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## Newsletter for May 31, 2024

### REMINDERS

- June 5 - Gr. 5 Pond Study - Gr. 7 Info Night @ OJSHS  
- Parent Council Mtg @ 7:00 pm
- June 12 - Kindergarten Field Trip to Barrhead
- June 13 - Hat and Shade dress up day
- June 14 - AR Prize - Pizza Lunch  
- Gr. 4/5 Field Trip to Rochfort Bridge Museum
- June 17 - AR Prize - Lunch Out - Boston Pizza
- June 19 - Kindergarten Field Trip to the Zoo - Gr. 6 Social Pat Test
- June 20 - Gr. 7-Activate/Golf/Pizza/Movie Day- Gr. 6 Science Pat test
- June 21 - Gr. 7 OJSHS - National Indigenous Day Presentation
- June 24 - Track & Fun Day - Taco in a Bag (hot lunch)
- June 25 - Volunteer Appreciation Lunch - Talent Show
- June 26 - Celebration of Learning - Gr. 7 Farewell - BBQ Lunch
- June 27 - Last Day for Students - Report Cards go home  
- Year end activities - Movie and Pizza lunch



### Principal's Message

Wow, what a whirlwind of a month, especially these last couple of weeks! The CTF wrapped up and was another huge success. Tropical Dress Day might not have been the most tropical, but everyone made the best of it. Many students supported Hats on for Mental Health. The grade 7s did a great job displaying positive messages on our sidewalk. A big thank you to the School Council members for cooking the hot dogs and the ever-popular Taco in a Bag. Grade 1 and Glee were fantastic when they performed at the Chateau in Onoway. Our Read-a-thon continued throughout the month, and we enjoyed a school-wide field trip to the Telus World of Science. We were entertained by Hula Hoop Circus performer Amanda "Panda" Sryda, who shared an inspiring message about overcoming insecurities and obstacles, trying new things, working hard, and being persistent. The grade 7s represented us well in the GCAA Track Meet and some of the students are heading to Zones!. The grade 6s had a great time at Camp Warwa for two days, and the grade 7s went on their Onoway Jr/Sr High School Orientation. Looking ahead to June, which I'm sure will fly by as well, here's a snapshot of what's coming up: the grade 5 pond study, Hat and Shade Day, a grade 4/5 field trip to Rochfort Bridge, field trips to the zoo and Barrhead for Kindergarten, the grade 7s going to Activate, mini-golfing and then back to the school for games and pizza, provincial achievement tests for the grade 6s, Track and Fun Day, Volunteer Lunch and Talent Show, Celebrations of Learning, Grade 7 Farewell and BBQ, and last day of school activities. Busy, busy, busy! The next School Council and Enhancement Society meeting is on Wednesday, June 5th at 7 PM at the school.

Have a great weekend!!!

*Rod Peterson*

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# Kindergarten News

**May 30, 2014**

## Special Dates:

June 12– Barrhead  
Field Trip

June 13– Hat and  
Shades day

June 19– Zoo Field  
Trip

June 20– **NO KIN-  
DERGARTEN**

June 24– Track  
and Fun Day (taco  
in a bag)

June 25– Talent  
Show

June 26– Celebra-  
tion of learning  
(awards day), BBQ  
Lunch

June 27– Last  
Day, movie and  
pizza

## Literacy & Math

In Literacy this month, the kindergarten class almost finished up learning about the last few letters of the alphabet! The final few letters to be studied are Q and Z. For the remainder of the year the class will continue to practice naming the letters and identifying the corresponding letter sound. These skills will be practiced and reviewed in a variety of ways, such as classroom games, online games, stories, pictures, puzzles, etc.

This month, we also learned a few more sight words. Students will continue to learn some more sight words to better prepare them for

grade one!

In June, students will also start to listen for syllables in words. Students should be able to clap their name and tell how many syllables they have. This skill will be continued to work on and expanded into recognizing syllables in other words.

The kindergarten class is also working on producing words in a word family. So if the family is at, they can produce and read words such as mat, cat, sat, etc. We will continue with other word families in the month of June.

In Math, we are still

working on counting objects to ten (some beyond), identifying numerals to ten, and subitizing. The students count to 20 on a daily basis and also practice counting backwards from various starting points. They also practice saying/reading their phone numbers on a daily basis. Some students have now memorized their phone numbers and can recite them when asked.

For the month of June, kindergarten will be working on a small shapes and measurement unit as well as, reviewing all aspects of numbers to ten.

