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Newsletter for Nov. 30, 2023

REMINDERS

- Dec. 4 Jersey Day
- Dec. 6 School Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Dec. 7 Hotdog Day
- Dec. 14 Hotdog Day
- Dec. 15 Grinch Dress Up Day
- Dec. 18-22 Morning Christmas Caroling
- Dec. 18 Festive Head Wear Day
- Dec. 19 Red/Green Day
- Dec. 20 Christmas Concert @1 pm & 6 pm
- Dec. 21 Christmas Gear Day
- Dec. 22 Last Day before Christmas Holidays
- PJ Day
- Christmas Activities
- Lunch for students
- Movie/popcorn



***Special Reminder for Kindergarten parent's: Please check your calendar for the changes in Kindergarten days for the last week of December before holidays.**



Principal's Message

What an unreal November we had! I am huge fan of snow and all of the winter sports and activities associated with it but, I have to say, if we can delay the start of that season by a month or so, I won't be complaining anytime soon! We started our month off with our annual Remembrance Day ceremony (an event that we had to cancel last year due to a flu outbreak). This was the first time hosting this event in the new gym and it was a great way to start a new tradition. All classes performed a poem or song and students were excellent in their display of respect for what the event represents. An extra special thank you to the Onoway Legion for having 11 members out to be a part of the ceremony!

Everyone enjoyed the couple of extra days that made up our Fall Break and we quickly followed that up with report cards going home and parent teacher interviews the next week. Thank you to everyone who came out and reinforced to the students that we are all partners in their education and are working together with the goal to help them be successful.

I presented our annual Results Review to the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, November 29 th . This was a chance to reflect on the previous year and share how we are doing at the school, goals and targets we have for this school year and strategies we are planning on using to meet these objectives. I also got to hear from a number of the other schools and learn about different things going on around the Division. It was a great day! I am also looking forward to the Enhancement Society's 2 nd annual Winter Carnival this Saturday, December 2 rd at the Rich Valley Arena. I will be there checking everything out and doing my best to win as many coins as possible along the way. I hope to see you there!!!

Kelly Muir



Kindergarten News

Literacy & Numeracy

In Literacy, the kindergarten students have spent some time reviewing the previous letters studied. In addition to this review, they have also learned the letter X, A and are still working on letter D. Thank you to all the families that are reviewing and practicing the letters/sounds at home. This will positively impact your child's learning and allow them further success. Kindergarten students can practice writing these letters at home. They may need help to show them the correct letter formations. For example, start each letter at the top and then go down. Another thing that can be done at home is looking for any of these letters in a book. While reading to your child ask if they can find the letter p on a page, or the letter d, etc.

In Numeracy, the kindergarten students have now completed their study of numbers up to (and including) the number 3. Students will continue to practice writing, counting, counting objects, subitizing and recognizing these numbers. The children also continued their study of patterns. They will continue to work on patterns (during calendar time) for the remainder of the year.

THANK
YOU

A big thank you
to all the parents
that participated
in parent teacher
interviews!

Special dates of interest

Dec. 23– Jan. 8–

Christmas Concert Info.

The school will be putting on a school wide Christmas Concert. The concert will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 20. Performances at 1 and 6pm. Due to the concert being held on a Wednesday, we will have kindergarten that day! However, we will not have kindergarten on the Thursday! We also will have kindergarten on Friday, Dec. 22. This will allow our class to participate in other school wide activities that day. A note explaining this further will be sent home shortly.



December 1, 2023

Rich Valley Elementary School

Grade One

Important Dates:

RVS Winter Carnival @ Rich Valley Arena 10 am—2 pm Dec. 2

Jersey Day Dec. 5

School Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm Dec. 6

Hot Dog Day Dec. 7



The students are definitely getting into the holiday spirit and we have started the count down to Christmas morning by colouring pictures with 24 numbers on them. The students will colour one number per day until they reach the number one which means they will be very excited the next morning.

Math

The students are continuing to work in a number booklet that will assist them in understanding quantity, more or less, most, between, and least as well as number order. They are counting sets and printing the appropriate number for that set or they are identifying a number and drawing objects to match that number. The students are also ordering numbers starting from different numbers 0 through 50.



Language Arts

The students have been reviewing the tool sounds throughout the week. They have been identifying the letters that make up the tool sound and printing these letters on their white board. They have also drawn pictures and printed the word to match the picture, all of which have a tool sound in them. The students were also introduced to the -ail word family. Poor Snail had trouble getting his community mail on time. Ask your child how Snail solved his problem.



Science

This week was all about humans moving up, down, left or right and animals or objects that roll. We discussed the two words direction and distance. Direction is the path a person, animal or object takes and distance is how far someone or something travels. The students had to follow directions and distance to move a character from one location to another. For animals and objects that roll, we discussed the fun a person can have with objects that roll such as a soccer ball and the importance of objects that roll such as a wheel. We also discussed how different animals roll into a ball to protect themselves.

