



March 2025 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Welcome to March! I hope that Spring weather is coming soon!

There are a lot of important events coming up in the next few weeks. First of all, we had our student-led conferences on Thursday evening (it's probably happened already by the time you are reading this) which is a great event to celebrate all the terrific work your children have been up to. We also have report cards heading home on March 20th, with our report-card conferences on March 27th. Just a reminder that we continue to pilot this new way of doing report cards (less written comments, more face to face conversations) and I will be sending home a survey to gather your feedback sometime in April. We are trying to find a way to reduce the amount of time we are spending writing report cards while also giving you valuable feedback about your child(ren)'s learning.

Our word of the month for March is "growth." We are really excited about this choice, as it has so many applications. First, our greenhouse is just about ready and we will be growing up a storm during the last 4 months of the school year. We can't wait to get in there and start growing - it is going to be an amazing opportunity for students and staff! Second, we continue to stress to students the importance of growing as learners. It doesn't matter where a student is at in their reading, writing, math, or anything else, we want them to focus on always growing. Lastly, we have also talked a lot about growing our social and emotional skills as well. Learning how to handle adversity, build meaningful friendships, show kindness and respect, identify our emotions and effectively share those emotions, are all skills that we have worked on this year. It is such a joy to be able to journey alongside your children as they navigate their own learning and friendships.

I wish that you all could see the wonderful things that I get to see on a daily basis: Joyful students coming in from recess with rosy cheeks, talking about their exciting adventures. Reading with students who can't wait to share the excitement of their favorite new book. Catching dozens of smiles and high fives in the hallway. Sitting down and chatting with a student who was feeling sad and needing a little extra love. Watching students work collaboratively in groups at our hallway tables - eager to share their newest artwork, group project, or reading quietly. Walking around outside seeing students skating on the outdoor rink, playing on the boulders, building houses behind the greenhouse, digging in the sandpit, or building forts in the trees. Sitting in a classroom watching a master teacher inspire and ignite the creativity and imagination of our students. Chatting with a group of students who need a little help navigating friendships. These are the joys that I get to experience every single day and I am so thankful for the trust that you place in our hands as we help your children learn and grow. Thank you!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Mitchell



March 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Hot Lunch Chili Mini Basketball 3:30-4:45	4 Grade 5/6 ski trip to Castle Mountain	5 Mini Basketball 3:30-4:45	6 Grade 3/4 Mini Basketball 3:45-4:45	7	8
9	10 Hot lunch Chicken Burgers Mini Basketball 3:30-4:45	11 School wide assembly 8:45am Staff appreciation lunch	12 Mini Basketball 3:30-4:45	13 Grade 3/4 Mini Basketball 3:45-4:45 Staff appreciation breakfast	14	15
16	17 Hot lunch Taco in a Bag Mini Basketball 3:30-4:45	18 Grade 1/2 going to Pavan Park School council meeting 5:30 pm	19 Mini Basketball Tournament	20 Grade 3/4 Mini Basketball 3:45-4:45 Report cards going home	21 PD day no school for students	22
23	24 Hot lunch Chicken & rice	25	26	27 Grade 3/4 Mini Basketball 3:45-4:45 Parent teacher interviews	28	

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March 29th at 1:00pm (doors open at 12:30)

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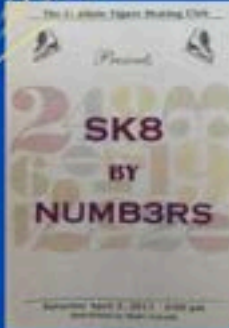
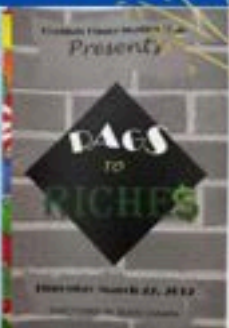
Programs (\$5), Roses (\$2/rose),

50/50 tickets

10/\$5 and Raffle Tickets (3/\$5)

available for purchase.

This is a CASH only event.



Making Connections

The word of the month for February has been 'Connection'.

