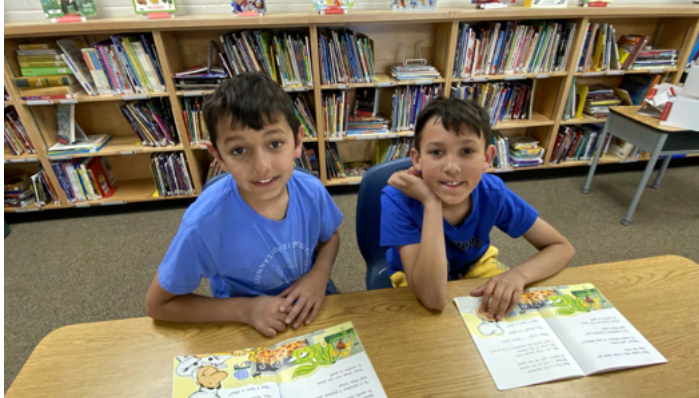
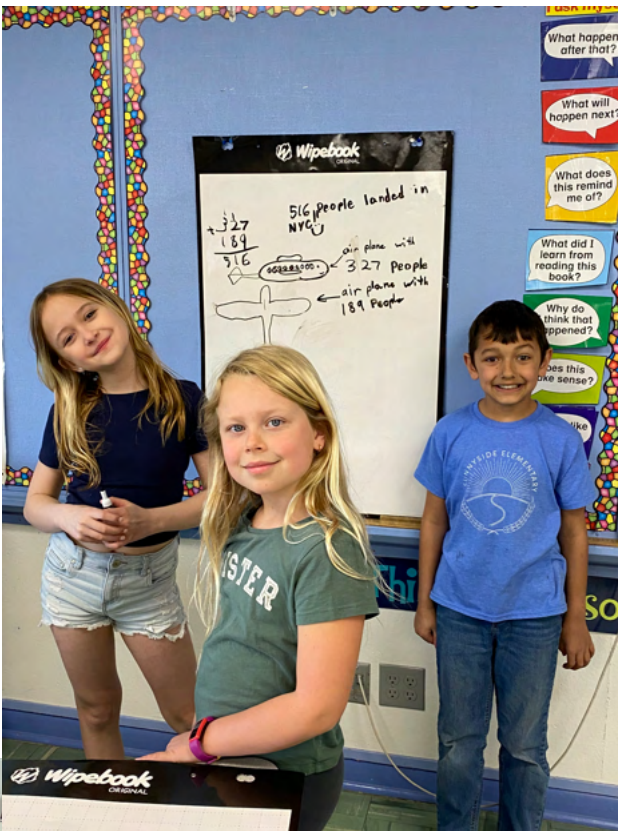
Basic fact review and multiplication/division games.

SC - We participated in a hands-on learning Scientist In School workshop on Simple Machines. We build a variety of structures using pulleys, wheels and levers.

SS- Stories, People and History of Alberta

- ★ We are looking forward to working in our 'family' groups, doing a collaborative planting project with the Grade 5/6 class and going to a Ukrainian dance performance soon!
- ★ If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out!





May Newsletter 5/6

Well that two week break in April sure made the month fly by. I hope everyone had a lovely and well deserved break with family and friends. May and June will be very busy months here at Sunnyside, so I am sure they will fly by quickly as well.

Math: We are finishing up our Motion Geometry unit, where students are challenged to transform shapes on a grid. They have been working with a variety of shapes and have been translating, reflection and rotating shapes in all directions. Students are also working on mastering long division with decimals and are doing very well overall. We will be moving on to our Statistics and Probability unit for the first few weeks in May.

LA: Students finished off their non-fiction unit in reading and writing with a celebration of their non-fiction text. Students were paired up with a grade ½ student or two to share their books and their learning. We then celebrated our writing within our own classroom by reading and complimenting each other and then eating ice cream sundaes. We have just started our first few lessons in our Fantasy unit, and students will be participating in book clubs for most of May. We are also learning about newspaper articles in preparation for the grade 6 PAT on May 17th.

Social: We just finished our Historical Models of Democracy unit and our study of the Iroquois Confederacy. We are now moving into Local and Provincial government and will be headed to City Hall for a tour with the Mayor of Lethbridge on May 3rd. Students will also be following the provincial election campaigns closely and will participate in Student Vote in May.

