

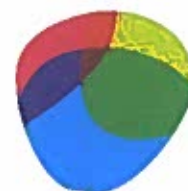


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Newsletter for April 30, 2025

May – REMINDERS

- May 1 - Gr. 7 CTF
- May 2 - Gr. 7 CTF & Gr.1&6 Trip to Chateau Lac Ste Anne
- May 7 - HATS ON FOR MENTAL HEALTH DAY
- School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- May 14 - Hot Dog Day
- Dress in Layers Dress up day!
- Free Ice Cream Social 6pm – 8 pm
- May 15 - PD Day – No School
- May 16 - Day in Lieu of PTI's – No School
- May 19 - Victoria Day – No School
- May 22 - Special Guest – Illustrator Ash Cooper
- Assembly @ 2:05 pm – Gr. 3s performing
- May 23 - School Wide Field Trip to U of A Botanical Gardens
- May 27 - Hot Lunch – Taco in a bag
- Colour House Colours Dress up day!
- May 28 - Gr. 6 L.A. PAT Test Part A
- May 29 - Gr. 6 Camp Warwa
- May 30 - Gr. 6 Camp Warwa
- Gr. 1 & 3 Field Trip to Onoway Museum



Principal's Message:

Wow, the school year has flown by! With only 36 days remaining, we're heading into a busy final stretch. The swimming program was another resounding success! It's always incredible to witness the progress our students make in just five days of lessons. Exciting news! The RVS Enhancement Society Read-A-Thon kicked off today on May 1st and runs until May 30th. Our youngest learners in Kindergarten and Grade 1 will track their reading by pages, while students in Grades 2 through 7 will earn points based on their Accelerated Reader (AR) results. We also have a special treat in store: on May 22nd, the talented illustrator Ash Cooper will be visiting our school. He'll be leading three engaging sessions to share his artistic skills with our students – perhaps inspiring a future illustrator among us! Happy reading to everyone! Our badminton team proudly represented our school at the tournament held at Onoway Elementary last Friday. Many of our teams advanced to the quarter and semi-finals, and we had some fantastic individual achievements! Aliyah earned a well-deserved 2nd place in her division, and Payton S. and Lily also brought home 2nd place. Congratulations to all our badminton players – way to go, Rhinos! The Grade 7 students have wrapped up their final CTF projects for the year, and the results were truly impressive! In a heartwarming community connection, our Grade 1 and Grade 6 classes visited the Chateau in Onoway, where they presented to the residents and enjoyed reading with them. Looking forward, our calendar is filled with exciting events! We have Hats on For Mental Health Day, a special Mother's Day Tea for our Grade 1 and 2 moms, fun dress-up days, a school-wide field trip to the beautiful U of A Botanical Gardens, an adventure to Camp Warwa for Grade 6, and a visit to the Onoway Museum for our Grade 1 and 3 classes. Spring is here, and we have a wonderful couple of months ahead of us!

Have a great weekend!!!

Rod Peterson

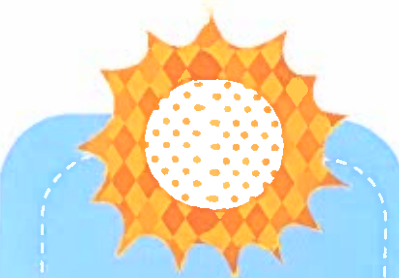
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Kindergarten News

Literacy and Math

Kindergarten students are finally getting caught up on their letter sound study. Learning more letters, has allowed us to be able to write/copy more words. We will continue to practice this skill as the year goes on. As we continue to work on learning all the letters/sounds of the alphabet, we have also done some grouping of the kids and are working on different learning needs. For those that have not yet mastered the names and sounds of the letters, they will continue to practice this in a variety of ways. For those that have mastered the letter names and sounds, they will be working on learning to improve their reading skills. All children will also be learning sight words. It is ok if your child needs more time to master the letters and sounds! Everyone learns at a different pace and in different ways! Please continue to practice these at home and look for/ find specific letters or the sight words inside the take home reading books! You can do this by playing "I Spy the letter/word..."

In math, students have now studied the numbers from zero to seven. They should be able to count objects, identify and print the numerals. We will continue to keep focusing on numbers to ten for the next few months. We will also be starting a Measurement unit.



Important dates for May!

