



May 2024 Newsletter

Happy month of May! I am so excited for the warm weather, the awesome last 2 months of school, and all the great things that are happening here at Sunnyside in May and June. Please take a look at our calendar on the next page, as well as the website for all the dates.

We are just finalizing the calendar for next year. Thank you to all the parents who filled out our Easter break survey. For the final results, we had 69 responses! 50 percent of parents stated that they liked the break the way it is, 26% of parents said they preferred a regular 1 week break, and 24% of parents had a variety of responses (they were ok either way, would like the days moved to another time in the year, or were ok with the 2 weeks if child care was available). So, our plan is to keep the 2 week break for next year and continue to connect with parents and families on what works best for them.

Speaking of childcare, by now you have probably heard that the Boys and Girls Club postponed their after school program with us. They are in the middle of a transition of their oversight and didn't want to be adding new programs during their busy restructuring. I will be looking at other options for the Fall and will keep you all posted. While I am disappointed by their sudden change in decision, the door is still open for something to happen later in the year with the Boys and Girls Club or with another company for September.

I also want to send a huge thank-you and congratulations to Jan Henderson, who will be retiring at the end of the year. We are really going to miss her! She has been a staple at Sunnyside School for almost a decade and has positively impacted so many students. Mrs. Henderson is constantly looking for ways to push students to achieve their potential and has helped so many students succeed at Sunnyside. As a staff, we are going to miss her work ethic, her awesome sense of humor, and how she always kept the candy dish in the staff room stocked. We wish her all the best in her retirement!

As a staff, we have been busy learning about our new report card programs and discussing the best way to keep you informed of your child's learning. As you all know, we moved to a different report card this year through Edsby. Next year, the report cards will continue to look different as the division makes some changes to the report cards that you have seen this year. We are also exploring a new tool which is like a digital portfolio, which will allow teachers and students to share media (pictures, audio, video, etc.) with parents. Stay tuned for more details and please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

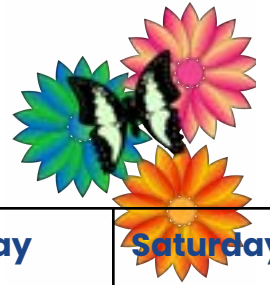
As always, please reach out if you would like to connect or have any questions.

Thank you for your support and for the wonderful privilege of working with your children.

Mitchell Van Dyk



May 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Grades 3/4 are going to a Ukrainian Dance show School Council Meeting 4pm	2 Kindergarten class going to the Vanessen Farms School assembly 845	3	4
5	6 Hot Lunch Chicken Burgers	7	8 Hats on for Mental Health Mothers Day Tea ELP Class	9 Coaldale Prairie Winds Secondary Parent information night KA @7Pm Mothers Day Tea ELP Class	10 Developmental Checkups for Kindergarten and ELP	11
12	13 Hot Lunch Hot Dogs	14 Grades 1/2 going to Pavan Park Kindergarten Field trip to Fort Whoop-up	15	16	17 PD Day no school for students	18
19	20 No School for staff or students	21	22 Grade 6 trip to Waterton	23 Grade 6 trip to Waterton	24 Penny Carnival	25
26	27 Hot Lunch Pulled Pork	28 Kindergarten field trip to Coaldale Firehall and RCMP stations	29 Grade 1/2S field trip to the Galt museum	30 Last day of running club & pizza party	31	

Sunnyside News

Poetry and Popsicles!

We are looking forward to a fun, school-wide poetry event in June. Students will be asked to find a poem that they like or are interested in and will spend time memorizing it! Then, on June 6th, we will invite parents to join us as each grade will meet outside (weather permitting) to share their memorized poems and a popsicle. Students will either choose a poem from a selection or find one of their own (that will be approved by their classroom teacher). This will be a fun event to bring our community together, practice our memorization skills, and have some fun! Stay tuned for more details!



Retirement Announcement:

After 34 wonderful years in the classroom, I have made the decision to retire. This was not an easy choice, but I believe it is the right one for me. I wanted to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Sunnyside community - including the incredible students, supportive parents, and especially the amazing staff. Your unwavering support and generosity throughout the years means the world to me, and I am truly grateful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

- Jan Henderson

Music/Fine Arts

We finished off our recorder unit and celebrated with a small concert at the April assembly. The students really enjoyed this unit, and worked hard to sound beautiful (it's true!) at the assembly. We have begun learning to play the boomwhackers, and are finding all sorts of fun patterns and songs to play.





