

ALONSA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MAY 2023

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that it is already the end of April. With only 9 weeks left of school, time will go quickly. Students are reminded to keep up to date on all work and assignments as the end of June is just around the corner. Parents are reminded to send extra clothing to school as the playground will have many puddles. Please remind your child to stay out of the water.

Senior High report cards went home with students on April 13th. Elementary progress reports also went home on April 14th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

In the next few weeks our school will be completing the 'Tell Them From Me Surveys'. This survey is completed division wide. The purpose of the survey is to get reliable student data to improve the school. The surveys are anonymous, voluntary and participants may skip any questions they are not comfortable answering.

May 11th, grade 9-12 students will be visiting the Human Rights Museum in Winnipeg. Look for more information to follow about the trip. All other year end field trips will be starting at the end of May thru June.

The new TVE rotation started this week. Grade 7 and 8 students will now be attending woodshop in McCreary and the Grade 9 students will be attending electrical in Ste. Rose.

Grade 8-11 students received course selection forms. Please discuss courses your child would be interested in and return the completed forms to the school by Monday May 1st. There will be a Grade 8 parent meeting on Monday May 8th about the credit system. More information will be going home with students.

On May 4th we are looking forward to an introduction to pow-wow presentation. This will be taking place in the morning.

We look forward to a great month.

Nathan Dmytriw

May 11-Grade 9-12 trip to the Museum of Human Rights – Winnipeg, MB

May 15-19 - Scholastic Book Fair – Alonsa School Library

May 22 – Victoria Day – School Closed

May 29 – Grade 7/8 Turtle Derby in Ste. Rose

May 30 – Grade 3-6 Field Trip to Winnipeg

Grade 7-12 Rob Nash Concert in Winnipeg



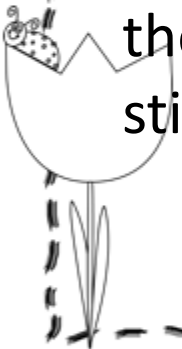


April News from the Kindergarten/Grade 1 Room

The month of April has flown by and now we are looking forward to warm weather in May with hopefully no more snow! We are all extremely excited to be able to go outside with just our runners and a light jacket! Our classroom cannot believe we have only two months of school left in the school year, and students are starting to think about next year when they will go into the next grade. Before students are ready for the next grade, we continue to learn our phone numbers every morning, grade 1's learn a new set of spelling words each week and kindergarten students are using their knowledge of letter sounds and are starting to write three letter words independently. In science we were learning about the characteristics and needs of living things. Now we are learning all about Canada and some of the different symbols and traditions that make up Canada. In math, students are learning to build and identify 3D shapes by counting the number of vertices, faces and edges each shape has. Students can identify 3D shapes in their surroundings and are excited to relate this information to the classroom. Our topics of discussion next month will include Mother's Day, plants, and more signs of spring. – Mrs. W. Zalluski

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Spring is here, and everyone has spring fever. Please continue to send your child with warm clothing as the playground is still wet.



Important dates.

May 12 – community clean up.

May 14 – Mothers Day!

May 22 – No school!

May 30 – Our field trip to the zoo.



In ELA we are continuing working on phonics and grammar the students are catching on quickly. We still do our weekly spelling test, please continue to practice the spelling words daily with your child.

In math we continue to do daily mental math. We are so close to finishing the division unit, then we are moving on to fraction and telling time.



Grade 4 News

April



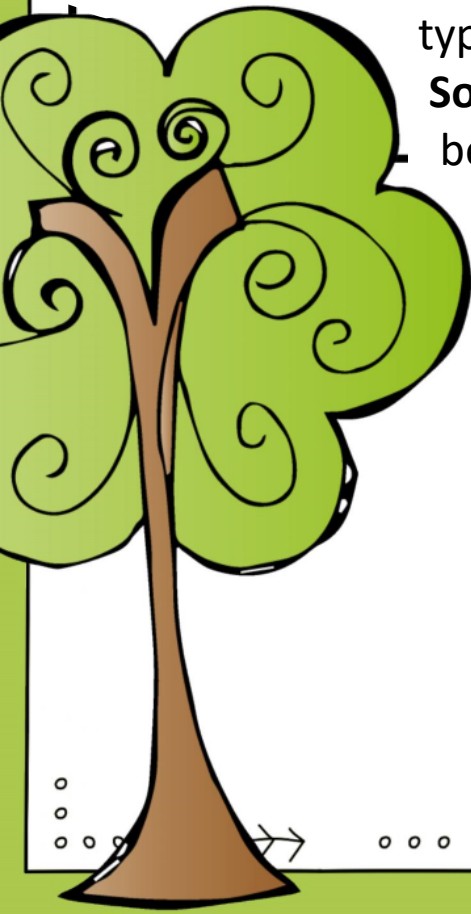
Things we have done this month:

ELA: We have completed a unit on fairytales and have each written their own creative fairytale!

