


March

*Spotlight on
Elizabeth School*





Notes from the Principal

Spring is coming! We are all very excited to get some sun on our faces and to get outdoors more often.


The month of March held many engaging opportunities for students at Elizabeth School. We hosted our first annual Winter Carnival on the 3rd which was of great success! Students showed off their Metis apparel as well as enjoyed competing in several traditional games and jigging. With extreme excitement, Grade 5 - 8 students hit the slopes at Kinsoo Ski Resort! Students enjoyed practicing their skills as well as being outdoors and active. St. Patrick's Day fun occurred on the 17th with some green treats and colors worn! Students were provided green pancakes for breakfast as well as indulged in some green jello snacks. Furthermore, students participated in Land Based Learning activities including a fish filleting demo and ice fishing! Look at our Elizabeth School Facebook for details or inquire with your child's teacher every month to see what we have in store!

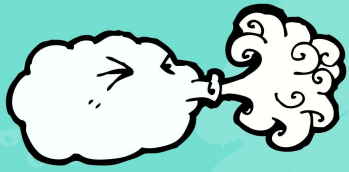
Students at Elizabeth School continue to increase their literacy and numeracy skills. Teachers have created many engaging lessons and activities that students have enjoyed while developing their knowledge and understanding of concepts. Lexia and Symphony Math have assisted greatly in our students literacy and numeracy success! On March 17th Elizabeth School hosted our second literacy event which allowed students to engage in various FNMI themed literacy activities. Students had a great time learning about traplines, furs, and legends.

Attendance and punctuality are essential in academic achievement. Please note that letters will be sent to parents for accumulated lates and absences. It is critical that students are in class on time and attend school regularly, with the exception of illness. If you know your child will be away for an extended period of time, Elizabeth School is happy to provide homework packages.

My door is always open; please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to chat!

Tegan Vacheresse
Principal





MARCH

Cree
niskipīsim
The goose moon or
month
Dene
Nı̄łts'icho Zá
windy month

Important Dates



School Year Holidays

Apr 3-10, 2023 Spring Break
May 22, 2023 Victoria Day
June 21, 2021 Indigenous Peoples Day



Dates in April

Apr 3-10, 2023 Spring Break
April 11 - First Day Back
April 14 - Attendance Assembly @ 2:15
April 14 - Spirit Day - Rainbow Theme
April 21 - Spring Carnival
April 28 - Bannock & A Book @ 2:15

Professional Learning

May 19

Wellness Day

May 05



Around Elizabeth School

Elizabeth School

Show Your Greatness Campaign

Elizabeth School is encouraging students to show off your skills and trying new things!



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS @ ELIZABETH SCHOOL

GR 4 -6

Committing to the team will require the Battle of the Books team members to read many books from the book list before the battle in May.

You got this!!!



Homework Club

Tuesday's with Tegan Vacheresse
Thursday's with Lisa Swan

During Lunch Recess 12:35 pm-12:50 pm

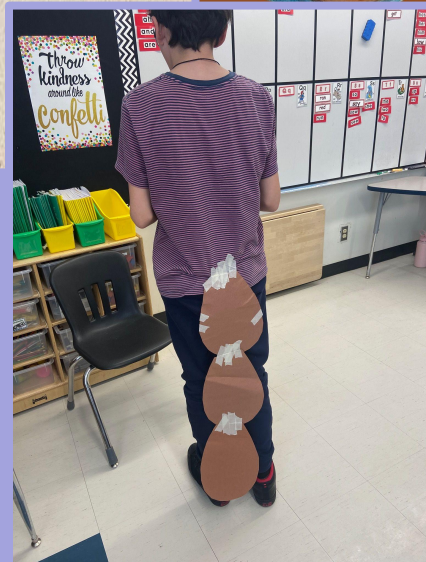


MARCH BEAVER WISDOM

ELIZABETH SCHOOL
MONTHLY THEME



Johnathan McDonald embracing our monthly theme of the Beaver/Wisdom!



ECS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD SOME LIFE SKILLS WITH THE PONTIACS HOCKEY TEAM. WE LEARNED ABOUT HEALTHY EATING, SPORTSMANSHIP, MAKING GOOD CHOICES, HAVING POSITIVE ROLE MODELS, AND HAD FUN EXERCISING AND LEARNING HOW TO PLAY HOCKEY.