Learning Commons

Learning Commons: Maker Space

The Maker Space has seen SO much action during Wellness on Fridays. The creativity is flowing so much that we are in need of a supply restock. Would you be able to help us? We are looking for:

glitter/coloured glue

Pom poms

Wooden crafting supplies like dowels, popsicle sticks, spools, chop sticks, etc

Baskets, shoe boxes, or plastic containers

Fabric

Balloons

Feathers

Elastic string

Corks

Paper Straws

Anything else crafty!!



Early Learning in April

We had a great time this month, learning about Nursery Rhymes, and plant life cycles. Playing outside, and exploring everything Spring!



Kindergarten News

We enjoyed the early spring weather this month and took as many opportunities to learn outside as we could. We explored our outdoors while doing reading buddies, measurement activities, creating bird feeders and seed bombs for spring planting, as well as gym classes and some art projects. We also had the opportunity to attend the live production of Frozen Jr. at Wilson Middle School. It was a busy month in Kindergarten and May will be even busier. Please check out our class newsletter on Classdojo to see what's happening in May.





Grade 1/2 News – Mrs. Slusar

The month of May promises to bring lots of continued learning and excitement for the Grade 1-2 class. The students recently participated in a Writing Celebration sharing their nonfiction books that they worked so diligently on. Their next writing unit will include a poetry study. Students will be reading and writing poetry with the hopes of celebrating with performances scheduled for early June. The students will be asked to memorize a poem and present it to their classmates. This can be a poem that they have written themselves or a favourite one they would like to memorize. More details of our poetry day will be sent home in the near future.

Running club kicked off this week with the students running each Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00. This is a fun activity that the entire school is taking part in. It is a great way to demonstrate integrity and perseverance. A list of weekly themes has been emailed to parents. There will be a pizza lunch celebration at the conclusion of the club and as well, some students have registered for the Little Soul Marathon.

We are once again heading to Pavan Park on May 14. If you can join us and help lead a group please let me know. We leave the school at 9am and return by 12:00.

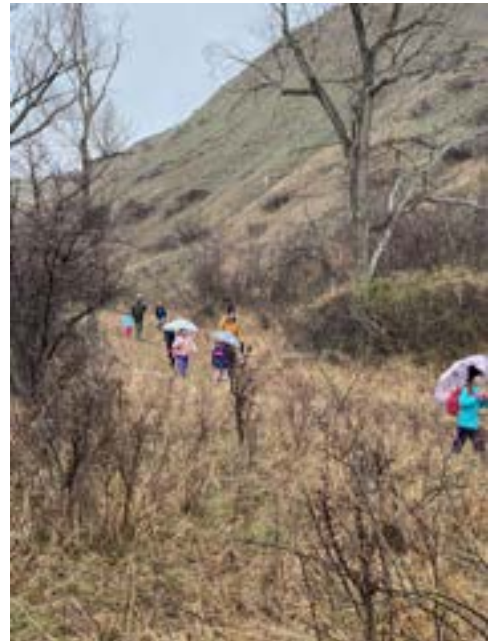
Also we are scheduled for the Buffalo Treaty Keystone to Wellness presentation to be held at the Galt Museum on May 29. We would be leaving from the school at 12:15 and returning by 2:45. I am looking for a couple of parents who would like to help supervise and join us for this learning experience. Please let me know if you can join us.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Mona Slusar



Pavan Park



Steam



Writing Celebration!



Grade 1/2 News – Mrs. Klassen

It's hard to believe we are now in the last two months of school! We have been working hard *and* playing hard in all areas of learning!

In math we have had fun exploring fractions: halves, quarters and recognizing equal parts of a whole. We are also continuing to use addition and subtraction to solve problems, and grow our number fluency too. Our fluency topic for the coming few weeks includes 'doubles' and 'near doubles'. Our tulips are growing fast and almost blooming, and we are busy predicting, measuring, and collecting data each week to see how much they have grown.



