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Newsletter for March 21, 2025

APRIL – REMINDERS

- April 2 – Kindergarten Registration from 5:30 – 6:30 pm
School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- April 5 – Kids Bingo 1:00 pm @ Rich Valley Community Hall
- April 7 - 11 – Swimming Week - Gr. 5/6/7 (11:00 – 1:55) Gr. 1/2 (12:15-1: 10)
Gr. 3/4 (1:30 – 2:35)
- April 15 – Hot lunch – Chicken Caesar Wraps
- April 16 – “Paint a New Picture” Speaker 7:00 pm @ Rich Valley School
- April 17 – PD Day – No School
- April 18 – Good Friday – No School
- April 21 – Easter Monday – No School
- April 24 – Assembly @ 2:05 pm
- April 25 – Badminton Tournament @ OES
- April 28, 29, May 1, 2 – CTF Gr. 7



Principal's Message:

It looks like March is going to close out like a lamb! We're deeply grateful for the incredible support from our School Council and Enhancement Society along with all the parents and volunteers who've contributed to our hot lunch days, special events, and assemblies throughout the past months. Our assemblies continue to be both educational and entertaining, featuring monthly presentations and performances by different grades. We've enjoyed grade-level challenges, intramural updates, and exciting announcements from the School Council/Enhancement Society. If you haven't yet joined us, we warmly invite you to attend our upcoming assemblies. In April, Kindergarten will be showcasing their talents, followed by Grade 3 in May. Our recent ski days were a resounding success, thanks to the beautiful weather and our wonderful students. A staff member from Snow Valley even commended our students' respectful behavior! We sincerely appreciate the Grade 4-7 parents who completed the Assurance Survey and all parents who participated in parent-teacher interviews. Your active involvement is invaluable to your children's education.

Looking forward to April, we have a packed schedule. We'll begin with Kindergarten Registration Night on April 2nd from 5:30-6:30 PM. The entire school will participate in swimming lessons from April 7th to 11th. Grade 6 and 7 students interested in badminton can join the school team, with the tournament scheduled for April 25th at Onoway Elementary School, featuring singles, doubles, and mixed doubles categories. Finally, our Grade 7 students will conclude their CTF programming with peers from Grasmere, Darwell, and Onoway on April 28th, 29th, and May 1st and 2nd. April promises to be a busy and exciting month!

Have a fantastic Spring Break!

Rod Peterson



Kindergarten Newsletter

March 20, 2025

Literacy

In literacy, the kindergarten students have had a very busy month. This month they learned the letters R, B and H. Students also spent some time reviewing previously learned letters. In addition, students practiced printing words and completing a couple of listen and draws (mystery pictures). The class has been continuing to work on letter/sound production, beginning sounds and rhyming. In the near future, the students will also begin learning some sight words. These concepts are being taught in a variety of ways. Listening to stories/songs, reading, playing games, sharing, crafts and worksheets are all a part of the learning process.

Numeracy

In numeracy, we have been reviewing numbers studied thus far (1-6). This includes being able to recognize the numeral, counting objects and familiarity with ten frames, number lines and tally marks.



Reminders...

Spring Break- March 22-31

After spring break, Kindergarten days will continue to be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. It will likely be hard for the kids to get up and come 3 days in a row. It is normal for them to take some time to adjust to this schedule. After a couple of weeks, they will get used to it and things should get easier!



Miss Suitor's Grade 1 March Newsletter



Language Arts

In L.A, we continue to read in our small groups and practice our sight word and tool sound cards as much as we can! We continue to work on writing sentences using capitals, periods, as well as spelling our sight words properly within our sentences. We have slowly started including detail within our writing by exploring the 5 senses! We introduced this idea by popping popcorn and brainstorming words to describe how the popcorn smelt, tasted, felt, sounded and what it looked like! We are almost done learning all of our tool sounds and word families and continue to add new sight words to our wall each week!

