

February

Principal's Report

January has been very different in our school this year with only the Grade 1-6 in the school for the first two weeks. We are pleased that the Grade 7-12 students are back in the school and have finished with their Temporary Remote Learning. Teachers and students were prepared for this round of Remote Learning. Teachers commented how students were more engaged and quality work was completed and handed in. Thank you to all families for your support during this time.

Our junior kindergarten/kindergarten students are also returning. We are pleased to welcome Miss MyKayla Kohman to our school as their new teacher. We look forward to having her in the school.

Report cards will be going home for students in Grades 9-12 on February 8th. Second semester begins on Tuesday February 2nd, and it will be day 4. Students in all grades are reminded to dress warm as students are outside for recess and lunch breaks. We have had an easy winter up to this point, but colder weather is coming.

There will be no school for students on Monday February 1st, 8th and 15th.

A big thank you to all the parents, students and staff for the great job on screening for symptoms before school.

We Look Forward to a Good Month!

Nathan Dmytriw

Important Dates:

Feb 1st—No School, Admin Day

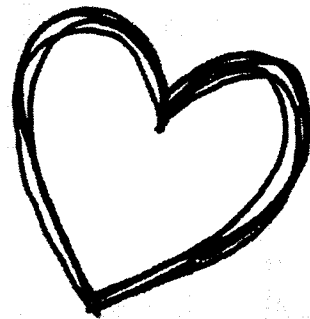
Feb. 2nd—Semester 2 begins

Feb 5th—High School Report Cards go home

Feb 8th—No School, PD Day

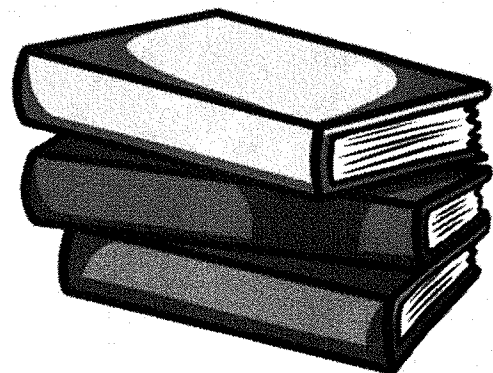
Feb 15th—No School, Louis Riel Day

Feb 26th—Grad Photo Day (am)



February is

I Love to Read Month



Kindergarten

Hi Everyone!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is MyKayla Kohlman and I am so excited to be filling in for Wendy Sacharko's maternity leave position, as the Junior Kindergarten/Kindergarten teacher, until the end of June 2021!

The Kindergarten's have been busy with a variety of different topics since my arrival:

At our daily morning calendar, we have been learning to identify the month January, the days of the week, the seasons in a year, the daily weather, shapes, colours, and counting.

In math, we have been working on learning and recognizing the numbers one through ten.

In ELA, we have been discovering the letters of the alphabet along with the sounds they make.

In social studies and science, we have been distinguishing the differences between needs and wants. We are also in the middle of creating an "All About Me" booklet.

In art, we created a paper plate groundhog in honour of Groundhog's Day that will be taking place on February 2nd.

Looking forward into February, the Junior Kindergarten/Kindergarten class is excited to start a new semester. We will be celebrating Groundhog's Day on the 2nd, Valentine's Day on the 14th, as well as "I Love to Read" all month long!

Sincerely,

Miss. Kohlman and the Junior Kindergarten/Kindergarten Class

Grade 1&2

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a restful holiday season.

Since coming back from the break in Grade 1/2 we have been very busy. In Math we have started learning about patterns. This includes extending, identifying, translating and creating our own patterns. We are also continuing on with developing mental math skills and strategies for addition and subtraction. Coming up next will be word problems and shapes.

In ELA we are continuing to work on our reading, writing and spelling skills. We will have an upcoming writing unit on opinion writing. We are also working on our writing in Social Studies by creating brochures about our community.

In Science we have started learning about objects, materials as well as building structures. We will be learning about what materials make up common objects, how to describe materials and which materials are good fits for different purposes. To wrap up this unit we will be building a useful object out of recycled materials.

Please remember to continue reading at home together each night and checking SeeSaw for more regular class updates.

Miss Kreutzer

Grade 3&4

Welcome back everyone! I hope everyone had a good, relaxing break.

In math we finished our unit on telling time and are now working on multiplication, including mental math, arrays, repeated addition, equal groups and word problems. Everyone is doing a great job catching on and having fun learning. We continue to practice our mental math addition and subtraction skill with a variety of math warm ups.

We finished our novel, "The One and Only Ivan" for our novel study. We all really enjoyed the book and are looking forward to starting a new novel. We continue with our weekly spelling, cursive and grammar.

In Social Studies, we are working on our "Living in Canada" unit. We are discussing important symbols that represent Canada and the meaning behind them. We have also been interested in our families and finding our ancestry and where we come from. Soon we will be starting a project about our family's heritage.

This month is Valentine's Day and "I Love to Read" and we are looking forward to some fun activities.

Mrs. Pilatic & the 3/4 Class

Grade 5/6 News

The 5/6's have been busy in ELA class as usual. We have been continuing reading our novel, Hatchet. We are about half way done now. We have been practicing our writing skills by writing "How To" paragraphs. The goal was to be able to write detailed steps on how to do something. We have finished our figurative language lessons with the last one being onomatopoeias. The 5/6s have also continued to do spelling every week with their test being the last day of the week.