ECS

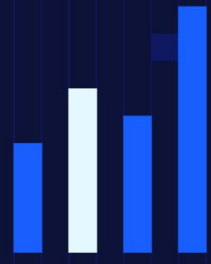
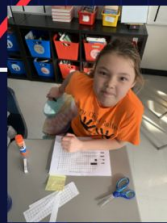
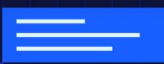


GRADE 5

GRADE 5 CLASS EXPERIMENTED WITH TED HARRISON STYLE OF DRAWING AND PAINTING, USING THE CANADIAN NORTH AS A THEME.



THE GRADE 4 STUDENTS PRACTICED THEIR DATA COLLECTING SKILLS BY SURVEYING THE SCHOOL WITH THEIR OWN QUESTIONS AND CREATING A PICTOGRAPH OR BAR GRAPH.



Grade 5

Comparing and ordering fractions with like and unlike numerators and denominators. Students in grade 5 used fraction blocks to help compare and order different fractions.



Grade 1/2

The Grade 1/2 class started a special project in collaboration with the Art Gallery of Hamilton. Over the next 3 weeks the students will participate in activities from 3 pre-recorded workshops and will have the opportunity to do 3 live Zoom

GRADE 6

Students in grade 6 relate improper fractions to mixed numbers and mixed to improper fractions using a BINGO game.



Grade 8



In grade 8 ELA, the students are organizing ideas and information to establish an overall impression or point of view in print. To achieve this they are following a structured method for writing a five paragraph persuasive essay. They are analyzing sample essays and how they are structured. Then they will write on topics they are passionate about.



GRADE 5

Students are studying their spelling words with a partner. One is the 'teacher' who reads the spelling words and the other is the student who tries to spell the word correctly. Then they switch!



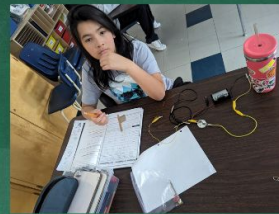
GRADE 6

Grade 6 students are practicing their research and writing skills to create a presentation. Each pair is working on 1 of the 6 nations who made up the Iroquois Confederacy.



Grade 5

Grade 5 students trying different conductors and insulators in their circuits to test for conductivity.



GRADE 7

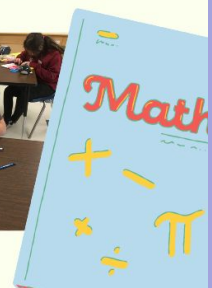
Grade 7 students have been studying



IN 7 ELA, THE STUDENTS ARE LEARNING ABOUT ELEMENTS OF RISING ACTION AND WAYS THAT ANIMALS COMMUNICATE THROUGH A NOVEL ABOUT INUIT ALASKA. THEY HAVE ATTEMPTED SOAP CARVINGS IN THE STYLE OF INUIT SOAP CARVINGS.

Grade 5

Comparing and ordering fractions with like and unlike numerators and denominators. Students in grade 5 used fraction blocks to help compare and order different fractions.



Grade 5



GRADE 5 STUDENTS DECIDING WHAT IS A NEED AND WHAT IS A WANT TO BEGIN THEIR BUDGETING UNIT.

Grade 6 Bingo!

Grade 6 students relate improper to mixed fractions and mixed to improper fractions using a BINGO game.



GRADE 1/2



Students continue to develop their musical talents at Elizabeth School!

Grade 1

Students in grade 1 practicing skip counting by 2's by building Lego towers



GRADE 3/4



The grade 3/4 students used a picture of their fish file experience to write a detailed paragraph.

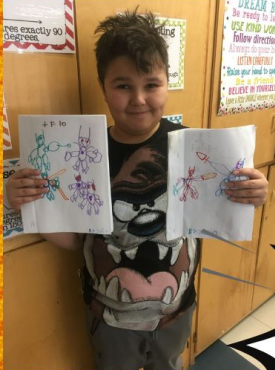


Grade 1/2

Students working on making words using word chains.



Greatness Campaign



JODIN TREMBLAY

JODIN IS GOOD AT MAKING COMICS. HE HAS BEEN MAKING COMICS FOR ABOUT A YEAR NOW, WITH 10 BOOKS COMPLETE! HE USES A LOT OF CRAYONS AND MARKERS TO BRIGHTEN UP HIS DESIGNS. HE HAS BOTH VILLAINS AND HEROES IN HIS COMICS. "THE HEROES ALWAYS WIN IN MY BOOKS AND SOMETIMES THE VILLAINS WILL BECOME THE GOOD GUYS," SAYS JODIN.