7th– Hats On For Mental Health Day

9th– Hot dog day

14th– Hot dogs & Dress in layers, dress up day

15th– No school (PD day)

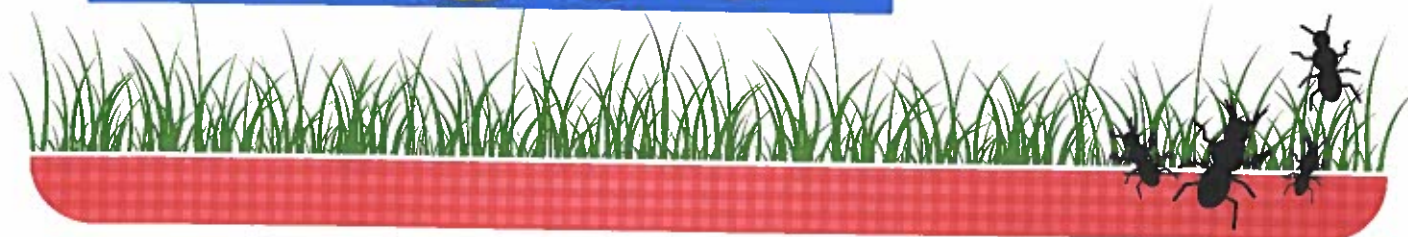
21st– No Kindergarten this day.

22rd– Illustrator visit to school and assembly

23rd– Kindergarten Day! School wide field trip (Devonian Gardens)

27th– Hot lunch day

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents that came and watched our "Five Little Ducks" song at the last assembly! The kids did a fantastic performance!





Grade 1 April Newsletter



Language Arts/ Daily 5

The grade one's have been making leaps and bounds within their writing abilities! They are creating their own sentences every morning, and have received their own personal dictionary to enter tricky and/or unknown words to help guide them. These dictionaries will be going with them to Grade 2 so they can be a tool for them next year as well!

Math

The Grade Ones are continuing to work on developing strategies to solve addition and subtraction math problems. We also have started our Geometry Unit and are learning about different 2D and 3D shapes!

Social

In Social Studies, we are comparing the past, present and future. We are reading stories where older generations reflect on their past, and are soon going to look into the Past of Rich Valley itself! We will be going to the Onoway Museum at the end of May to explore the past even further!

Science

In science the Grade Ones are learning the needs of a plant. We will eventually get to plant our own seed as well!

We made our own hats for, 'Hats off or Mental Health Day' Coming up!



Mrs. Zolmer

Grade 2 News

April 30th, 2025

Special points of interest:

- May 7th— School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm.
- May 7th— Hats on for Mental Health
- May 14th— Hot Dog Day
- May 14th— FREE Ice Cream Social
- May 14th— "Dress in Layers" Dress-up Day
- May 15th-19th— No School
- May 22nd— Illustrator Ash Cooper Presentation
- May 22nd— Assembly
- May 23rd— School Wide Fieldtrip
- May 27th— "Taco in a Bag" Hot Lunch
- May 27th— Colour House Colours Dress-up Day

Language Arts and Science

This month in Language Arts, the students worked on the process for writing fairytale stories. They looked at the structure of a fairytale beginning and then produced their own. Their writing needed to include a traditional beginning, details about the character and setting. The students approached this writing from a differently. They

drew their picture prior to writing. In their picture, the students included their character and the setting. While writing, they were able to add to their picture to make sure the writing and image matched.

This month in Science, the students have been working through their Earth Systems unit. They have learned

how there are different components of the Earth and how they interact and support life. The students will be starting to look more in depth at bodies of water.



Trustee Visit- Math Centres

This month we were lucky enough to have the Trustees and our Superintendent, Mr. Bird, visit our school. During their time with us, we showcased our math centres with basic facts being the focus. The students ro-

tated through addition and subtraction BINGO with Ms. Hove (Games and Activities), Basketball Math Facts (Technology), Popsicle Addition and Subtraction Craft (Independent- with group member support for checking answers), and

Counting Coins (Teacher). The Trustees enjoyed watching the students work through equations and even jumped in to ask questions and assist where needed.



Grade 3/4 Classroom News

Wednesday April 30, 2025

Classroom and Language Arts Update

For the month of April, students continued their book club style of novel study. They will wrap up this novel study with a project which involves creating a poster that showed the beginning, rising action, main event, falling action, and ending of their novel. Each group had to use pictures and writing to summarize each one of these areas in their novels.

Students also practiced writing different types of sentence, which included simple, compound, and complex sentences. Most students use these types of sentences in their writing already, now they have a better understanding of correct formatting for them.

For writing, students started using our visualizing and verbalizing structure words. This is meant to help them put more detail into their writing. It uses structure words such as colour, number, movement, sound, perspective, and many more to help them create pictures in the reader's head. Students will use this process for setting and character in their next piece of narrative writing.

For the month of May, students will finish their narrative stories and work on different forms of figurative language.