A huge thank you to all the adults that came out to help tie skates and put helmets on. Your time and effort was appreciated!



Have a great weekend!
Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Hove



Grade 2/3 News

December 1st, 2023

Language Arts and Art

This month the students worked on their next big writing project. They listened to the story "Santa's Stuck" and were asked the following: If Santa was stuck in a chimney, how would you get him out? They are using their imagination to come up with creative ways to get him out of the chimney. The students used the template provided to organize and write their piece. They incorporated a topic sentence as well as a concluding sentence. The focus of this writing was to have the grade 2 students was organizing ideas and

thoughts in a logical sequence, applying and checking for capitals and periods, and add some adjectives throughout. The focus for the grade 3 students was capitals and periods are consistently used correctly throughout, a variety of punctuation used, apostrophes used properly with contractions, adjectives flowing throughout, written in a well organized manner.



Carolers and Singing Reindeer Art

Special points of interest:

This month in Art, the students created a 3D art project. The grade 2 students created caroling reindeer who are singing Silent Night. They used water colour paper to create multicolored antlers and the body out of construction paper. The grade 3 students created a version of themselves caroling using construction paper. They all turned out great!

- December 2nd- Winter Carnival @ Rich Valley Arena
- December 5th- Jersey Day
- December 6th- School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm.
- December 7th- Hot Dog Day
- December 14th- Grinch Dress-up Day and Hot Dog Day
- December 18th-22nd- Caroling
- December 18th- Festive Head Wear Day
- December 19th- Red/Green Day
- December 20th- Christmas Concert @ 1:00pm and 6:00pm
- December 21st- Christmas Gear Day (socks, pants, shirt, or whatever!)
- December 22nd- PJ Day, x-mas activities, movie, popcorn

Math

This month in Math the grade 2 students worked on their money skills during the "games and activities" station. For the month of December, the students of **both grades** will have the opportunity to earn credits up until the last

week of school by completing things such as AR's. The credits will be converted into money in which they will be able to buy small items at the store (such as candies, pencils, erasers, etc.). This will be a fun way to wrap up the unit! The

students have also just started working on adding 2-digit to 1-digit numbers. They are starting out by learning the stacking method and making sure the numbers are lined up. As we do this, we will continue to review place value of the numbers and what they represent.



Grade 4/5 Classroom News



Friday December 1, 2023

CLASSROOM AND LANGUAGE ARTS UPDATE

This month we have focused on writing. Students completed an informational piece of writing about how various animals helped out during war times. After this, the class examined different adventure stories by filling in story maps. We looked at different ways to write effective and detailed beginnings, main events, and endings for our own stories. Students then selected a picture prompt, which they would base their own adventure stories around. Students have worked very hard to plan, draft, edit and type their stories. They will finish the final copy of their story next week.

For the month of December, students will be working on a Christmas Choice Board. This choice board has Christmas themed spelling, grammar, writing, and reading activities for students to complete. They will work with the same spelling words for the whole month. They will have a spelling test on the words on December 8, and then a test which will require students to use their spelling words in a sentence on December 15.

GRADE 4 MATH UPDATE

In math this month, we focused on multiplication. Students learned and practiced 2-digit by 1-digit, and 3-digit by 1-digit multiplication. Students practiced these skills through games, individual work, technology, and small group practice with teacher. Students demonstrated a good understanding, and are very engaged in their learning activities. Next week we will wrap up multiplication and then move on to division. This will include solving division equations with and without remainders.

GRADE 4 SCIENCE UPDATE

This month students finished the "Waste and Our World" science unit by completing a project which involved them making a waste reduction plan for the school. Students did a wonderful job on their plans and presentations. We started our next science unit, which is "Wheels, Levers, and Gears". Within this unit students will learn about and experiment with simple machines. So far students have examined rollers, wheels, and wheel and axle.



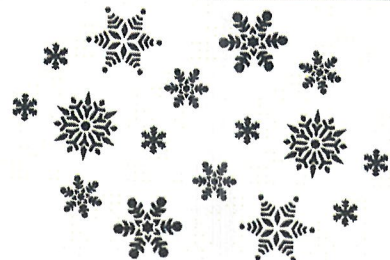
IMPORTANT DATES!

Jersey Day
December 5

Grinch Day
December 15

Christmas Concert
December 20

Pajama Day
December 22



SKATING WAS A BLAST THIS WEEK!
THANK YOU PARENTS WHO HELPED TO TIE SKATES!