Greatness Campaign

Kyomi Waskewitch



KYOMI IS A FANTASTIC ARTIST, SHE LOVES DRAWING EVERYTHING AND ANYTHING!

Greatness Campaign

HUNTER CARDINAL

HUNTER CAN SOLVE A RUBIX CUBE! HIS CLASSMATES THINK IT IS AMAZING!



GREATNESS CAMPAIGN




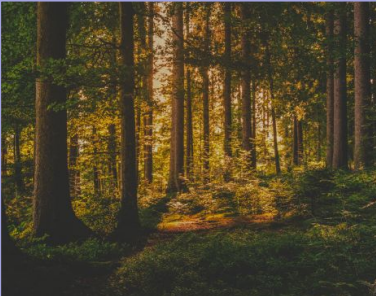

KYSTON TREMBLAY

KYSTON IS A HOCKEY AWESOME GOALIE IN THE EVENINGS AND ON WEEKENDS!

REID MORRISSETTE

GREATNESS CAMPAIGN

REID CAN BOUNCE A BALL ON A HOCKEY STICK! THAT TAKES SOME GOOD COORDINATION.



CARTER GADWA

CARTER IS GOOD AT HUNTING ANIMALS WITH A GUN. HE HAS BEEN HUNTING HIS WHOLE LIFE WITH HIS DAD AND UNCLES. HE GOES HUNTING DURING THE HUNTING SEASON AND ALWAYS COMES HOME WITH AN ANIMAL. WE SHARE THE MEAT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. CARTER'S FATHER HAS TAUGHT HIM HOW TO CUT UP THE MEAT AND EVEN MAKE DRY MEAT.

Greatness Campaign



My name is Starla Cardinal and I'm in grade six and I enjoy drawing. The best thing about drawing is that I am very good at drawing faces. I started drawing at the age of six years old and found that I enjoyed it. I hope to get a job drawing for a cartoon company one day.

GREATNESS CAMPAIGN

HI, IM LAVEYNA! ONE THING I'M REALLY GOOD AT IS HUNTING AND FISHING. I'VE BEEN FISHING AND HUNTING PROBABLY MY WHOLE LIFE. I DIDN'T REALLY HAVE A CHOICE TO GO OR NOT. MY GRANDPA WOULD MAKE ME GO AND THEN I JUST STARTED TO LIKE FISHING & HUNTING.



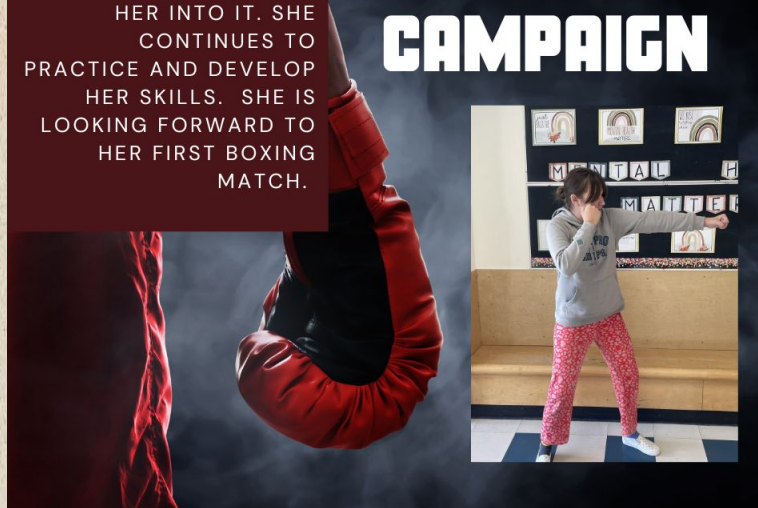
Greatness Campaign

HI, I AM URIAH. ONE THING I AM REALLY GOOD AT IS HUNTING. MY DAD ALWAYS SAYS I AM GOOD AT HUNTING BECAUSE I HAVE GOOD EYES. WE USUALLY HUNT FOR MOOSE AND DEER IN THE SUMMER AND FALL. I ALSO HELP MY DAD CLEAN AND CUT THE MEAT. MY FAVORITE PART OF HUNTING IS SKINNING THE ANIMAL.