Grade 4 Math Update

This month students worked on patterns. This included increasing and decreasing patterns, as well as patterns involving multiplication. Students had to write pattern rules, and use a pattern rule to create a pattern. They have shown a good understanding of this concept and enjoyed the more challenging patterns. Students will wrap up the patterns unit next week, and start the unit on algebra. For this unit students will be working on basic equations and expressions. They will be working with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division within algebra.

Since we have come back from Spring Break students have been doing a math of the day page that challenges them on many different math concepts. Students look forward to completing this page daily.

Grade 4 Science Update

This month students have been working on the science unit of "Earth Systems". Within this unit the students have learned about the different spheres of Earth, which include the lithosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and biosphere. Within the lithosphere students examined the layers of Earth, as well as the rock cycle, as well as the different uses of rocks. Students will continue examining the different spheres of Earth and how they are important in supporting life on Earth. They will see how each sphere interacts with each other as well.



Important Dates!

Hats on for Mental Health
May 7

Hot Dog Day
May 14

PD Day, Day in Lieu,
Long Weekend - No
School
May 15, 16, 19

Devonian Gardens Field
Trip
May 23



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Grade 5/6 News!

Mrs Allen

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Hats on For Mental Health Day	7
Hot lunch	14
No School- PD day and Long weekend	15-19
Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) gr.	28
Camp Warwa gr.6	30-31

Language Arts, Math, Science, & Social

Language Arts

We have 3 different book clubs going on in our classroom right now: Hatchet, Harry Potter, and Among the Hidden. Ask your child what their book is about right now!

We have been trying to move up our Raz-kids levels before the end of the year to show our growth in reading! Please encourage your child to continue reading at least 10-15 min per night.

Math

The gr.5s and 6s are both on their final units of the year: Data Analysis! This unit is where we learn terms like frequency, mode, closed and open list questions, and graph survey information. We also do theoretical and experimental probability which is always so fun!

Art

We have some adorable bunny portraits made out of egg cartons outside our door!

Music

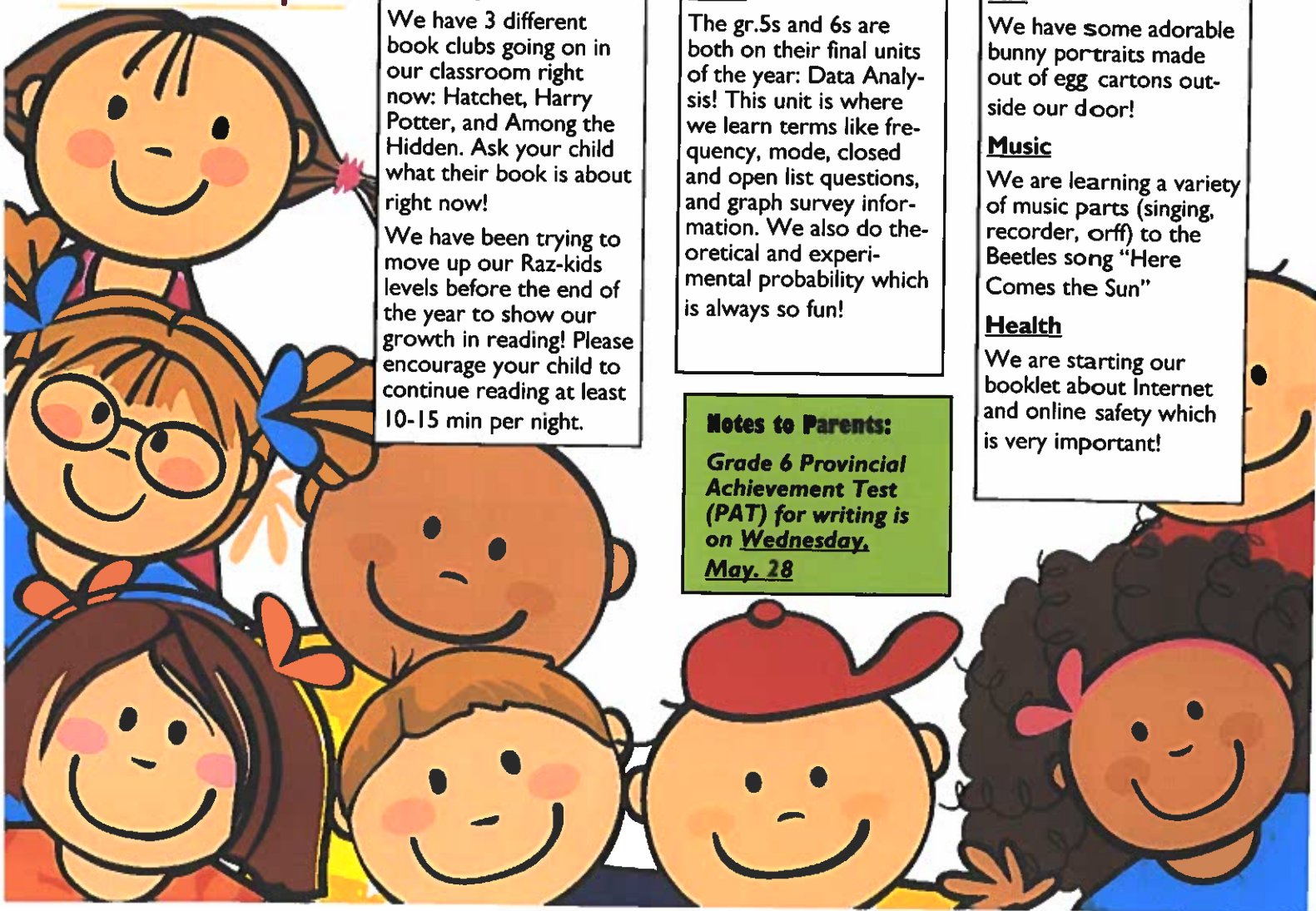
We are learning a variety of music parts (singing, recorder, orff) to the Beatles song "Here Comes the Sun"

