

# Lightly School's Clearly Delightful News

## June 2023

### Mrs. Cassidy's Corner

Well here we are at the end of June! What a lovely day the graduation and celebration of learning was. Thank you to everyone for making it such a huge success! I hope Matthew and his family have many fond memories of the day. The choir did a great job and a big thank you to Megan for making it sound so beautiful. Thank you to Joe for his touching speech, it was very inspiring. I hope everyone enjoyed the slides as the students acknowledged their successes, struggles, and goals. I was so proud of all of them. It was great to watch them create their slides and think about all that they had accomplished this year. How touching to watch Matthew grow through the years by watching the video. I wish him much success in life and I know he has a great family and support system to see him through as he journeys through life.



We had a great day at Camp Manitou! Everyone had so much fun kayaking and canoeing. Watching our pirates paddling along to the theme of Pirates of the Caribbean was very entertaining. Way to go Captain Tianna! Archery and ziplining were such great experiences. It certainly was a hot day, but I think I can safely say that everyone had a fantastic time.

The picnic was another great day! A big thank you to all the girls who worked so hard creating the games and face painting. What a nice day for the waterslides. There were many trips up and then down and a few "bumps" at the bottom. There was volleyball, baseball, and a fire to wind things down.

So many great times and still so many people to say thank you to. We certainly appreciate Linda and the girls for all of the food prepared for all of these events, not to mention the lunches that we receive at the school everyday! Priscilla!!! How do I begin to

even start to list all of the contributions she makes to the school? Ms. Gorman, who is always there for everyone. Martin, Marian, Megan... the list goes on. I would like everyone at the colony to know how much I have appreciated all that you have done to make this school year a success! Thank you for making my job so much easier!

Take care everyone and have a safe summer!

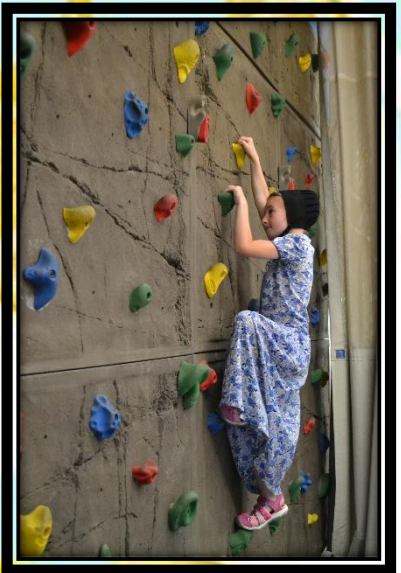
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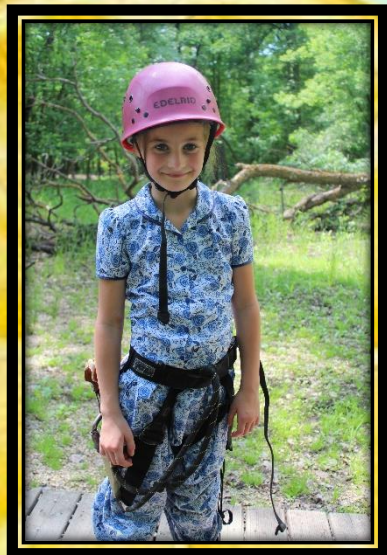
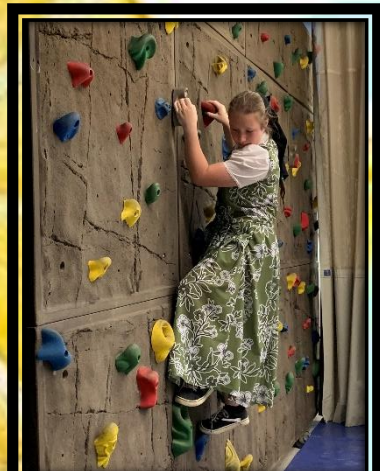
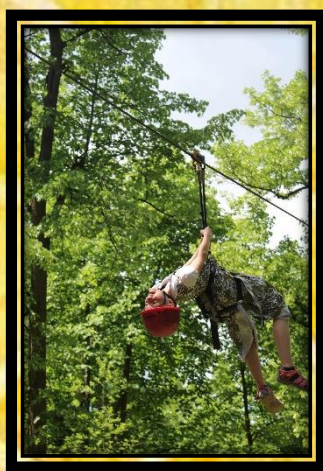
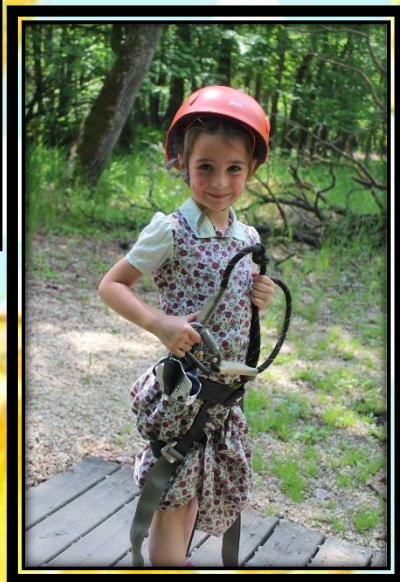


## Camp Manitou Here we Come...

Our students really had a really wonderful time at Camp Manitou. Although all of the activities were so much fun, I think the ziplining won by a landslide. Even if some of us were a little wary at first, everyone who tried it just had to keep going back for more rides. It was entertaining to watch everyone speed by in a blur. They were going so fast I had trouble even seeing who they were. At the rock-climbing wall, I couldn't believe how our little monkeys didn't even show a tiny bit of fear and just scurried up the wall like it was the ground. A special Thank you to Nolan for making the day so much fun.



