



Spring weather has finally come, and the playground has dried up (thank you, Ramon, for pumping out the extra water!), so we are seeing fewer wet feet, skirt hems, and pant legs. What a relief!

Students are working hard in Music with Ms Nagy in preparation for the Mother's Day Tea, which will be held on Tuesday, May 14 at 2:00. We hope all the ladies will be able to join us for musical performances and treats!

Students in Grades 4 - 7 have been working on a novel study of The Great Bear, the second book in the Misewa series. It was written by a Manitoba indigenous author, and it really reminds us of the Chronicles of Narnia (our previous read-aloud). We are also learning about the Seven Grandfather Teachings, guiding principles passed down from indigenous elders about how to live a good life. We are finding many connections between the Seven Grandfather Teachings and our own Christian values!

Mrs. Palcat and the Bookmobile will be here on Wednesday, May 15, which is the last visit for signing out books as the June date is just for collecting books before summer break. If parents are interested in taking children to the library in Teulon in July and August, librarians can call up their Bookmobile cards to sign out books. Reading over the summer will help to preserve their skills and avoid 'summer slide.'

During May, students will be busy with assessments to measure their progress in Numeracy and Literacy, as well as fitting in as much new learning as we can squeeze in over our remaining time. It feels far off, but the end of the school year will be here before we know it. The days seem to just race after Spring Break. Let's make the most of them!

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."