## Upcoming Field Trips:

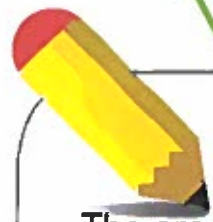
June 12– Barrhead  
Trip

June 19– Edmonton  
Zoo





# Miss Suitor's May Newsletter



## Language Arts/ Daily 5

The grade one's are working on writing multiple sentences using conjunction words. They are provided a sentence starter and create their own sentence using the sight words and personal dictionaries. We have also been learning about how we can use our 5 main senses to add detail within our writing!

## Math

The Grade Ones are continuing to work on developing strategies to solve addition and subtraction math problems. We just wrapped up our Geometry Unit as well, learning the names of 3-Dimensional shapes, we also discussed the symmetry of shapes. We even made symmetry monsters together using paint and folded paper!

## Social

In Social Studies, we are continuing to comparing the past, present and future. We are reading stories where older generations reflect on their past.

## Science

In science the Grade Ones are continuing to learn about living and nonliving things in the environment and how they interact.

Our Performance at  
Chateau Lac Ste.  
Anne in Onoway!

Space and Science  
Center Fun!



## Grade 2/3 News

### Language Arts, Math, and Science

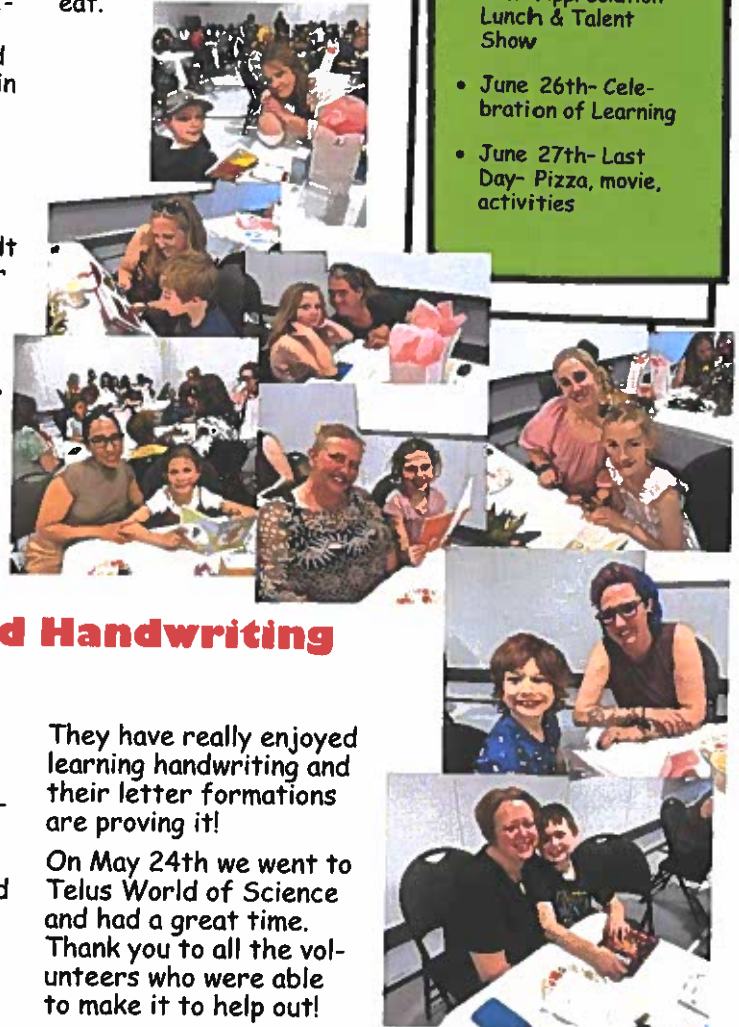
This month in Language Arts, both the Grade 2s and the Grade 3s completed their final fairytale story. They used the given template to create the written portion and then worked on completing illustrations to go with it. During the month of May, the students used the Visualizing and Verbalizing program to help them generate images in their mind. Being able to do so allowed the students to write more creatively and explain what they envision in their heads. This program worked very well and the students continue to use it with any additional writing activities that pop up.

This month in Grade 2 math, they completed their unit on measurement and time. During the last couple of weeks, the students have been revisiting adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers. The students have been exposed to a variety of methods in which they choose which one they feel the most comfortable with. It has shown that the students are continuing to find subtraction more difficult when looking for whether they need to borrow or not.

In Grade 2 Science, the students worked on their Earth Science unit. They are finishing up the unit by creating a diorama of

the Earth's landforms.

This month the Mother's Day Tea took place to celebrate how special the Moms are. There was a video, reading, Lego activity, and some goodies to eat.