NAOMI IS REALLY GOOD AT BOXING THANKS TO HER MAMA WHO GOT HER INTO IT. SHE CONTINUES TO PRACTICE AND DEVELOP HER SKILLS. SHE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO HER FIRST BOXING MATCH.

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HI, MY NAME IS JAYCOB. MY TALENT IS THE GUITAR. MY FAVORITE METHOD FOR THE GUITAR IS TAPPING. I'VE BEEN PLAYING FOR A LITTLE OVER FOUR YEARS AND IT'S BEEN SO MUCH FUN! THE GENRES OF MUSIC I PLAY INCLUDE: METAL, BLUES, ROCK, JAZZ, AND MORE. MY DAD TAUGHT ME MY FIRST FIVE CHORDS AND I HAVE BEEN LEARNING MORE SINCE.



GREATNESS CAMPAIGN



LAWRENCE DESJARLAIS



ONE THING I AM GOOD AT IS HOCKEY. AT FIRST, I WANTED TO BE A GOALIE, BUT NOW I ENJOY BEING A FORWARD. AT HOME I HAVE A STICK AND A NET THAT I PRACTICE MY SHOTS ON. I REALLY ENJOY GOING TO WATCH THE CALGARY FLAMES PLAY. ONE DAY I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PLAY IN A REAL GAME.

Winter Carnival

Students celebrated winter and participated in several activities March 03rd during our first winter carnival! Activities included: jigging, traditional wear, log saw, nail pounding, snow snake, toboggan pull and fireside stories!



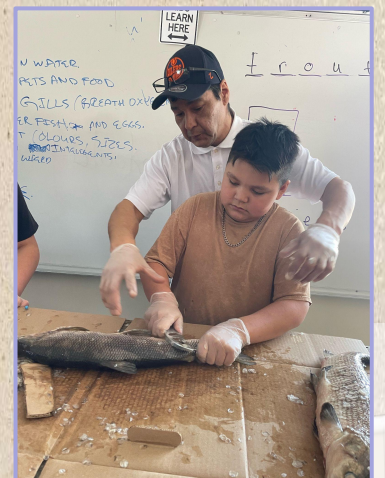
Elizabeth School would like to thank James Cardinal, Fred Desjarlais, & Raymond Desjarlais for their generous donation towards our first Winter Carnival!







Fish Filleting

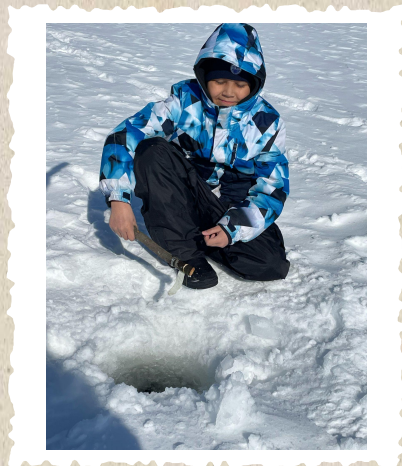


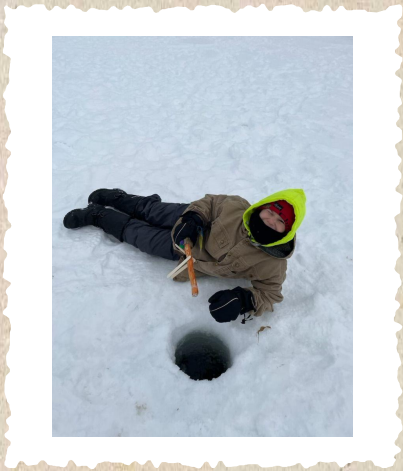
Land-Based Learning

Students were able to participate in ice fishing March 14-16th!