We are reading up a storm in grade 1/2! It is so amazing to see the love of reading grow every week. We are excited about a few new "Book Clubs" we have started, as we continue to practice/review phonetic skills and comprehension. Keep reading at home as much as you can! We are well into our fiction writing unit and having so much fun developing new stories and characters. In the coming weeks we will be promoting our "Poetry Day" performances taking place in June, so start thinking about a poem to memorize at home!

Our recent trip to the Galt Museum gave us a rich opportunity to explore and appreciate the role of the Buffalo, both past and present, in our local community. We continue to explore the way communities have changed over time in Social Studies.



Re-enacting the Buffalo hunt and listening to stories about the Buffalo were definitely the highlights of the day!

Our next trip to Pavan Park is scheduled for May 14! As always, we truly appreciate and need your support as volunteers. Please let us know if you are able to attend as soon as possible!



Solar Eclipse Art by Connor, Makena, and Ivy

What's New in Grade 3/4J



How can there only be two months of school left?!? WOW!!! Bring on the sun and let the countdown begin!!

Looking ahead

- April 30 - Running Club starts. It will run every Tuesday and Thursday at 2 pm.
- May 1 - Grade 3/4 field trip to the Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Club's Elementary Curriculum show
- May 17 - No School (Teacher PD Day)
- May 20 - No School (Victoria Day long weekend)

Math: We are wrapping up our division unit. For the next month we will be looking at smaller units like telling time, geometric properties, and measurement (including length, mass, capacity, area, volume and angles).

LA: Reading: We will soon be reading Fairy Tales as we continue to dig deeper into the elements of a story. We are focusing on character, setting, theme, point of view, along with retelling the events sequentially. For our class read aloud, we are reading "Superfudge" by Judy Blume. *Because of Winn Dixie* is up next! We also continue to read with our Preschool friends once a month! **Writing/WW:** We are working on opinion writing. Using the OREO format, we are looking at ways to back up our opinions with reasons and examples. In Word Work, we continue to focus on phonics, vocabulary, spelling, conventions, and grammar skills.



Science: In May we will be wrapping up our unit on "Earth's Systems: Changing Earth". Topics include earth's layers, fossils, dinosaurs of Alberta, and soil.

Social: In Social we are starting a unit on Global Citizenship. We will look at our rights and responsibilities as global citizens, Canadians, students and as individuals.

Art: In Art we are looking at how an artist uses space, specifically positive and negative space. Check out our latest creations! Spring flowers are next!

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs. J. Henderson



May Newsletter - Grade 3/4 Mrs. Hudey

Hello Spring!

Hope everyone had a fabulous Spring Break!

We are busy learning and looking forward to lots of fun events that will be happening soon!

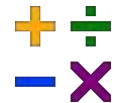


Here's what we've been working on:

L.A- We love reading! We are enjoying the class read aloud '*Bat and the End of Everything.*' Students are working hard on comprehension strategies and building their reading stamina. Students are sharing their leadership and reading skills during Kindergarten Buddy Reading time.

In Writing, students are adding a variety of vocabulary and detail to enhance their work. We continue to practice proofreading, editing and cursive writing. Students are looking forward to stretching their creativity in our upcoming Poetry unit.

Math- Students continue to work on numeracy skills. Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division! We have also wrapped up our graphing and statistics unit, moving on to fractions and measurement. Students have enjoyed playing a variety of games to practice new skills and concepts!



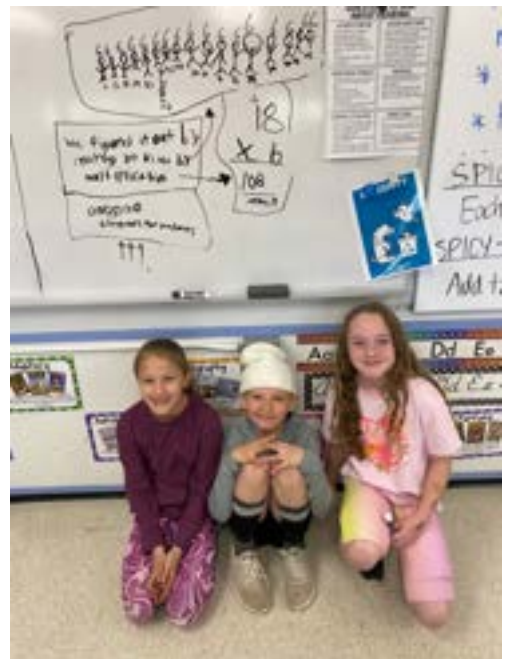
Social Studies-Students are comparing and contrasting life in Peru, Tunisia, India and Ukraine. We are looking forward to a Ukrainian dance performance on May 1!