We have completed our science unit on Properties and Changes of Substances. We are now onto our next social studies unit on "Early European Colonization". The 5/6s are working on a research project to start this unit. They chose a country that first came to North America and are learning about why they came here.

The 5/6s have finished their math unit on angles and triangles. We can now use a protractor to measure and create angles. We also know that all the angles in a triangle must equal to 180 and all the angles in a quadrilateral must equal 360. We are just beginning our unit on perimeter, area, and volume. We have been practicing our multiplication and division facts every day and these skills will be very helpful for our next unit.

In French we have completing a unit on activities. We are learning how to write sentences explaining if we like (J'aime) or if we do not like (Je n'aime pas) certain activities.

Bye for now,

Miss Smith

Grade 7&8

Good Day Parents! Hard to believe that the school year is halfway done! Seems like we just got started! We have switched classrooms in January and it seems the students enjoy the change! Here is what we are doing in each subject.

In Math we are going over algebra, this is one of the more challenging units in 7/8 math as we are solving for X, overall the students are understanding the concept beautifully! Later on we will go over the Pythagorean Theorem.

In Science we are going over forces in structures, this is a great hands-on learning experience for the students to enjoy. Later on we will go over ecology.

In Social Studies we are going over the quality of life throughout the world. We are comparing and contrasting life in Canada towards another country that doesn't seem to have as a qualitative life.

I am looking forward to the second semester as spring will be here before you know it!

Mr. Lowry

Grades 7-12 English Language Arts

Throughout January students dealt with the challenges of trying to learn while being separated from their peers and through a screen. It was great to see students engaged with their lessons even though we were not able to be together to share in the collaboration that happens within a classroom. As high school students spent time preparing for their final exams, students in Grades 7-8 were learning how to use various technological features of Microsoft Teams to overcome the absence of in person learning. Students used January to refocus and refine their skills before the start of Semester 2, and exam week for high school students.

Grade 10 Drama

Before briefly transitioning to online learning, students in Grade 10 Drama experimented with the form of Stop Motion/Claymation media and created their own action-based Stop Motion/Claymation videos. Students were excited to work with their hands and use modern filming technology to virtually make their ideas come to life. In January we spent the month reflecting on and preparing for the new year ahead of us and the end of Semester 1. We are all excited for the new adventures that await us in Semester 2!

Mr. Murray's Musings for 2021

Well, Term I is in the books. 2021 has had a good start but, unfortunately, does not seem much different from the dumpster fire that 2020 was. As far as Covid learning is concerned I will chalk up the first half of the school year as a raging success. We had a bit of everything, in class learning, modified labs, remote learning and many, many days with subs. You just never knew what was going to happen next. As a group, the staff and students persevered and mucked our way through. I want to commend all the parents and guardians that reached out over the term with questions and concerns about their student. In times like these, a team approach to learning is essential.

With the dawn of a new Term, comes some new courses. It will be nice change to finally get the chance to work with the Grade 10's. Hopefully they welcome me into their room with open arms. The Grade 9's will continue their math journey in Term II. We will start doing the MRLC material and reviewing material that has been previously covered. This spiraling of the curriculum will hopefully make some of the early difficult topics stay front and center in their brains. The chemists in school will go on to Chemistry 40S. I am hoping that before the end of the year some of the restrictions ease so we can work on some essential lab skills. Sadly, I am done with Biology. We never got a chance to do any dissections. Ideally, if the students decide to take Biology next year, we can squeeze a few in. The Grade 11 class starts math this term. We have a lot of material to cover, filling in all that missing info from the remote learning of last Spring. I bid adieu to the Grade 12 class, as I have none of our potential graduates in my classes next term. But don't worry, it is not all sad faces and tears, I will still get to see their eager faces every day for homeroom.

The Eagle Screech

January is over and that means the first semester is also over. This past month the grade K-8 phys ed classes have been working on their basketball skills, mostly dribbling and shooting. When the 9/10 class came back from doing health classes via remote learning they went outside and did some cross-country skiing. Snow conditions weren't the best but it was still an enjoyable time.

In February some other classes are going to be taking it outside to learn how to cross country ski. Cross country skiing is an excellent cardiovascular activity and a great way to pass the time in winter. The 5/6 class are fortunate enough to once again take the Learn to Ski program courtesy of the Dead Ox Trailblazers out of McCreary. The group was able to get a grant that allowed them to deliver equipment and groom at each of the participating schools. The 7/8 class will soon start skiing as well. The 11/12 class will be starting off the semester with fitness and then cross country skiing in and around town. I'd like to thank the Glenella Cross-Country Ski club for once again keeping the trails in tip top shape, and Bob and Bev Fuglsang for letting us use part of their property so we can get to the trails this year.

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	ADMIN DAY	2 Day 4 Semester #2 Begins Jr. Kindergarten	3 Day 5	4 Day 6 Resource Team Mtg #3 Jr. Kindergarten	5 Day 1 High School Report Cards Go Home	6
7	8 PRAM Mtg #3 P.D. DAY NO SCHOOL	9 Day 2 Jr. Kindergarten	10 Day 3	11 Day 4 Jr. Kindergarten	12 Day 5	13
14	15 NO SCHOOL LOUIS RUEL DAY	16 Day 6 Jr. Kindergarten	17 Day 1	18 Day 2 Jr. Kindergarten	19 Day 3	20
21	22 Day 4 Jr. Kindergarten	23 Day 5	24 Day 6 Jr. Kindergarten	25 Day 1	26 Day 2 Jr. Kindergarten Grad Photo Day in a.m.	27
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