Science: Students are just finishing up our Air and Aerodynamics unit in Science with a mini project on birds and insect flight adaptations. We will be moving into our Flight unit with a focus on airplanes for the month of May.

Important Dates for May

May 3 - Field trip to City Hall

May 13 - Sunnyside Barn Dance

May 17 - Writing PAT

May 19 - No school for students. PD day for teachers.

May 21 - Holiday - No school



**Alberta Health
Services**

Child, Youth & Family
Addiction and Mental Health

Healthy Albertans.
Healthy Communities.
Together.

Keep Calm and Parent On: Online Parenting Group

This psychoeducational group is designed for parents/caregivers who want to understand the foundation in which to support their child/teens self-regulation in conflict, while preserving/obtaining a healthy parent/child relationship. Co regulation will also be a focus providing opportunities for parents to reflect on their own ability to self-regulate when in conflict. This group is offered through power point presentations, opportunities for self-reflection, and discussion of specific topics. Parents/caregivers will gain a greater understanding and insight of the provided topics.

This virtual group will be offered for 6 weeks in a row for one hour each, one day a week. This is an open group, which means those registered can choose to attend from 1 to all 6 stand- alone sessions. The group topic and Zoom link will be sent out each week to registrants.

Session One – Understanding How Brain Development, Child Development and Self-Regulation Can Impact Parent Effectiveness

Session Two – Effective Communication Supports Effective Parenting

Session Three – Identifying & Understanding How Parenting Styles and Healthy Boundaries Impact Parenting Effectiveness

Session Four – Understanding Anger and Conflict Management to Supports Effective Parenting

Session Five – Understanding the Types of Family Roles and the Impact Chronic Conflict Can Have on Families

Session Six – Importance of Understanding Stress and How Self Care Supports Effective Parenting

Upcoming Dates

To Be Announced

To register, call Access Addiction & Mental Health

1 888 594 0211



**Alberta Health
Services**

Child, Youth & Family
Addiction and Mental Health

Healthy Albertans.
Healthy Communities.
Together.

Online ADHD Parent Group

This is an educational group for parents and caregivers who want to learn about ADHD. The purpose of this group is to provide current introductory information around ADHD. This virtual open group consists of six, one hour, stand-alone sessions on such topics as: what is ADHD, medication and ADHD, ADHD and nutrition, exercise and sleep, parenting a child/adolescent with ADHD, ADHD and self-regulation, and ADHD and navigating the professional/school system. Participants can choose to attend from 1 to all 6 sessions. The group topic and Zoom link will be sent out each week to registrants.

Upcoming Dates

To Be Announced

To register, call Access Addiction & Mental Health

1 888 594 0211

Palliser School Division

Sunnyside School Calendar 2023-24

Board Approval: January 10, 2023

August				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

August 29, 30 Site Based PD Days
Aug 31 Divisional Day

September				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

September 1 Teacher Directed Day
September 4 Labour Day
September 5 First Student Day
September 22 Division-Wide PD Day

October				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

October 9 Thanksgiving Day
October 20 Site Based PD Days

November				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
		1	2	3
3	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

November 13 Non-Operational Day

December				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

Winter Break December 25-29th
December 1- Site Based PD Day

January				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10(D)	11(D)	12(D)
15	16	17	18	19(D)
22(D)	23(D)	24(D)	25(D)	26(D)
29(D)	30(D)	31		

Winter Break January 1-5th
January 8 First Day Back after Break
January 31 Start Second Semester

February				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	

February 19 Family Day
February 20, 21 No Staff/Students
February 22, 23 Teachers Convention

March				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

March 15 Division-Wide PD Day
March 29 Good Friday

April				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

April 1 Easter Monday
April 2-5 Spring Break

May				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

May 17 Site Based PD Day
May 20 Victoria Day

June				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
3	4	5	6	7
10	11(D)	12(D)	13(D)	14(D)
17(D)	18(D)	19(D)	20(D)	21
24(D)	25(D)	26(D)	27	

June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 26 Last Student Day
June 27 Teacher Directed Day - Last Day for Staff



For the complete calendar, please visit our website