

# April Newsletter

March is a short month with spring break in the last week, but it has been a surprisingly busy month with Pi Day, St. Patrick's Day, Math and Muffins, and Mrs. Michalysen joining us in our math classrooms.

## Clocks Spring Ahead

Daylight saving time is a way to make a better use of daytime. It is to go ahead by one hour so that there is more daylight in the evening and less in the morning. Daylight saving time is often shortened to DST.

There are two days where the clock is moved for daylight saving time. People move the clock back one hour in the fall and forward one hour in the spring. The time you should do this is at 2:00 AM in the morning. Most people just change their clocks the night before or the next morning. A lot of clocks are set so they automatically make the change for you.

A lot of countries around the world follow Daylight Saving Time. The dates they adjust the clocks may change depending on the country. Almost all the countries in Europe follow Daylight Saving Time.

Benjamin Franklin first suggested the idea of Daylight-Saving Time in the U.S.A. He got the idea while visiting France where people would get up earlier and go to bed earlier in order to save candles. In world war I the first country to use Daylight Saving Time was Germany.

## The Final Guest Reader



Mrs. Palcat did not have time in February to read to us because she was in Hawaii, so she to read to us on March 1<sup>st</sup>. She told us about when she went to Hawaii. She was excited because she got to have a ride with a submarine and saw a shark.

Every year when she comes, she likes to make some kind of craft with us.

This year we made pencil holders with her. We used pipe cleaners, foam hearts, and stickers.



## Dog Naming Contest

Each year, the RCMP hold a contest to name puppies which will become their future police dogs. The rules for naming the dogs are that the names have to start with a T, be one or two syllables and have a maximum of 9 letters. Anyone between the ages of 4 – 14 can participate.

Some of the names the kids picked: Timbit, Tuff, Trouble, Tina, Terrance, and Trapper. There was some great creativity.

## St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick might be the patron saint of Ireland, but he didn't always live there. Patrick was born in Britain in the fourth century and didn't arrive in Ireland until the age of 16, when he was sent to work in the country.

After he arrived, Patrick became interested in Christianity and started teaching others about the religion. He converted many of the country's residents to Christians. Now St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the day that Patrick died.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated with green because Ireland is a green country. Green is also the colour mythical fairies called Leprechauns like to dress in. The myth is that you have to wear

green on St. Patrick's Day otherwise the Leprechauns will come and pinch you.

Every year, the students make Leprechaun traps to try and catch the mischievous leprechauns that go around and make a big mess of the school. So far, nobody has ever had a Leprechaun in their trap, but they are still trying.

The leprechauns came to school just about everyday from March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup> to make a mess. The early years and Kindergarten students get really excited when they see that the Leprechauns have made a mess. The Leprechauns have been very mischievous this year. Here are some of the messes they have made this year.

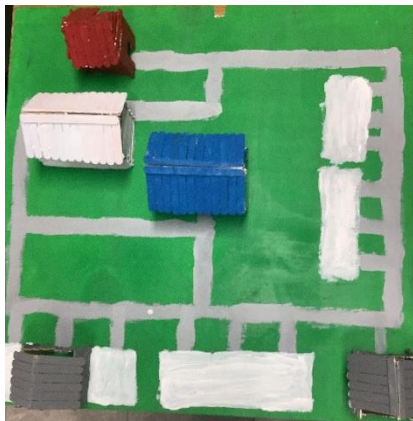


## In The Classroom

### ELA



In ELA, the middle years have finished their novel studies. Grade 8 and 9 studied “Touching Spirit Bear”. In this book, the main character, Cole, beats up a boy for ratting on him for doing something Cole shouldn’t have been doing. He goes to court and it is decided that instead of jail, Cole will go to an island off south-east Alaska for a whole year, alone, to think about his actions. For their final project, the students decided to make dioramas of the island where Cole had to go.



Grade 5 and 6 have been working on the novel “The Chocolate Touch”. It is based on the story of King Midas, who turns everything he touches into gold due to his greed. In this book, John Midas loves chocolate and can’t get enough. Everything he touches turns into chocolate, even his mom! Students chose to do different things for their final projects: two made dioramas - one of the doctors’ office in the book, the other of



John Midas’ neighborhood. Other students chose to bring or make food related to the story, so we had hot chocolate, chocolate cream pie, and chocolate bars. Everything turned out wonderfully, and the food was delicious!

The early years students have been developing stamina while writing, and making sure their stories have a proper beginning, middle and end. They are also working to print as neatly as possible in their good copies.