Math

We have narrowed in on addition and subtraction strategies this month. We have been exploring the different strategies to solve addition and subtraction math equations. Some of these strategies including doubles (doubles plus one, plus two, minus 1, minus 2), counting on, using a numberline, making 10, and our fact family knowledge (finding the difference when subtracting). Our next unit will be measurement!

St. Patrick's Day!

Social Studies

Students are continuing to explore what community is and are learning how they can help their community and environment.



Enjoying the sun!



Science

We have started our Life Systems Unit! In this unit we explore living and non-living things. We discuss and look at various animals and plants as well as their basic needs. We look at different animals and plants within our environment as well!

Mrs. Zolmer

Grade 2 News

March 21, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS:

School Council	2
Kindergarten Registration	2
Swimming (Gr. 1/2- 12:15-1:10)	7-11
Hot Lunch/ Secret Twin Day	15
Paint a New Picture (FREE Presentation @ 7 pm)	16
No School	17-21
Popcorn Day/ Assembly @ 2:05pm	24
Hot Dog Day/ Spring Hat Day	30

Language Arts, Math, Social Studies

This month the students have been working on strengthening their writing using descriptive words. They have been extremely focused when analyzing their snow globe writing to “hunt” for weak sentences. They have also completed the same process with a new writing project on “My Teacher’s Secret Life.” They are up on the bulletin board for viewing.

Fractions unit was completed this month. The students learned what makes up a fraction: numerator and denominator.

They also worked on comparing fractions in number form.

This month in Social Studies, the students continued to learn about Iqaluit. They had fun learning about

different traditional Inuit games. They had the opportunity to try some of them out. Some of the games are harder than they



Snow Globe Writing!

Music and Art

In music, the students have been learning about rhythm and beat. They have been exposed to the quarter note, eighth note, and rest. They have

been practicing these notes through different clapping games.

In art, the students created polar bears

using the template provided and a sponge. They used the sponge to layer paint and create the Northern Lights.



Grade 3/4 Classroom News

FRIDAY MARCH 21, 2025

CLASSROOM AND LANGUAGE ARTS UPDATE

For the month of March students learned about how to write a newspaper article. They looked at the structure and elements of a newspaper article which included a headline, a lead or hook, the 5 W's (who, what, where, when, why), the body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Then they were challenged to write their own article about a Leprechaun causing chaos at Rich Valley. Students had to come up with their own description of a Leprechaun, and get creative with ways to catch it. They had the option to add in "witness accounts" of the leprechaun. Their newspaper articles were funny, and very creative!

They started their book club style novel study this month. They are in different groups reading different novels. The novels are: Mice at Centre Ice, Boxcar Children, Third Grade Angels, Fourth Grade Rats, and Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing. They are working well in their groups by reading, answering questions, and working on various activities.

After Spring Break spelling will start again, and students will begin planning another piece of narrative writing.

Grade 4 MATH UPDATE

This month students started working with fractions. They learned that a fraction is a number that is less than zero, and that fractions have a numerator and denominator. They have been able to represent fractions in picture form, and place them onto number lines. Students also practiced creating equivalent fractions using multiplication. This week we covered simplifying fractions, where students put fractions into their smallest form by finding the greatest common factor between the numerator and denominator, and then dividing the whole fraction by that number. Students are showing a strong understanding of fractions. After Spring Break we will move onto decimals and percents.

Grade 4 SOCIAL UPDATE

The grade 4's have been learning about the Fur Trade and the first settlements across Alberta. They completed a piece of writing on Voyageurs, and then went onto to learn about French settlements in Alberta. They are currently creating a postcard about a small town or community in Alberta that was initially settled by the French. Students are doing a wonderful job on their postcards! After Spring Break we will move onto learning about the Metis. Students will learn about history, culture, and language of the Metis people.

Have a wonderful and restful Spring Break! See you on March 31!



IMPORTANT DATES!

Swimming
April 7 - 11

PD Day - No School
April 17

Easter - No School
April 18 - 21

Assembly
April 24



March 21st,
2025

Grade 5/6 News!