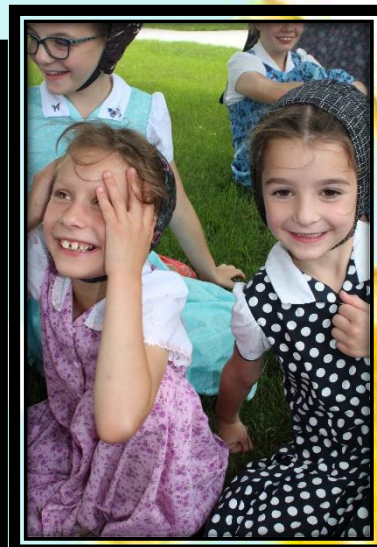




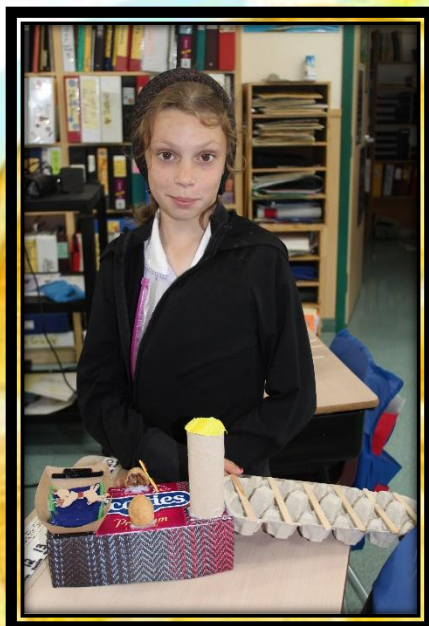
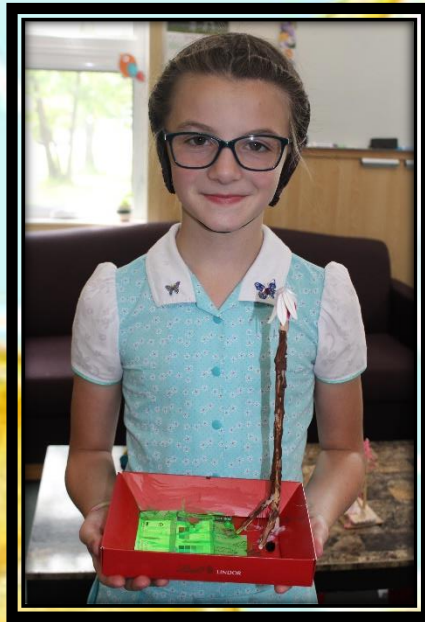


## Bye, Bye Butterfly...

Our students really enjoyed doing science with Ms. Guenther this year and to end the unit off she did two really great projects. The three younger students were doing a butterfly unit, and so she bought caterpillars. We watched them hatch and turn from tiny little caterpillars to big beautiful Painted Ladies. It was so much fun to see the excitement in the kid's eyes every morning when we came to school and our little babies had reached yet another major milestone. It was a very sad and exciting afternoon when we marched out to release our "children" back into the wild. The girls got to hold them for a couple seconds until they were brave enough to set out on their own. The kids looked after the butterflies so well and were so gentle when holding them, all five of our butterflies were released happy and thriving. Good job mommies! Sniff. To cheer everyone up after our sad farewell, Ms. Guenther had a project to distract them. They got to blind pick fun little prompts and design something creative to match it. Janelle had to design a deck for her poor iguana who didn't like the sun and Emberly designed a lovely tool that would be the envy of any gardener. Avian of course caught a huge fish, but it got away, so he had to design something that would help him catch and store his elusive tuna. Kymber had to look after an ant that was envious of a giraffe, and the poor goldfish Emily was babysitting got sad, so she had to make something to cheer him up. Alanna had to design a dog toy and Ashley got stranded in the woods, and had to make a signal to show the others where she was. Sophia designed a machine to help her traverse the Arctic and Megan made a bag to put stuff in on her nature walk. They all did a really good job and it was interesting to see them work with no guidance, just their imagination.









## Field's Day Fun...

Our field's day this year was a little different than usual. We turned it into a HUGE picnic with the whole colony. It was a great day full of exciting games and booths to try. We had face painting booths, an estimation jar table, guess the white kitchen ingredients, guess the baby picture and family in a jar. In the last one, every family designed a jar with things that represented them and everyone had to figure out which family each jar belonged to. On top of that we had a giant water slide that was definitely the highlight for a lot of the kids. To end the day there was a community baseball game and a bonfire on the volleyball pitch.









## Portfolio Day...

Portfolio day was an amazing day for our students to interact with their parents and tell them about all the fun things they've been learning at school. It was heart warming to see the kids brag to their parents about what they were proud of and what they've been doing through the year. Everyone seemed to have fun signing portfolio books and leaving cute comments for the students to read afterwards. Thank you to everyone that showed up to make the day a success for our students.





## Graduation...

Congratulations Matthew on your big achievement. We are so proud of you. It was an honour being a part of your journey here and we pray that we continue to inspire and help you as you figure out your new path in life. The grad was a roaring success with so many happy smiling faces. Because graduation is an example of all the challenges and hard work we faced through the years, our students took the time to also talk and reflect about the challenges they have faced this year. It was fun to see and hear what they were proud of and what they thought was difficult. Thank you to Matthew and the audience for being so encouraging and helpful to show our students that learning and facing problems can be exciting and even fun... when you finally have that "aha" moment. We also had one other grad... although not as exciting, certainly just as big of a deal... Kierstyn did the difficult step of graduating Kindergarten. Way to go! We look forward to seeing how far you'll go. We were so proud of all our students, they were so brave standing up and showing their parents and community members their achievements and their challenges, they were clear and thoughtful.