We challenged our students' connections with others this month! They were tasked with investigating a classmate's interests and learning about each other. What they learnt from this connection was then used to design a one of a kind shoe specifically for the other person. Whether they had the same interests or different- our students prioritized listening to others, asking questions to learn more about another person and put effort towards making something for another student.

It is amazing to see the connections students have built and continue to build while they are here at Sunnyside.

Stay Tuned: Growth is the word of the month for March.



Community Resources:

Spring is just around the corner and so are summer registrations: Coaldale Chamber of Commerce has listed activities for youth in the area <https://coaldalechamber.com/activities/>. A reminder that the Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) in Coaldale offers a range of supports and programs for youth and adults. <https://fcss.ca/>.

Ms.Ockerman- Making Connections Worker.

Learning Commons News



🎵 Music 🎵

Students have been exploring music in many fun ways over the last month, learning about composers, jazz music, instrument families, and groups of beats. We are looking forward to starting drumming and recorders next!



Sunnyside Early Learning Program

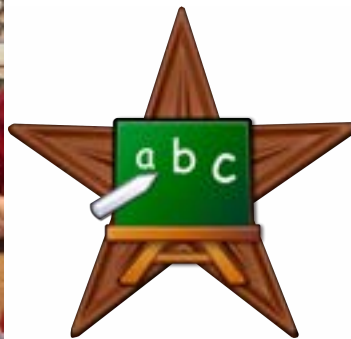
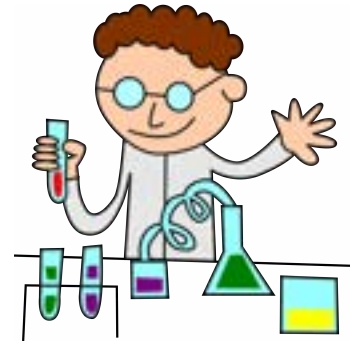
What a fast month! Whew! Most of February we focused on friendships, feelings, and penguins. We had a great few days handing out Valentines at our Friendship Parties. And finishing off the month making cookies together to share as a class. Here are a few of the facts we were learning about penguins this month.

- The life of penguins can vary from 15-20 years!
- Penguins are really good at swimming! Their flippers can help them swim super fast.
- The bellies of penguins are white to help them blend in when they're in the water. Any predators that might be swimming underneath won't notice them when they are glancing up.
- Penguin babies are also known as chicks.
- There are no teeth at all in the mouth of a penguin.





February in Kindergarten





Grade 1/2 News – Mrs. Slusar

The Grade 1-2 classroom continues to be a busy place of learning. Students will be spending time this month writing nonfiction chapter books, building their reading strategies and stamina as well as continuing to grow their friendships. Our topics in math will be more patterning and building their fact fluency with a focus on combinations for 10's and doubles. In Science we will continue to learn about light and sound and begin a unit on Earth Systems.

We look forward to another Pavan Park visit on March 18th. Please let me know if you are able to join us and help out from 9am - noon on that day. Check the school calendar for any other upcoming events this month.





Grade 1/2 News – Mrs. Klassen

Here is a glimpse of some of the great stuff we have been up to in grade 1/2 .



Printmaking our own Valentines and beginning to weave with paper and yarn has been so much fun! The creative juices have really been flowing this month!



It was a cold month, but we did it! Thanks for the delicious hot chocolate, Mrs. Francom!



Math has been full of data collection, surveys, designing and pricing our own “shops” and, of course, celebrating 100 days of school! Continuing to solve addition and subtraction is also part of our daily work.



Exploring prisms and light during our science/ outdoor learning this week...so thankful for the sun!



Alice in Wonderland was a huge hit with our class!

Our Next **Pavan Park** trip is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 18th**. Please let us know as soon as possible if you can join us!



Keep up all the great reading at home and school everyone! All our hard work is paying off!

What's Happening in 3/4J



February has come and gone! I didn't mind the cold but it sure is nice it's warming up. Though, the wind is a little frustrating. We will enjoy everything that comes our way! I loved skating with the students, along with our Wild Robot Movie day and Valentine's Day!