Mrs Allen

IMPORTANT DATES IN APRIL:

Swimming all week gr.5-7, 10:30-12:30	7-11
Hot Lunch	15
PD day- no school	17
Easter Friday and Monday- no school	18 & 21
Assembly and pop- corn day	24
Badminton Tourna- ment at OES	25
Hot dog day & gr. 6 needles	30

***HAVE A WONDER-
FUL SPRING
BREAK! SEE YOU
ALL BACK ON
MONDAY, MARCH
31ST!***

What's been happening in March?

Language Arts

We have finished our novel study, Matilda, as well as watching both movies at lunch time to compare them to the books. Our theme for this book was resiliency/bravery. Which character would you say showed the most resiliency/bravery in the novel and why?

Stay tuned to see what our next new novel will be after spring break!

Math

The gr.5s & 6s both did their quizzes on coordinate grids and transformations before spring break.

Our next unit for both grades will be measurement.

Music, Art, & Health

Did you get a chance to see us perform our Orff song "I love the Mountains" at the assembly Thursday? If not, you missed out! The class did a wonderful job!

Our most recent project in art is our Indigenous reflection art which uses the red mirra tool in math to create the other half of an indigenous picture. We are also drawing pictures by plotting coordinates on a grid.

In health, we continue to learn why nutrition is so important to keep us feeling well!



Gr. 7 - Mrs. Hill

March has been a very full, action packed month. We welcomed it in like a lamb, with barely enough snow to hold our winter carnival on Feb.28. Two days later, our Boys and Girls Basketball teams demonstrated their sportsmanship and skills and each placed 3rd in their respective pools at the tournament at Onoway JSHigh. The players all improved their 🏀 dribbling, passing, shooting AND court play throughout the day and can be very proud of their performance.



Within days of basketball ending, nearly all of the grade 7 class hit the slopes of Snow Valley for Rich Valley's annual downhill ski program on March 6&11. 🏔️ Again, the sun and mild temperatures were big factors in "a great time was had by ALL!" 😎☀️ These kids made Rich Valley proud 😊 due to their polite and respectful behavior. The skills were taught and reinforced through lessons and then the kids had 5 hours of freetime skiing to practice and hang out with schoolmates. All this activity left many of the gr. 7s with sore muscles or bruised bones that required recuperation time. On top of the physical education, the kids completed a math and social unit, worked through a Heat and Temperature group booklet, and continued to Ch.6 in Locked in Time, writing character sketches and being hooked by all of the foreshadowing presented.

Report cards have gone home and it was great to meet with many of you, to conference about your child's academic progress during the Parent-Teacher Interviews.

Have a wonderfully safe and relaxing Spring Break!



Mrs. Wild's

Grade 3s & 6s

Wow, it's already Spring Break, and Easter is right around the corner! The students have been working hard to wrap up a few units before the break and have earned themselves a week off!

Happy Spring Break!

Grade 3 Math

The Grade 3s have started their fractions unit, where they are learning how to name and model different fractions, as well as compare fractions with the same and different denominators. They continue to practice their basic multiplication facts, and the algorithms for addition and subtraction of multi-digit numbers

Grade 3 Social

In Social, the Grade 3s have continued to learn about different countries. We have completed our unit on Tunisia, and will be learning all about India after the break.



Grade 6 Science

In Science, the Grade 6s are learning all about different climates around the world, and how these climates are affected by both natural and human causes. They have also been learning about some of the effects that climate change has on the planet.

Grade 6 Social

This was an exciting time for the Grade 6 Social class, as Canada appointed its 24th prime minister on March 14. With this, we also wrapped up our unit on municipal and provincial government. In this unit, students learned about the structure and responsibilities of government at the local and provincial levels.



The Grade 6 class also had a great time skiing and snowboarding at Snow Valley earlier this month. It's amazing to see their improvement over the two days, and they received many compliments on their behaviour at the hill!