

April 2021

Principal's Note:

Happy Easter! It is hard to believe we are already greeting April and beginning to see the signs of spring weather. The longer days have been wonderful and we have had a relatively warm March - we have been thankful for the outside playing opportunities. But as you know the saying, "In like a lamb, out like a lion", and Mother Nature provided us one more storm to bid March farewell. Thank you to everyone for your understanding when buses were not running and our phone lines were down on March 29.

March was a busy month at school.

Unfortunately, we did not catch the leprechaun although many tried creating the perfect trap. No pot of gold for us, but we did have fun trying. We had a number of dress up days, report cards and parent teacher conferences, a magician show for our elementary students (thanks, PAC for making this possible) and to end the month Mrs. Rhonda Plamondon helped us celebrate reading with a Dr. Seuss inspired Literacy Week. Our elementary students had a fun literacy activity in the library this week and we all had fun participating in the dress up themes.

As a school, community, and world we are working together in response to the pandemic. Thank you to all for continuing to ensure our school remains safe by keeping kids at home when they are unwell, sharing information with us regarding when kids have been sick, and going for testing when you have been uncertain.

Together we will continue to wear masks, wash hands and use hand sanitizer, keep our social distancing, and work together. Our kids have been great at continuing to follow the expectations. Thank you to all!

April is the beginning of our spring break. Happy Easter to those families who are celebrating at this time. Our

Russian families will be celebrating early in May. During the spring break, we wish you fun family time, lots of laughter, and outdoor time. It will be a great opportunity to rest and refresh for the remainder of the school year. Can you believe we will only have 2.5 months left once we return from spring break on April 12? During our first week back many of our high school students will be writing final exams in three courses (please see schedule at the end of the newsletter), our fourth and final quarter will begin and we will also be continuing with our second semester courses. Students should take some time over the holiday to review and practice skills needed for writing their final exam. Grade 11 students who do not have exams and who missed out last year will have an opportunity to take First Aid. This is a great opportunity as the course is offered at a reduced price.

In April and May the virtue we will focus on is **Fairness**. It is important to treat all people and all situations with fairness. Fairness takes into consideration our other virtues of kindness, respect and tolerance. When we treat people fairly this means we treat people with equality regardless of their sex, age, position, etc.; Ensure everybody's view is sought and heard with an open mind; Consider what is right, not who is right. Throughout the months we will teach about fairness and encourage fair action ... remembering fairness does not always mean equal.

April also brings a focus on Earth Week - we will be studying different ways to look after our earth: reduce, reuse, and recycle. Mental Health week is the first week of May but we will be learning about this and continue learning new skills to help us cope.

**Happy Easter and
Happy Spring Break!**



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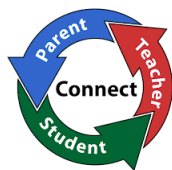
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We are still looking for a **division rep** for division 4 (grade 10-12). This position is important as you will provide insight and perspective for students/parents in your child's division. We have been having great Zoom meetings and working through the ever changing pandemic year. Thank you for donating your time and energy to this important council.

We would like to invite all parents to join our next meeting on **April 27th** at 6:30 in a ZOOM meeting. The invitation will be on our school website and our Facebook page on March 29th.

Parent-Teacher Interviews



Thank you to all of our parents who met with teachers by phone call to discuss children's progress. We enjoy visiting and working with you for our kids' success.

If you were unable to meet with a teacher that evening, please let us know and we will find a time for that conversation to take place.

Dress for the Weather, Please!



As spring arrives in Alberta, we often have a mix of temperatures and weather conditions. Please help us by ensuring your child has proper clothing for the weather - it may mean rubber boots, gloves, extra socks, toques or spring jackets - we live in Alberta, so anything goes.

Twins Day



Preschool News

March was full of so many fun filled days in the preschool room.

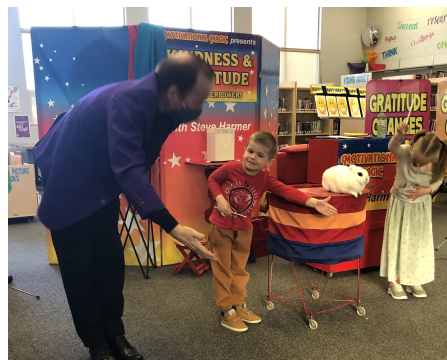
We tried to catch a little leprechaun but they snuck in, set off our traps, stole our gold and left a mess.

We had a couple of special birthday celebrations for Sawyer and Safron. And our very own Piotr was the star of the magic show with Steve Harmer!

Last month we won kindness awards and in March we are practising being independent, we are learning our numbers, and about the animals that live on the farm or at the zoo.

