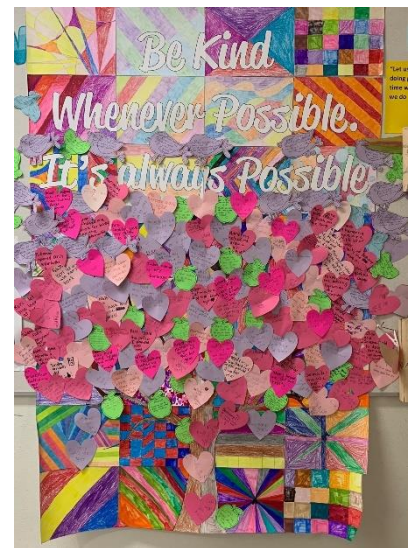




Hurray! We made it to Spring Break! February and March have been full of assessments; the report cards that come home today will tell you how those assessments went. If you have any questions, make sure to talk to Ms. Benson or Mrs. Dola when we are back in April. We spend a LOT of time preparing the marks and comments, so we want to make sure that they give you a clear picture of your children's progress this term.

When we return after the break, we will be on the homestretch to the end of the year! We still have a lot to accomplish to ensure everyone is ready for the next grade, so you may see a bit of homework if someone is falling behind.

Our Kindness Tree has been a HUGE success! Since Valentine's Day, students have been taking note of classmates' kind acts and writing up heart leaves for the tree to recognize them. Teachers put up apples and birds, and some parents were able to send in ladybugs. Our tree is bushy and beautiful! We hope to carry this focus on kindness forward even after the tree is taken down. As our poster says, "Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible."



We hope our upcoming Kindergarteners – Matthias, Serena, and Alivia – are getting excited about starting school in the fall. They will be invited to five Fridays of Preschool after Easter to see what English school is all about. The current Kindergarten students will be Ms. Benson's helpers. We are all going to have lots of fun!

Mrs. Dola, Mrs. Hrytsay, Mr. Sobie and Ms. Benson wish everyone at Interlake Colony a blessed Easter season!

*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.*