Science-Students have been learning about weathering, erosion and deposition and the effects it has on the land and environment. Students celebrated Earth Day on April 22, with a variety of projects, puzzles and presentations!

Art-Students designed unique umbrellas, and practiced perspective with our latest project!

Multiplication BINGO!!





Building Thinking Classroom! Students are working together to solve a variety of problems. They are challenged to PROVE their thinking! (read-think-talk-draw-label-solve!)

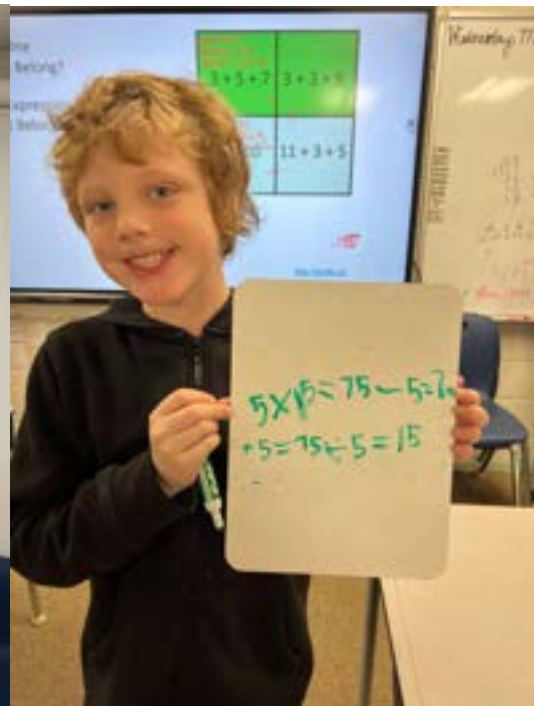
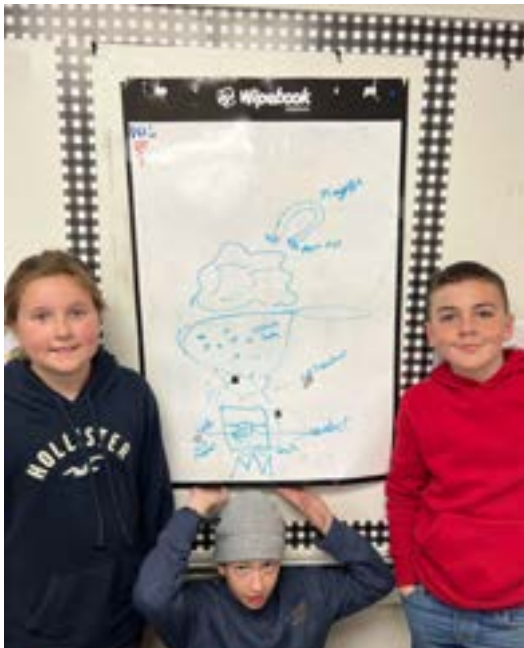
Grade 5 News – Mrs. Hass

In Math, students have completed their Algebra unit, where they looked at patterns, order of operations, equality, and inverse operations to solve for the variable.

In Science, students continue to work through their Chemistry unit, experimenting with mixtures, solutions, reversible and irreversible reactions.

Students have started their Non-Fiction unit in Reading and Writing. In Reading, students have looked at many different text features in informational texts (like graphs, diagrams, captions), and in writing, students are experimenting with different text structures, like description, cause and effect, problem and solution, compare and contrast, order and sequence.

We really enjoyed getting to try out lacrosse on our field trip to the soccer centre!



Lacrosse!



Grade 6 News – Mrs. Jesse

Eek!! May! It seems like each month is passing quicker than the last. This month will surely fly with the long weekend and the grade 6 trip to Waterton.

Math: This month in math students are just beginning our geometry unit. Students started by categorizing shapes according to shared characteristics and have been comparing symmetrical features of many shapes. Students have been learning about congruent shapes and will be creating tessellations to show their ability to transform a congruent shape using translations, reflections or rotations. We will be moving into measurement near the end of the month.