Health

We are starting our booklet about Internet and online safety which is very important!

Notes to Parents:

Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) for writing is on Wednesday, May. 28



Gr. 7 - Mrs. Hill

We returned from our spring break at the end of March ready for a week of school swimming at Barrhead Pool, from April 7 - 11. I was impressed with the attentiveness of our kids as the instructors led them through skill practices and water safety exercises. Great fun was had by all.



In Science class, we wrapped up our unit on Heat and Temperature after we built insulated boxes that slowed the melting process of an ice cube. The challenge was well researched and then executed by the groups. Nearly all of the ice cubes remained intact for over 3 hours while we were gone swimming. Other topics covered were passive and active solar heating, energy conservation, the use of fossil fuels and the alternatives for the future.

In math, we completed a unit on writing and solving equations. The kids really enjoyed the amount of time we spent working at the whiteboard to show "our way" of solving equations. Mental math and our basic facts were essential to this process. We continue to practice our basic facts during our Flex block at the end of each day.

In Social we are working toward 1867 and the shaping of our country. After studying the war of 1812, we drew parallels between then and now and our need for unity and "Canadian Identity."

Badminton was a real hit with the entire class. We played an extensive PE class tournament, lunchtime practices and then after school badminton club. Their efforts paid off with a fantastic showing at the 4 school tournament on April 25. You can be proud of yourselves, Grade 7s.

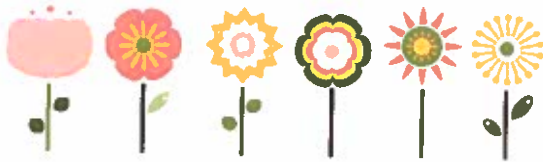


CTF week is well underway with exciting learning occurring in all of the options. Photos of the week will be featured in next month's newsletter. In May, we are looking forward to finishing our Locked in Time Novel and beginning a Film Study, finishing a short science unit on Structures and Forces and heading to the Devonian Gardens for a school wide field trip on May 23. The time is flying by and there is still much to accomplish as we prepare for grade 8.

Mrs. Wild's

Grade 3s & 5s

Goodbye April showers.
Welcome May flowers!



Grade 3 Math

In April, the Grade 3s wrapped up the fractions unit, and have started learning to identify acute, obtuse, and right angles. They are now applying this knowledge to identify and describe polygons such as triangles, pentagons, hexagons, octagons, and a variety of quadrilaterals. This year, students will also have to learn how these polygons are affected by translations, rotations, and reflections.

Grade 3 Social

In Social, the Grade 3s have been learning all about India! With this unit finished, students should be able to tell you about major landforms in India such as the Himalaya Mountains and the Ganges River, and about India's historical relationship with Britain. We also had our Indian feast, where they had a chance to try some typical Indian food such as butter chicken and naan bread!

Grade 6 Social

This was a busy month in Grade 6 Social! With the election occurring on April 28, we spent a lot of time learning all about federal elections and parties leading up to the vote. They also participated in Student Vote Canada, where they had the opportunity to cast their own ballot in the election. Over 900 000 students participated from across Canada. To see the results of the Student Vote election, you can visit: <https://studentvote.ca/results/canada2025> to see what the government would have looked like if the kids were in charge!

Grade 6 Science

The Grade 6s have started a new unit this month on ecosystems. In this unit, they will learn all about a variety of ecosystems around the world, and look at how biotic (living) and abiotic (non-living) factors interact in each one.

