

May Newsletter

Spring break

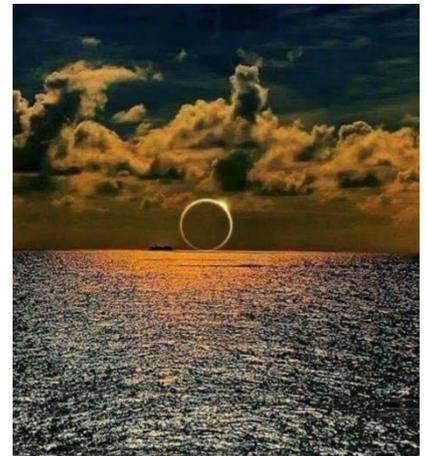
Everyone was ready for spring break! When it finally came it was so relaxing. It felt like it was only two days, then was over and back to school. Spring break is a time to go visiting and to get ready for the garden. Spring break this year was very special because it was the week of Easter.

Easter egg hunt

Easter was during spring break, so we had an Easter egg hunt on our first day back to school. This year the teachers hid the eggs very well. It took us a long time to find them! The teachers had to give us some hints for us to find them all. It was a great way to start the spring and the last few months of school.

Eclipse

On Monday April 8th there was a solar eclipse. A solar eclipse is when the moon comes between the sun and the earth. The eclipse was seen all throughout North America. Manitoba only had a partial eclipse; the sun was half covered by the moon. In Canada, the best place to see the total eclipse was in Niagara Falls. It was pitch black outside when the moon completely covered the sun. The eclipse took place between noon and 3 p.m. You can look at the eclipse through special glasses that protect you from going blind. You can also make pinhole cameras to look safely at an eclipse. Here at school, we used pinhole cameras to look at the partial eclipse that we could see here in Manitoba. It was a cloudy afternoon, so we were lucky that we were able to see it.



Earth Day

Every year on April 22, Earth Day is celebrated around the world in over 192 countries. Earth day is much more than a celebration, it is an important day to warn people about looking after the environment. The person that created Earth Day was called Senator Nelson. It all happened when there was a huge oil spill in 1969. Senator Nelson decided that he had to do something so he decided to start Earth Day so that we could learn how to treat our planet better. Originally it started in the United States, but in 1990 it became recognized all over the world. Trees are a big part of Earth Day. About 15 billion trees in the world are cut down each year. People plant trees to represent the loss of the trees that are chopped down. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen for people to breathe.



Garbage is another big thing about Earth Day. The number of garbage trucks Americans fill each year would stretch halfway to the moon. Toilet paper tubes made from cardboard take two months to decompose in a landfill. A plastic bottle can take over 450 years to break down. Some garbage can be taken to a recycling centre where they remake it into something else.

From the Guidance Counsellor:

This month we continued with the theme of our feelings. Students spent more time identifying feelings and understanding our reactions to those feelings. Students practiced some breathing exercises as a way to calm strong emotions. They also made stress balls to use as another calming strategy.

**“It is not about managing
your emotions, it is about
managing your reaction to
your emotions.”**

In the Classroom

Math - the middle years have been focusing on area, perimeter and volume. High school are focusing on fractions. The early years are learning how to measure time, how to measure with a ruler, and they are also measuring classroom items.

ELA - the middle years have been learning how to write business, and friendly letters. We sent friendly letters to athletes, authors, teachers that we know, and other famous people. The early years are learning about the different types of sentences.

Science - In science the middle years are learning about fluids. We have performed different science experiments to measure density, flow rate and viscosity. We are now learning about buoyancy and pressure. The early years are learning about different rocks and minerals, and how to identify them.

Social Studies - In Social Studies the middle years have been learning about the fur trade. We learned how early settlers traded, by playing a game where we had hunters, voyageurs and two trading posts. The hunters traded their furs for items that came from England, while the voyageurs traded for the furs provided by the hunters. We had little cards with up to four different things that we had to trade for. Whoever was done trading first won the game. It was a lot of fun and we realized how difficult life was for these people. The early years have been learning lots about the world! They have learned about the continents, and now they are each researching and will do a presentation on a country of their choice.

Dates to Remember

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| 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 13 | Portfolio Day, Early dismissal at lunch |
| Jun 14 | Father's Day BBQ |
| June 28 | Last Day of school |