Language Arts 5/6 and Social 6 with Mrs. Allen

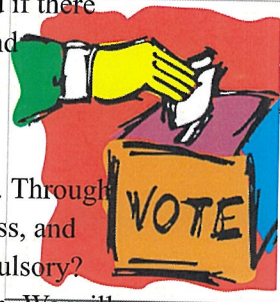
Language Arts 5/6

The grade 6s are well into their latest novel “Among the Hidden” which is a dystopian genre. Who is our protagonist? Who is the antagonist? What are some important things our characters have said/thought that give us insights into their personalities?

We have moved away from guided reading groups for grade 5s, and have begun our class novel “The Mouse and the Motorcycle” by Beverly Cleary. Ask your child who the main characters are, and if there is a problem yet in our story. We will work on predictions, vocabulary, fluency when reading, and comprehension strategies throughout this novel.

Social 6

All the students seemed to really enjoy the whole political party process, even if they didn't win. Through this activity, the students learned about teamwork, problem solving, leadership, the voting process, and providing a service for their school community to make it a better place. Should voting be compulsory? Did you know in some countries it is? Ask your child what their perspective was on this question. We will finish this chapter by learning what a lieutenant governor does.



Math 6, Science 6, and Art/Music 5/6 with Miss Bablitz

Math 6

The students have been working with fractions. We started the unit with comparing fractions by finding equivalent fractions, then we moved into adding and subtracting fractions. We are finishing the unit looking at multiplying a fraction by a whole number. Anytime you are baking in the kitchen I encourage you to get your child to help and work with fractions in life situations.

Science 6

The students have completed their aerodynamics unit and we are currently learning about flight. We have completed experiments on streamline, drag, parachutes and paper airplanes. Students should be able to label parts of an airplane and identify what parts cause change in pitch and yaw. Ask your child to explain the function of ailerons, rudder and elevators.

Art/ Music 5/6

Students worked on multiple small art projects at the beginning of the month in relation to remembrance day. To wrap up the month students worked on a music project where they had to identify seven songs that represent different areas of their life and make an album cover. Ask your child to explain some of the songs they picked for their life soundtrack.

Film Study Grade 5

The Grade 5 students have completed a film study on Wall-E. They are now creating something useful they can build from recycled materials.





November Grade 7 Newsletter 2023-24



P.E/ Health/Lifestyle

We have ended our Volleyball Unit, and played various cooperative games in P.E this month. The students also got to go skating for a week, and had a blast!

In Health, We discussed one of the Indigenous Sacred Teachings of respect. Students brainstormed what respect looks like and feels like within themselves, as well as towards others.



Grade 7 Language Arts

We have wrapped up our Short Story Unit, and are beginning to analyze different figurative language. Students are also learning the difference between friendly letters, and business letters. We are learning to use formal language, and writing formal/business letters of our own!

Daily 5

The grade sevens have developed a great routine in our Daily 5 blocks. Here, students have the opportunity to develop their reading/writing skills at their own pace. Students are given designated blocks to rotate through stations including silent reading time, word work/vocabulary programming, and writing skills. I am very impressed with their ability to focus in, and use their time wisely as a class!

Grade 7 Math

The grade 7's are well into the Decimals, Percentages and Fractions Unit. So far, we have learned how to represent values in all three formats, and compare these value using various strategies.

Social

Students have been analyzing New France and The Thirteen Colonies. Students are reading about, and discussing the Fur Trade, and how economic structures like monopolies and mercantilism controlled colonies.

Science

This month's science focus has been on, "Interactions and Ecosystems". So far, students have studied the relationships between living and nonliving things that make up an ecosystem, the basic needs of living things, as well as some of the impacts humans have within these ecosystems. We are now moving on to the "Planet Earth" Unit!



Mrs. Hill's Class

Gr 3 Math: This group of grade 3s has not had any struggles demonstrating the objectives of **place value up to hundred thousands**, **addition and subtraction**, **without** and **with regrouping**, and **patterns**. Repeated practice through the playing of math games and small group written work have been the key to reinforcing these skills. Multiplication will be our **focus** in **December**. **Please practice the times tables at home, whenever possible.**

Social Studies 3: The class is working their way through the study of Peru. We have looked at the landscape, foods, sports and the quality of life of the people. Now, we will begin the **traditions** practiced by Peruvians, as we prepare for our own **Christmas** celebrations.

Science 3: As we continue through the unit on Matter, we have learned all about the water cycle and the states of water, liquid, solid and gas. It will be fun conducting experiments during the month of December as we see **more solid than** liquid water in our environment, once the snow starts to fall.



Gr. 5 Math: In

November we continued our study of arithmetic sequences and translated patterns into different types of graphing. Now that December has arrived, we are taking a short break from decimals and we will be concentrating our efforts on multiplication. It is crucial that we all review the basic facts up to the 12 times table so that we can be fluent with 2, 3 or even 4 digits times 2 digits.