#### Special points of interest:

- June 5th- School Council Meeting @ 7 pm
- June 13th- Hat and Shade Day
- June 14th- AR Pizza Lunch
- June 17th- AR Lunch Out
- June 24th- Track & Fun Day, Hot Lunch - Taco in a Bag
- June 25th- Volunteer Appreciation Lunch & Talent Show
- June 26th- Celebration of Learning
- June 27th- Last Day- Pizza, movie, activities

### Grade 3: Charlotte's Web and Handwriting

This month, the Grade 3 students finished up their novel study on Charlotte's Web. They are working on completing their final project, a peek box of their favourite chapter. Once the peek boxes are complete, they will go on dis-

play in the hallway along with their write-up.

The students are continuing to work through their handwriting unit. They are nearing the end of the letters and are working on completing some basic sentences in their word practice.

They have really enjoyed learning handwriting and their letter formations are proving it!

On May 24th we went to Telus World of Science and had a great time. Thank you to all the volunteers who were able to make it to help out!





# Grade 4/5 Classroom News

FRIDAY MAY 31, 2024

## CLASSROOM AND LANGUAGE ARTS UPDATE

For the month of May students focused on writing. They completed their final piece of narrative writing for the school year. For this writing students had to first fully develop a character before starting their story planning. This fully developed character must be in their story, and the story must have a element of magic. Students came up with some interesting and exciting ideas for their stories, and worked hard to bring them to life.

They have also worked on poetry and figurative language. They covered Haiku, Cinquain, and Acrostic poems so far. Next up will be simile, metaphor, and alliteration. All of their poems will be made into a personal poetry book.

To finish the school year, students will complete a short unit on different forms of stories such as myths, legends, folk tales, tall tales and Indigenous Storytelling.

## Grade 4 MATH UPDATE

This month students worked on Telling Time and Geometry. This included telling time to nearest half hour, 15 minutes, 5 minutes, and minute. Students also calculated elapsed time, and examined hours, minutes and seconds.

In geometry they have covered polygons, angles, and triangles. They will also cover transformations and 3-D shapes.

After geometry students will move onto their last math unit of the school year which is measurement. Measurement will include standard units of measurement, and area.



## Grade 4 & 5 SOCIAL UPDATE

This month both grade 4 and 5 students have moved onto their final social unit of the school year. The grade 4's are working on "Alberta Celebrations and Challenges", which covers things such as economy, tourism, and celebrating Alberta's diversity.

The grade 5's are working on "Canada: Shaping Identity", which covers Confederation, the Famous Five, World Wars, The Great Depression, Peacekeeping, and caring for Canada.

On June 14th, the grade 4's and 5's will be going on a field trip to the Rochfort Bridge Railway Museum, as the railway is part of both curriculums. Rochfort Bridge has been kind enough to offer to make lunch for students free of charge!



## Important Dates!

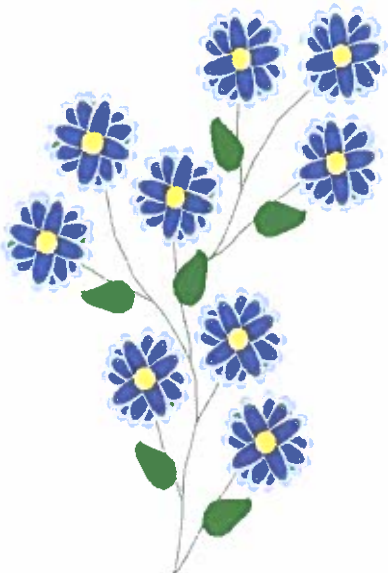
Hat and Shade Day  
June 13

Grade 4 & 5 Field Trip to  
Rochfort Bridge  
June 14

Track and Fun Day  
June 24

Celebration of Learning  
June 26

Last Day of School!  
June 27



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

### Language Arts %

The students are enjoying our poetry unit, as we have covered Alliterations, Terse Verse, and Name poems. Next up will be Haiku and Tanka, Paint poetry, and cinquain and diamonte. The students are turning these poems into a Google Slideshow that we can present in class.

We will continue doing our spelling words and Raz-kids each week until the end of the year. The grade 6s will also start practicing released PAT reading comprehension tests to prepare them for their field test the week of June 10-14.

Great job on the Read-a-Thon everyone! I was so pleased to see so many students reading more than ever before! Even after the Read-a-Thon, I hope to see students continue reading each night.

### Social 6

We are on our last chapter of the year: Chapter 8: Voices for Change. After we are done with this chapter, we will start studying for the Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) which will take place on Wednesday, June 19th. Look for possible study materials to be sent home over the next weeks in June leading up to the PAT.

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

### Math 6

In Math we completed our Patterns & Relations Unit test. The kids should have brought it home today! We are moving into our last unit, which is Geometry. Students will be plotting, analyzing, translating and reflecting shapes and coordinates on a cartesian plane. Students have also been doing review to help them prepare for the PAT Field test that is the week of June 10-14.