LA: In language arts, students are just finishing their non-fiction research projects. They will celebrate these and then move onto poetry for May. They will read, write and analyze poetry and we will have a celebration in June. We will also be moving into our Mystery unit near the end of May.

Science: So far in our chemistry unit, students are finishing off the physical changes when mixing substances with the creation of a crystal. They will then move onto chemical changes and investigate signs that a chemical reaction has taken place. We will be moving onto Evidence and Investigation (our final unit) in the middle of May.

Social: Students are done learning about some of the key events that have shaped Canada to be what we are today. We have looked at stories from the perspectives of the First Nations, the French, the British and even the Americans. We are currently researching the impact of the Great Migration and creating our own stories about various cultures that came to Canada during this time. There will be research taking place on immigrants from Ireland, Scotland, Britain, China, Africa, etc.

Important Dates:

- April 30 Run Club begins
- May 2 Assembly
- May 17 PD day
- May 22-23 Waterton

Fun Pictures from Lacrosse.



3rd Annual Sunnyside Running Club Challenge April 30- May 30, 2024

Theme:	<i>“Help and Inspire People Through Running”</i>	
Week 1: <i>Mental Health Matters!</i>	<p>Tuesday, April 30 Run your first number of laps. Congratulations! You have made your first strides in the Sunnyside Running Challenge 2024! Did you know that running helps “calm the mind” and helps deal with stress? You may notice that after a run you feel happier and energized!</p>	<p>Thursday, May 2 Run the same number of laps as Tuesday! Wear a hat or headband while you run to support “Hats on for Mental Health”. Collect a treat if you wear a hat while you run!</p>
Week 2: <i>We All Shine Bright!</i>	<p>Tuesday, May 7 Add 1 or more laps to last week’s number! We all have unique strengths and abilities. Try telling yourself positive messages while you run! You can do it! “I am strong!” “I’m a runner!” “I’ve got this!”</p>	<p>Thursday, May 9 Run the same number of laps as Tuesday! To celebrate your own unique strengths, wear the brightest colour(s) you can today. We can’t wait to see our runners show off their favourite BRIGHT colours. Collect a treat if your clothing is bright!</p>
Week 3: <i>Laugh Out Loud!</i>	<p>Tuesday, May 14 Add 1 or more laps to last week’s number! They say laughter is the best medicine, so have fun running beside a buddy, and don’t forget to laugh out loud! Any good running jokes for the joke bucket?</p>	<p>Thursday, May 16 Run the same number of laps as Tuesday. Let’s celebrate laughter and joy by wearing our silliest socks to run in! Collect a treat if you run in silly socks today!</p>
Week 4: <i>Water for Life!</i>	<p>Tuesday, May 21 Add 1 or more laps to last week’s number! Staying hydrated helps us learn, play, move and think! Challenge yourself to drink more water this week! We are lucky to have clean water and fresh fruit here at Sunnyside...but how can we give back?</p>	<p>Thursday, May 23 Run the same number of laps as Tuesday. We love water so much that teachers have a very refreshing surprise for you while you run! You’ll have to wait and see! Let’s give back by bringing loonies or toonies to help us raise some money for our local food bank! How much can we collect?</p>
Week 5: <i>We are all in this Together</i>	<p>Tuesday, May 28 Add 1 or more laps to last week’s number! We can inspire and help each other run, and be there for each other when it gets hard. This is the toughest week...so why not help a friend do their best? Cheer for each other and build friendship!</p>	<p>Thursday, May 30 Run the same number of laps as Tuesday! Invite a parent or family member to come run with you today and celebrate your success! We’d love to see a whole community of runners on the <u>Sunnyside</u> track! Pizza and celebration after the run! Congratulations...you did it!</p>

Wednesday, May 29th: Little Souls Marathon- Join and use your Sunnyside laps to complete a marathon!

Coaldale Prairie Winds Secondary

PARENT

INFORMATION NIGHT

This parent session is aimed at those with students in grades 7-10 next year. We will share information about what junior high will look like at Prairie Winds as well as the first year of high school.

MAY 9 @ 7:00PM
KA GYM

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