Math: In math, we finished a unit on patterns and algebra, and will continue learning about 3D Shapes.

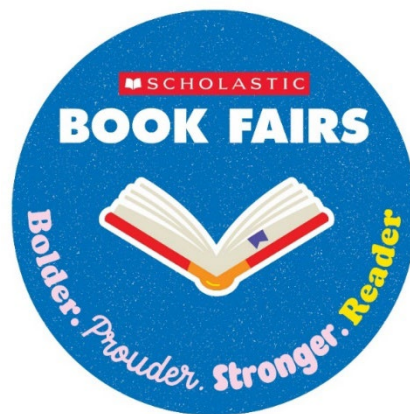
Science: Our rocks and minerals unit is well on the way. So far we have been talking about the rock cycle and the different types of rocks that are in it .

Social Studies: We are currently looking at the beginning of the Red River Settlement and have enjoyed looking at different forms of Metis art and culture.



Library News

Hello May. We are so happy to see you! This is a great time to celebrate a Scholastic Book Fair and maybe enjoy a book outside under a tree! The book fair is a little later this year, and we hope to avoid any bad weather, but this is Manitoba so who knows! The book fair will run May 15-19. The library will be open to families to shop the book fair **Tuesday morning 8:30 -12:00** and **Thursday 3:30-5:00**. – Mrs. Trotter



Mr. Nogaj

Hello everyone!!! April is almost over, however, spring is still hesitant to arrive! Everyone would be happy to welcome some days of higher temperatures with open arms! Although we experienced some days with winter storms and cancellations, our time at school was quite intense with badminton being the major sport event for both junior and high school students. In Life/Work exploration, students learnt about their potential career paths and what steps they need to take to achieve it.

In Math, students wrote their third MRLC Quiz. Grade 5 students learned how to read and create double bar graphs, as well as how to collect data. Grade 6 students, learned about the features of triangles.

In PE, Badminton was our primary sport for the month of April. All students from Grade 5-12 had a chance to participate in practices to improve their skills. Our school sent a large number of players to the Junior Divisional Championships on April 26th. Furthermore, we also had a representation of 7 high school players playing at the sectional badminton tournament in Sandy Bay School. Four of them: Sam G., Hunter O., and double mixed team – Hayley O./Ethan O. advanced to the zone tournament that was played on Thursday 27th in Swan River. The following players will be representing our school in the provincial badminton tournament in Winnipeg: Ethan Orvis, Hayley Oleschak, and Sam Gurke. Congratulations and good luck!!

Classroom News from Mr. Schwarz

Hey, hope everyone is enjoying Mother Nature's crazy weather that happened in April. I know that I have been wearing shorts on one day, and my winter jacket the next day.

In the Grade 5/6 Classroom, ELA, we were working on TUSC and the writing process of paragraphs. For Science, we have been understanding the three states of matter: solid, liquid, and gases. For Social Studies, the students have been learning about the British coming to America and all the British and French wars during those times. Lastly in Art, the students were understanding about movement and rhythm in art and how it is portrayed when you create masterpieces.

In Physical Education, with the K-4 classes, we have been playing a lot of invasion games like Capture the Flag and understanding the importance of a warm-up. For Health classes in Grades 3-4, we are learning about nutrition and the importance of eating healthy.

In the world of Sports, the seniors just finished playing in the South Sectional and will be competing in Zone in Swan River on April 27th, the top two of Zones will be going to Provincials that are on May 4th- 6th. When Badminton is over, they will be putting their focus on Track and Field. Some of the students are also playing High School Baseball which we combined with the Ste. Rose, and McCreary Schools.

For Jr. Sports, Divisional is May 26th for grades 7/8 where they are going to Ste. Rose, and McCreary to play against other schools. When Badminton is done, they will focus on Track and Field and getting ready for the Turtle Derby that will be going on at the end of the month.

That is it for me, Hope everyone has a fantastic day!!

Jeffrey Schwarz!!



Room 9 News by Mr. Reimer

The Grade 10 Essential Math 20S students have been learning about Measuring Surface Area and Angle Construction over the past month. The Pythagorean Theorem will be the next unit of study that they get to look forward to.

The Grade 10 Applied/Pre-Calculus Math 20S class completed the unit on Exponents and Radicals. They then learned about Polynomials over the month of April. They recently began learning about Linear Relations and Functions.

In Grade 11 Pre-Calculus Math 30S the class have been learning about Quadratic Equations and Radical Expressions and Equations over the month of April. The next unit they will be Rational Expressions and Equations.

Digital Pictures 25S began Unit 2. In this second unit the students will be learning about manipulating pictures.