### Science 6

The students got lots of hands-on experience at the Telus World Of Science and after we had our Evidence and Investigation Unit test. We are now in our last unit - Trees & Forest. We will work through that and then prepare for the Science PAT test that is scheduled for Thursday June 20. Students will be receiving study packages to prepare for this!

### Art %

Students just completed a project on one point perspective imaginary rooms. They are now working on a landscape project where they have to use paper materials to recreate the landscape.



# Grade 7 News



## Language Arts

The month of May has come and gone in a flash. With only one month left, we have been focusing on essay writing, along with continuing our work on flow and unity of writing. The Grade 7's are currently writing an expository essay where they have selected a topic of their choice and are into the researching, and information collection phases. We will soon put it all together to create a unified piece of writing.



## Math/Science

In math this month, we worked on a data analysis unit. The grade 7's were finding mean, mode, medium and range from collected and given data. They also experimented with probability and sample space. In our final unit, we will be discussing geometry. They will learn how to plot points into all four quadrants as well as angle bisectors and parallel lines.

As for science, we are right in the middle of our final unit, Plants for Food and Fibre. The students have been researching plant adaptations, participating in jam boards about the roles of plants, and will soon be planting Cosmo's to watch and observe germination.

## Social

During the last few weeks, we have been focusing on Louis Riel and his controversial impact on Canadian History. This also allowed us to analyze The Manitoba Act and The Manitoba School Act.



## Important Dates:

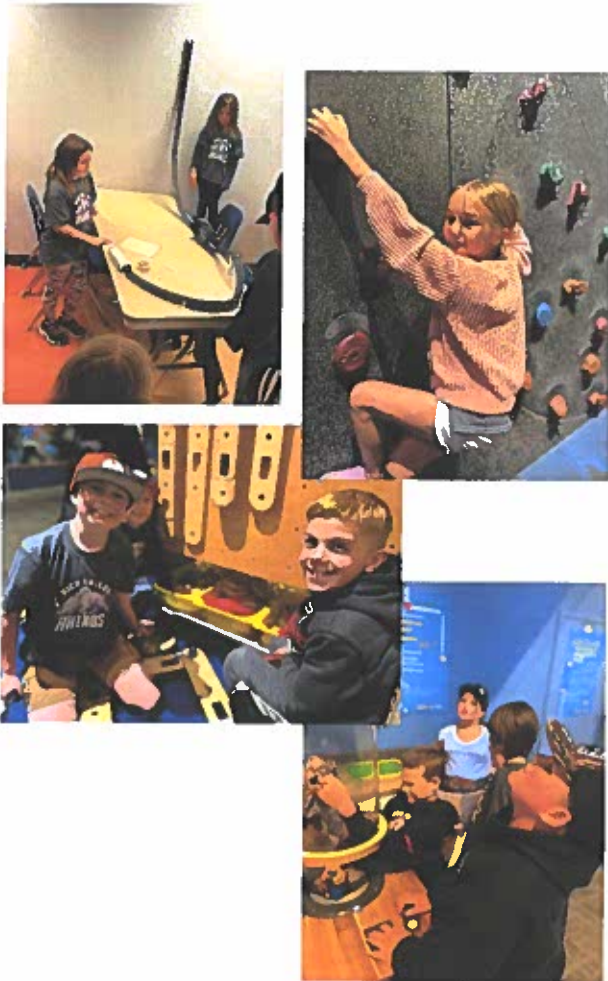
**June 4<sup>th</sup>:** Track & Field Zones

**June 21<sup>st</sup>:** OJSH for National Indigenous Peoples Day

**June 26<sup>th</sup>:** Celebration of Learning

# Mrs. Wild's Grade 3s & 5s

The Telus World of Science field trip was a blast! The Grade 3 class explored the dinosaur exhibit, watched an IMAX 3D movie about butterflies and a Zeidler Dome presentation about constellations, and built roller coasters!



## Grade 3 Math

The Grade 3 class has been learning different strategies to slide (translate), flip (reflect), and turn (rotate) shapes. This requires spatial visualization which comes easily to some students, but others find challenging!

## Grade 3 Science

In Science, the Grade 3s have learned all about the plates of the Earth, and what landforms and events occur due to plate interaction. They have also been learning about fossil formation and what this teaches us about our planet's history.

## Grade 3 Social

In Social, the Grade 3s continue to learn about the country of India. They have learned about important figures from India's history, and about the different seasons that India experiences. Did you know that India does not experience spring, summer, fall, and winter in the same way as we do in Canada? See if your child can remember the three main seasons in India!

## Grade 5 Math

The Grade 5s have completed the algebra unit, and should now be able to solve multi-step expressions by following the correct order of operations (B/P-E-D-M-A-S), and to express multiplication and division of a variable as a single coefficient. They are now learning about symmetry and finding examples of it in the world around us.