We are so excited to have 3 senior students Kyra, Anna and Hannah help us learn and play. They are working towards an Early Learning

certificate. And for literacy week preschool decided their favourite book by Dr. Suess is Green Eggs and Ham.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten had a blast seeing Steve Harmer and his amazing Magic act. The students were shocked to see a real live dove and bunny

appear out of nowhere while learning about kindness!



We also built Leprechaun traps and were surprised when he stole our gold and left footprints and a mess everywhere!!!!



Grade 1-2

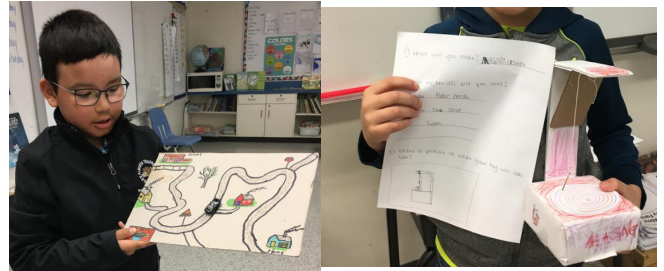
The Gr 1/2 class has been enjoying fairy tales in their Language Arts. The last one we read was Jack and the Beanstalk. Afterward, the students retold the story together and listed everything that had been in the tale. We listed all the items on the board and the students each picked which they would like to make. The story has been created on the wall in the classroom.



Grade 2

March was a month of learning fun in Grade 2R. We had fun working together to make leprechaun traps to catch the tricky guy. While the traps were a work of scientific engineering and imagination, Lucky the Leprechaun could not be caught but he did leave a reward for all the hard work and the students spent a happy 17th wearing green, playing games and presenting our St. Patrick's Day poem. To help us understand the virtue of Tolerance and continue to develop our understanding of traditions and culture in Social Studies, students did some home learning to create presentations for their classmates about where their family came from and special things which are celebrated in their family. We have also been creating books about Our Families which are helping the students think about what makes their family special. As winter wraps up so is our unit learning about life in the northern community of Iqaluit where we have learned about polar animals and life under the Midnight Sun.

Two grade 2 students took the opportunity to do an extra project which was to make a toy, or a game using a magnet. The student in the first picture made a race track for a car to travel on. As he is holding up his race track the car is moving as the magnet moves behind it. The student in the second picture made what he called a magnet swing, also known as a pendulum. There is a magnet inside the box. Hanging in the bottom of the swing is a small nail. The magnet stops the nail from swinging. Congratulations on two great projects well done.



Grade 3

Fun activities inside and outside the classroom. A few grade 3 students having fun on the snow hill. A grade 3 student leading the class in a relaxing yoga exercise. Finally, some students building the tallest tower possible. The challenge here is to not scream when it collapses. In art, we made a leprechaun mobile to celebrate the month of March. The students also made a moveable leprechaun then they created a story about their fictional character. They will read their stories to the class.



Grade 4

The month of March started off with a lot of green! St. Patrick's Day inspired the grade fours to create Leprechaun traps that used all six simple machines (lever, pulley, inclined plane, screw, wedge, wheel and axle). Unfortunately, we didn't catch any leprechauns, but we did have our GOLD fish go 'missing'. Students had to wear their metaphorical detective hats and were required to write a mock police report to solve the mystery of the missing fish. Luckily, our classroom pet was found!

February and into March, we have been working on ways to spread kindness. Some of our ideas were thoughtfully written by and shared by the grade fours.

Grade 5

Exploratory

I think exploratory is a very helpful class. In exploratory, we have been doing Typing Club. Typing Club is a website where the teacher can set up a class and get her students to type. You start off at level one and make your way up the levels. The levels get harder as you go up. The teacher can see your progress. In exploratory, we are also doing CodeCombat. CodeCombat helps your brain waves cope with coding and figuring out problems.

Kallen, Grade 5

Russian Class

In Russian class half of the time, we write on whiteboards. We practice writing and speaking Russian. At the present, we are learning about polar bears and the Arctic.

Feofeela, Grade 5

Art

The Grade 5 class in art has been doing things like owls, towns, animals, etc. Most of the art in Grade 5 is good, some art is great. Every kid tries their best and it all comes out great and all the kids participate. We made lots of art over the year and it's amazing how it looks. We do art every week and most of it is painting, some is pastels and it is all awesome.

Nikiphor, Grade 5

Physical Education

There was a house cup battle with four teams. They're all named after the four teams in Harry Potter. The winning team was Gryffindor! The second place team was Slytherin, third place was Ravenclaw! And last place was Hufflepuff. Everyone's favourite was the last game, soccer.

Tristan, Grade 5

Social Studies

We have been working on 6 regions in our groups and we had to work on our regions of Canada. We came up with this and made suitcases, postcards, letters and more. Some even went all out and brought stuff from home.