In Grade 9 Science 10F the students completed Unit 2 – Atoms and Elements. The Nature of Electricity will be the next unit of study.

Classroom News from Ms. Doran

It is hard to believe we are already looking at the end of April! We have accomplished quite a bit this month, despite having days with poor weather. Grade 10's will wrap up their chemistry unit by the end of the month, and then we will be moving on to a unit on electricity. Exam week will be here before we know it for these students!

The 7/8's have completed their third social studies unit. We have been looking at the ecology unit in science this past week, which is the last topic we have to cover in science this year. The students have lots of questions and are showing lots of interest in this topic. They are currently working on a research project focusing on endangered animals. We will have one more social studies unit to complete this year once we wrap up our ecology unit.

The 7/8 students are also getting closer to completing their math for the year. Each grade has 3 chapters left to complete, in addition to the necessary mRLC programming material that we have to finish.

We are wrapping up junior badminton this month, and our next divisional sports day will be Turtle Derby near the end of May. I will be passing on more information to parents closer to the day. There are a few other activities happening in May for the 7/8's, as well as their end of year field trip on June 8th! Parents, please watch for further information on these events.

Classroom 8 News

May is upon us and that means June final exams are not that far away. These weeks of May inch high school students closer to reviews and exams.

ELA 10F/Grade 9 are currently working on their Short Story Unit. They are analyzing character, literary devices, conflicts and writing personal response reflections along with being able to cite

text evidence from stories. ELA 10F will be working on the novel study, *The Outsiders*, in mid-May.

ELA 20F/Grade 10 are also currently working on their Short Story Unit and focusing on prompt writing, analyzing literary terms, theme, motives, and point of view. ELA 20F will be moving into their novel study in mid- May.

ELA 40S Literary have started their novel study, *Night* by Elie Wiesel which is his personal survival story of the Holocaust. Currently, the students have written three journal prompts and analyzed the

Oprah interview with Elie Wiesel. They will be analyzing writing style along with analyzing quotes.

History 30F have embarked on Cluster 2 and are analyzing British colonial rule and its impact on North America after 1760. The development of events during this time period paved the road to Confederation.

On Thursday, May 11th, 2023 the Grade 9-12 students will be going on a field trip to the Canadian Human Rights Museum in Winnipeg. The students will be involved in the tour of “Rights and Indigenous Peoples in Canada” and is approximately 2 hours in length and will consist of:

The Canadian Museum for Human Rights is located on Indigenous ancestral lands on Treaty One Territory. The Red River Valley is also the birthplace of the Métis. We acknowledge that the water in the Museum comes from Shoal Lake and are grateful to the First Nations that care for that water.

Land and Water

Program length: 120 minutes

School program details

This tour will provide students with tools to take individual actions towards reconciliation, inspired by the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

Students will:

Learn about the connection between today’s societal issues and historic violations of Indigenous rights. They will understand the power of breaking down stereotypes and using respectful language.

Experience a 360-degree film in a circular “basket” theatre, a four-storey clay artwork, stories of survival and many other exhibits in our core galleries.

Participate in activities that challenge our thinking of world views and reflect upon Indigenous peoples’ resilience when rights are violated.

Discuss Indigenous perspectives on rights, violations of Indigenous rights and laws in place to protect rights in Canada, and how we can take action towards truth and reconciliation.

Grades 9 to 12

Your child(ren) will be required to have a permission form signed and returned by Thurs. May 4/2023.

A bag lunch will be needed and money for supper (we will be stopping in Portage). I will be sending a letter with the day’s schedule and permission forms with high school students on Friday, April 28/2023.

Stay Healthy, Stay Safe

Mrs. D. Grimstead



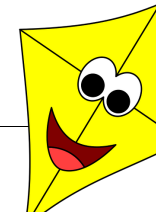
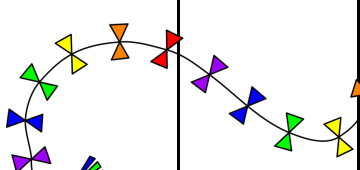
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| 7 | 8 Day 2 | 9 Day 3 | 10 Day 4 | 11 Day 5 <i>-Gr 9-12 Trip to the Museum of Human Rights in Winnipeg</i> | 12 Day 6 | 13 |
| 14  | 15 Day 1 | 16 Day 2 | 17 Day 3 | 18 Day 4 | 19 Day 5 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Victoria Day School Closed | 23 Day 6 | 24 Day 1 | 25 Day 2 | 26 Day 3 | 27  |
| 28 | 29 Day 4 <i>-Gr 7/8 Turtle Derby in Ste. Rose</i> | 30 Day 5 <i>-Gr 3-6 Field Trip to Winnipeg -Gr 7-12 Rob Nash Concert in Winnipeg</i> | 31 Day 6 |  | | |

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