Math: We finished up our addition and subtraction units and now are moving into multiplication and division. I will send some games home with students to get more practice!

Reading: We have finished the Wild Robot! We loved the story, even more so than the movie! We have compared both and given some strong opinions on our preference (My preference has always been that books are better than the movie!)

Writing: We are finishing up our Informative Article, adding in some different text structures and making it neat and tidy to publish!

Social Studies: We have spent loads of time researching a First Nations community of our choice. It has been wonderful to see the connections and learning students have had!

Science: After our Plant Life cycle and parts, we moved into Animal Senses. Some animals see things much differently than we thought and it was interesting to learn how they "see" or "feel" different aspects that people can't.

PE: We finished up our Basketball Unit and are now moving into the Arctic Winter Games unit. We will try some of these and learn how to create a bracket tournament, leading into an NCAA March Madness tournament bracket for a fun prize!



March 2025
Mrs. Hudey -Grade 3/4
Happy Spring!



February was a month filled with learning, collaboration, creativity and fun! We are looking forward to a busy March!

Here is a brief description of the topics we'll be covering:

Math- Multiplication! We will continue to practice strategies to improve fact fluency.

Grade 3's up to 10x10, Grade 4's up to 12x12 and multi-digit multiplication.

We continue to build skills while collaboratively solving math problems! Students are enjoying the math team challenges!

Reading- We continue to develop independent reading strategies to improve fluency and comprehension. We also finished our class read aloud "The Wild Robot" and compared the book and the movie. As a class we enjoyed several discussions comparing characters, plot lines and themes. We are excited to start the next book in the series soon!

★ Students are encouraged to practice reading at home every night for 20 minutes.

Writing- We have been writing reading responses to express opinions and preferences.

We have also been writing non fiction information facts about ourselves!

Students are excited to share their non fiction work at Student Led conferences.

Science- We are learning about Earth Living Systems. Students have been learning about plants and animal adaptations. Students enjoyed sculpting a variety of tracks in clay.

Social Studies- Students are learning about the regions in Alberta and what makes them viable and unique. Check out our Alberta postcards!

Art- We are having fun and exploring the creativity of illustrating a graphic novel! They will be on display soon!





GRADE 5 NEWS

March Newsletter

A NOTE FROM YOUR TEACHER:

Students have been working hard in Grade 5! We had a friendly competition in Science to see how well we applied the four forces of flight to our paper airplane designs, and learned a ton from our Energy Expo. We have started our unit on Space, and have Scientists in School and the Astrodome coming to Sunnyside in March.

Students are doing so well in our fractions unit, and are really diving into our fantasy units in reading and writing.

We loved the skating fieldtrips, improving each week. Dress Like a Teacher Day was a highlight of this month.

AROUND THE CLASSROOM:



OUR LEARNING:



March Newsletter - Grade 6

Well, February was here until it wasn't! That was a quick month!!

Math - We are jumping into Patterns and Algebra in math. Students will be identifying patterns and creating formulas (using variables) to solve a variety of problems. They will simplify expressions on both sides of an equation and solve equations as well. During our daily math portion of the day, students will be focusing on multiplying and dividing decimal numbers.

LA - We will move into our Non-fiction units for both reading and writing in March. Students will choose a research topic and create questions to expand their knowledge. Mini-lessons will focus on text features found in non-fiction texts and how to read for knowledge. In writing, students will be writing a picture book on their topic. Their goal will be to teach an audience of their peers about their topic. They will use various text structures and text features to educate their readers.

Science - We will be soaring off into Space for our next unit in science. Students will be primarily learning about the solar system during this unit, but we will be touching on other topics such as technologies used to gather information in space. We have a Scientists in Schools and a visit from the Astrodome to help us deepen our understanding of this topic.

Social - We are continuing to learn about the Iroquois Confederacy in social. This unit will take us to the end of March with some fun projects to culminate our unit. Our final unit will be the local and provincial governments in Canada.



Important Dates

Ski Trip - March 4

Scientists in Schools - March 13

Astrodome - March 20

Parent Teacher Interviews - March 27