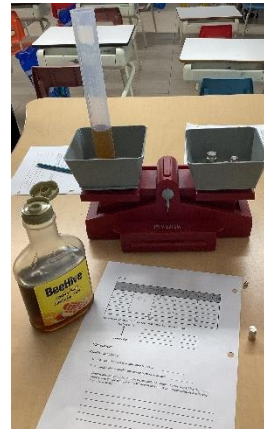


## Science



In science the early years finished their unit on sound. For their final project they made windchimes. They did a really good job on them and were really creative with the items they used to make them including popsicle sticks, metal cans, and beads.

The middle years students are learning about fluids and in science. They did an experiment to determine the density of common kitchen ingredients. They used kitchen scales, flour, white sugar, canola oil, and corn syrup. It was a little frustrating at times, but they persevered and did it!



## Math

### **Pi Day**

On March 13<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Pi Day at school. Every family brought a pie. They were delicious. Thank-you to everybody who brought in a pie! Even though Pi has nothing to do with pie, we still like to bring in pies to celebrate. Pi has something to do with circumference (the distance around a circle) so many people will eat round objects. Most people will eat pizza or chicken pot pie. Some people will hold a birthday party for Albert Einstein.



In math the grade 4 boys are working on fractions and decimals. The others, that is grades 1, 2, and 3, are working on subtraction and regrouping. The middle years and high school students have all been working on geometry and angles. They are now moving on to area, perimeter, and volume.

### **Mrs. Michalyshen**

Mrs. Michalyshen is the teachers' math teacher. During the last two months, she has come four times to teach us. In the middle years class, she has taught us how to find the area and perimeter of 3-D shapes. In the early years class, she was working with Mrs. Smolders on math

centre activities. The students really enjoy working with her because she is very interesting and has cool ways of teaching us things we don't know.

### **Math and Muffins**



On March 15<sup>th</sup> we had Math and Muffins but it wasn't a regular one though. Since it was almost St. Patrick's Day, we did Lucky Charm math activities instead of the usual

math games. We practiced counting large numbers, sorting, graphing, estimating, and fractions. The teachers made green cup cakes, green Rice Crispy squares, and green Leprechaun Punch. Thank you to those who came to Math and Muffins, and we'll see you next time.



### **From the Guidance Counsellor:**

In March, we began the theme of Feelings in Guidance. Students are identifying what feelings look and feel like for themselves and others. When we understand our own feelings, we can better understand other people's feelings and have empathy for them. We can then understand how our actions can make others feel as well. Being aware of our emotions can help us accept them and help us deal with them when we feel overwhelmed, promoting better mental health.

### **Easter and Black Friday**

English people call it Good Friday; Hutterites call it Black Friday. On Black Friday the women and the girl's wear black dresses and the men and the boy's wear white shirts. We have a lot of church services during the Easter holiday. On Easter we celebrate that Jesus died on the cross.

The story of Easter starts when Jesus told his Disciples that they should go and look for a room where they could hold the Passover feast. After he was done with the Passover feast, he went to Garden Gethsemane to pray. An Angel came to comfort him and he was ready to face death. He saw Judas Iscariot coming with the soldiers and went to them and said, "Whom do you seek?", and they said, "Jesus from Nazareth".

Jesus said, "I am Jesus from Nazareth". They were so shocked that they fell backward. After telling them for a second time that he was who they were looking for, they took him away to

Pontius Pilate. Pilate didn't find him guilty but the Jews wanted him dead and didn't give up until Pilate gave in to their endless grumbling.

Jesus had to carry his own cross to Calvary but he didn't make it because he was so tired from all that the Jews had done to him. The soldiers told a man named Simon to carry his cross for him. Two thieves were crucified with him. One of them made fun of Jesus but the other one was kind to him and told Jesus to think of him when he got to his kingdom. Jesus said to him, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

Jesus was the first of the three to die. Joseph from Arimathea and Nikodemus took him down from the cross and put him in a grave in Joseph's Garden. Soldiers were put on guard in front of the grave because Jesus had said that, "After I die, I will arise again after three days."

On the third day, an angel came and rolled the stone away from the grave and Christ arose. The soldiers couldn't do anything even though they thought they could. Jesus went about teaching for forty days until he went to heaven and will come again one day on Judgement Day.

### **Dates to Remember**

Apr 1	Inservice Day no school
Apr 2	Inservice Day no school
May 9	Inservice Day no school
May 10	Mother's Day Tea
May 20	Victoria Day no school
May 21	Inservice Day no school
June 14	Portfolio Day, Early dismissal at lunch
Jun 17	Father's Day BBQ
June 28	Last Day of school