Tenley, Grade 5

Science

These automatic cars took 3 months to build. Some do not work, some do. We had a race to

get the best mark. We put our hearts and sweat into the cars.

Connor, Grade 5

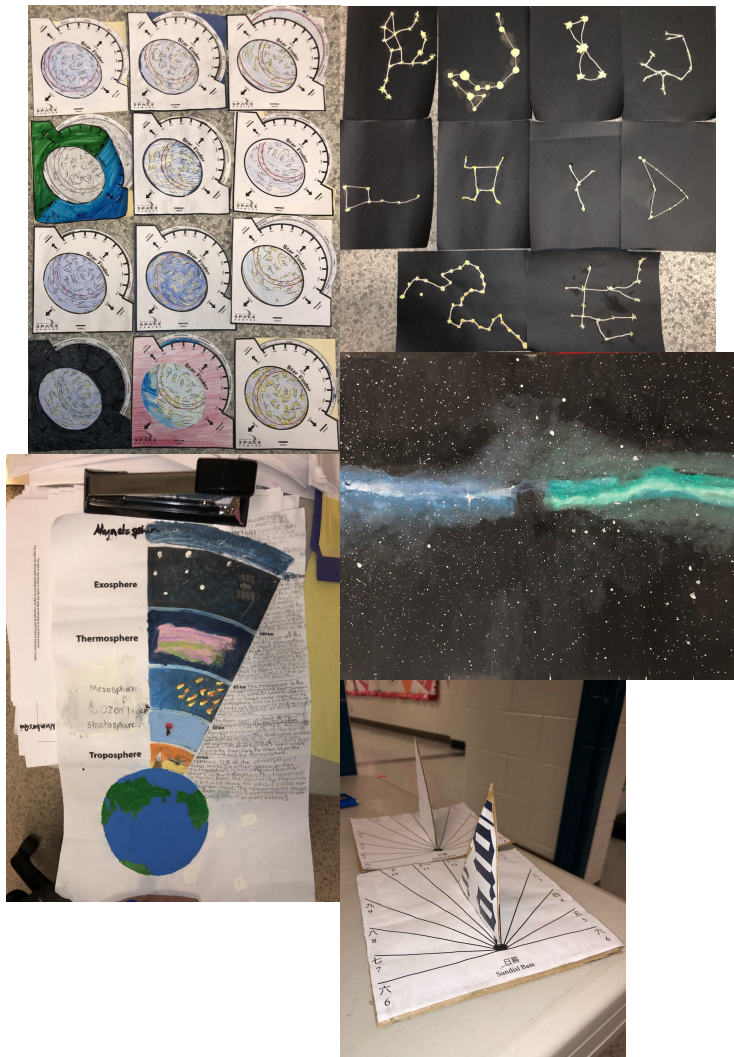
Math

In math we have been learning about long division and multiplication.

Katie, Grade 5

Grade 6

The grade 6 class has continued their study of Space Science. Our projects have been helpful in identifying and recognizing constellations, planets and stars. We completed Star Finders, Sundials, paintings of Star Nebulae, and Planetariums.



Grade 6 Social Studies continues to compare and contrast a direct democracy with representative democracy, and identifying the roots of modern democracy in the Six Nations Consensus-Building process.



In grade 5 we had three cars that were built by students that actually moved (some rather quickly) from the starting line. The race was a close match amongst the three, and the rest of us are already planning which modifications we will make to our class that "aren't quite THERE yet!"



Grade 9

The grade 9 students enjoyed making positive affirmation buttons with Mackenzie from SFSK as part of their Health class. Students have been using a lot of coping techniques while dealing with stress and found this activity a fun way to express themselves. Students are practising some of these techniques while dealing with a simulated activity of taking care of a baby (egg). Students had to research jobs they could get right out of high school, make a monthly budget, and calculate the costs of living on their own and some of the costs a baby brings. They also had to cooperate with their partner to make decisions that were best for their baby, or babies! Some of the students had twins and one group even had triplets!! The overall consensus from the students is that “kids are expensive!”



Math 30-1

Students in Math 30-1 and Physics 20 have been working hard this quarter. We are almost at the end and students should be proud of their success in the fast pace of the quarter system. If you are curious to learn more about what we have done this quarter, ask your child! It is a great study tool to teach parents and family members what they know. I hope everyone finds the time to relax over the break. Following the break students will have some review classes for the course and exams at the end of the week. I would recommend picking up a textbook on those last couple of days of break to refresh your memory.

Learning Commons News

Literacy Week 2021



This year's theme for our Literacy Week is “Dr. Seuss”! The rhymes and fun illustrations have been a big hit! It was so exciting to welcome our Elementary students back into the Learning Commons for some reading and learning.

We have enjoyed many Literacy Week activities this week, like reading classic favorites such as Green Eggs and Ham, The Cat in The Hat, A Wocket In My Pocket and The Lorax.

