

# *Lightly School's Clearly Delightful News*

*February 2026*

## *Mrs. Cassidy's Corner*

February is the month of "love" and the staff has certainly felt that love through the many special meals and treats provided by the colony. Thank you to all of you! We would also like to thank Mrs. Ladyka for the treats that she dropped off as well. We are so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community and truly appreciate the support we receive. We also had a great Valentine celebration with many cards, gifts, and treats. It is wonderful to celebrate our school community!

We have been busy with I Love to Read month and the Olympics. We have had a few guest readers in such as Mrs. Ladyka, Marion, Priscilla, Ms. Palcat, and Trevor King our MLA. A big thank you to everyone for taking time to come and share your love of reading. Mr. King told us about how much reading he has to do for his job and how important reading is in so many jobs and aspects of life. We also spent time this month learning about the values of the Olympics, the various sports, and Team Canada. What an inspiration to learn about all the training, time, effort, and dedication that goes into representing our country. It is truly amazing seeing what people can accomplish!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend progress conversations. Ms. Khubbar was able to attend this time and it was nice that she was able to connect with parents and discuss her science program.

There is lots of great learning going on right now with novel studies, hands on projects, and writing. Students learn through a variety of ways, reading, listening, seeing, and doing. It is important that they have opportunities to develop all of these skills and show their learning and understanding by practicing them. The hope is that by changing things up we also make school more fun and the learning more engaging.

Speaking of engaging, I hope the students are getting excited for the up coming field trip to the World's Largest Snow Maze. Besides wandering through the maze there are also snow carvings and buildings, and a sliding hill to enjoy! Hopefully the weather cooperates and it is a great day!

I hope students continue to work hard, keep track of due dates, and keep developing their skills. Like Olympians who have to work hard to keep getting better so do we! Improving our skills is not easy, whether you are an athlete or a student. It is attitude, fortitude, strength of character and effort that will lead to success in school, sports, and life in general.

Spring begins in March and Spring Break is right around the corner!

*Take care,*

*Mrs. Cassidy*

# Going For the Gold

The 2026 Winter Olympics has brought some much-appreciated excitement into our Winter Blue months. The kids seem to have really enjoyed following our amazingly talented athletes as they compete against the very best the World has to offer. We've discussed perseverance and witnessed how resilient the human spirit can be. We've researched the sports and what is required of the athletes to compete. We saw participants putting in their heart and souls to just get to the podium even if it meant a bronze. We've cheered on strangers we've never met and felt proud to see them succeed. To get the kid's competitive spirit going we split them into teams and had them create a name and mascot. Then they went outside and competed to see who could build the biggest snow fort with some hot chocolate to follow to keep everyone warm. If they take anything out of following the Olympics we hope its that failing means your still moving forward.





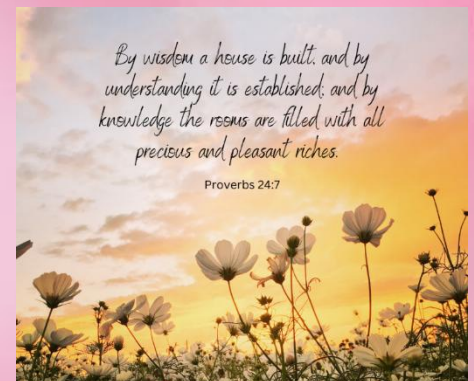
## Our Work Is Cool...

Peep at our awesome wall with all our students' work... which they're really proud to show off.



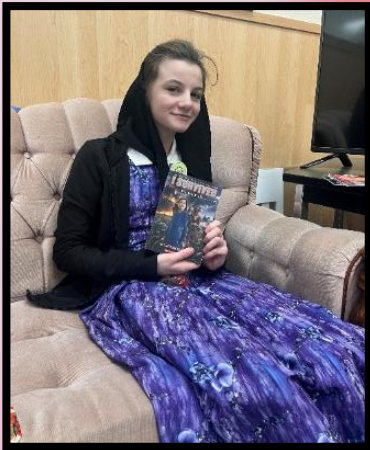
## A Message from The Guidance Counsellor

January and February's Guidance lessons continued on the theme of charity, and recognition of the blessings in our lives. Students learned about the work of Habitat for Humanity, building affordable housing for those in need through donations of money, materials, and most importantly, volunteer manpower. Students then reflected on their homes and families. They composed heartfelt messages through pictures, essays or poems to express what home means to them. When compositions were submitted, donations were made by third parties to Habitat for Humanity to continue their works. Over \$185,000 was raised across Canada this year through this initiative.



# I Love to Read Month

February, is I Love to Read Month and even though its taken a bit of a back seat to the Olympics we've been scheduling in some time to show books some love. We've had some guest readers, special thanks to Mrs. Ladyka, and Mr. Trevor King for taking the time to read to our students. We had some colony members also volunteer to read which we always appreciate. Along with readers we've also been doing D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read), which the kids love. They grab some candy and a book and scatter around the school for some cozy hideouts to read in.



# Happy Valentine's Day

Welcome to the month of hearts and love. The only time of the year you can get away with making everything pink and sparkly and even the guys will love it. The kids had a blast decorating heart shaped cookies and giving out Valentines to their friends and teachers, some of them really put a lot of effort into theirs. They even made special bags to put everything into. We ended the day with cupcakes and plenty of smiles. We hope you took time to spent time with your special someone this Valentine's Day.



# Teacher's Appreciation

Take some time this month to give your educators some appreciation. The community treated our wonderful teachers with special meals and desserts ALL week. They put up with a lot and we hope they feel as special as they are. It takes a lot of patience and heart to work with young people. They really need a lot of support during this time in their lives and it can feel like running against a brick wall for the parents, kids and the teachers. You are doing an amazing job... all of you.