The Learning Commons is currently home to the very exciting Dr. Seuss Mini Golf Course, and also is featuring fun activities like Designer Socks with Fox in Socks, Green Eggs and Ham potato painting, and a Library scavenger hunt!

We are also having an Elementary Dr. Seuss door decorating contest. I wonder who will win? Stay tuned next month to find out!

Hey, Grade 3-6..Did you find all the hidden library cats??! Some of them are tricky!

So, parents, If you have any Dr. Seuss books at home, pick one up and read it with your children. They are fun for all ages! Which one is your favorite?



Hawks Athletics

Hawks Badminton Club

We are very pleased with the excellent participation and Hawks pride on display at our weekly

Badminton Club practices. We are at our 10 person capacity for all three practice nights and our athletes and coaches are enjoying the friendly competition and a return to school athletics!

Thank you to Mrs. McCullough, Mrs. Evdokimov and Mr. Reid for coaching the groups and working with our young athletes. Practices are scheduled to resume after Spring Break for the remainder of April and conclude on Thursday, April 29th.

- Monday: 3:30 - 5:00pm
Grade 9 - 12 (Reid)

- Wednesdays: 3:30 - 5:00pm
Grade 5/6 (McCullough)
- Thursdays: 3:30 - 5:00pm
Grade 7/8 (Evdokimov)

Impact Student Leadership Conference

The ASAA is pleased to announce the 2021! IMPACT Student Leadership Conference taking place virtually on May 3 & 4, 2021. The Conference is a professional development opportunity for high school student leaders and advisors where participants will discuss topics related to leadership, mental health, respect, and positive values.

The goal of this conference is to help attendees develop skills that will make them better leaders in their schools and communities. We are excited to have this year's event led by TEDx speaker Alex Sheen, former NHL player Bob Wilkie, and previous Amazing Race Canada contestant Kwame Osei. Our 3 speakers will use their vast knowledge and expertise making this year's conference a can't miss opportunity for student leaders and advisors!

This year's event will be held virtually. The early bird registration fee is \$5 until April 15, and the regular registration fee is \$10 from April 16 - April 30. For more information about registration, please visit the SAPDC website: <https://www.sapdc.ca/conference/130>

If you are interested in attending, please contact Mr. Reid and we can explore registering as a group to attend virtually during the school day. [Impact Information Package](#)

First Aid Certification (Grade 10 & 11 Students)

École Plamondon School is pleased to offer a First Aid Certification Course available through *Staying Alive First Aid 2019* (Instructor is Mr. Benny Germain). We have two remaining sessions planned for the year:

Group B: (April 15 & 16) targeted for our Gr. 11 students who missed out last year.

Group C: (May 3 & 4) to complete certification for our remaining Gr. 10 students.

- ★ we have 5 available slots for Gr. 11's if Group B does not work for their schedule

For more information please see the attached information letter or contact Mr. Reid at EPS.

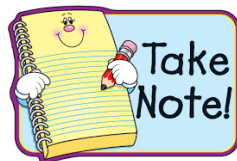
[First Aid Information & Registration Form](#)

Graduation

We are excited to celebrate with our Graduates, whatever celebration we can have. Grade date: **Saturday, June 26, 2021**

Reminders: Please bring 8-10 pictures for the slideshow to the office by April 16th

Dates to Remember



Please check out our April Calendar at the end of the newsletter for important dates and fun activities.

May Dates:

May 2-9: Russian Easter

May 19: Wordpower Spring Author Visit

May 21: Family Friday

May 24: Victoria Day - No school

June 4: Kindergarten/PreSchool Open House

Quarter 3 Exam Schedule

Students writing exams need to be here by 9:00 and prepared to write for a minimum of one hour. **ONLY** students writing core exams (this does not include Forensics) have the option of leaving after their exam. All classes except for Physics 20, Math 30-1 and Forensics are running and **students are EXPECTED to attend.**

Thursday, April 15	Friday, April 16
Classes as normal: PE 20/30, Drama, Shop - class as normal Exam: Physics 20 Ms Pelton's Room 9:00-12:00	Classes as normal: PE 20/30, Drama, Shop - class as normal Math 30-1 Ms Pelton's Room 9:00-12:00
Block 2 Classes as normal: Shop, Russian, Forensics	Forensics 25 Mrs. Whites Room 10:15-12:00 (Block 1 class as usual) Regular Classes (Russian, Shop) for all other students
First Aid - all day (for some gr. 11 students)	First Aid - all day (for some gr. 11 students)
Lunch	Lunch
Afternoon Classes - run as normal Physics 20 students may leave for the afternoon - parent note required	Afternoon Classes - run as normal Math 30-1 students may leave for the afternoon - parent note required

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