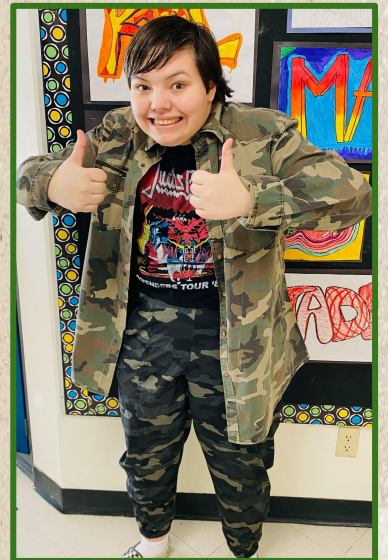
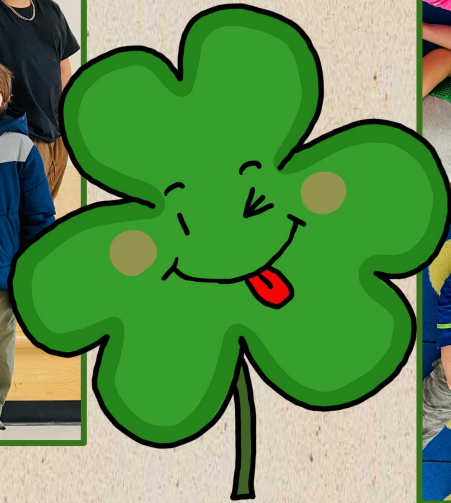




Grade 5-8 Kinosoo Ski Trip

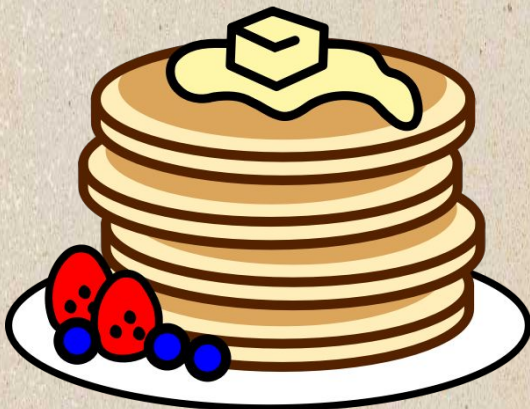
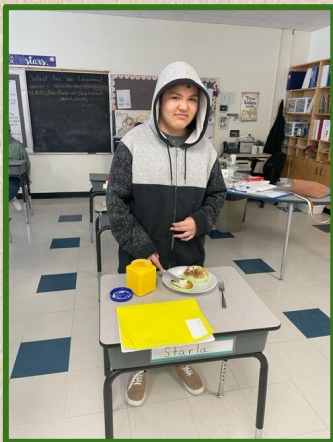
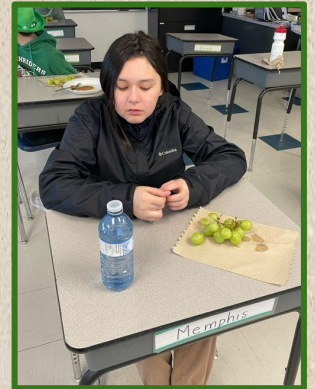


Spirit Day - St. Patrick's Theme



St. Patrick's Day Pancakes

Students enjoyed green pancakes and grapes on March 17th in light of St. Patrick's Day. A BIG thank you to Gladys Desjarlais, Jamie De La Salle, and Maddy MacDonald for organizing such a great breakfast for our students!

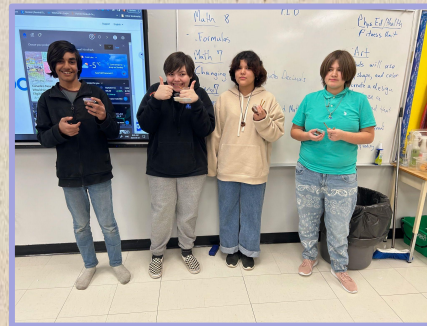


Beaver Stack Snacks

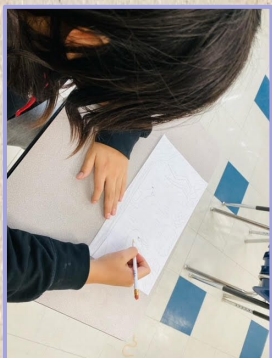
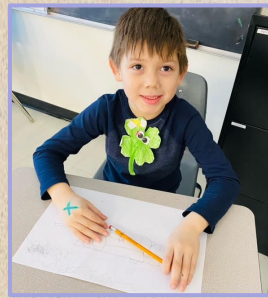
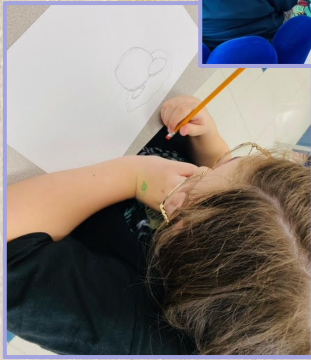
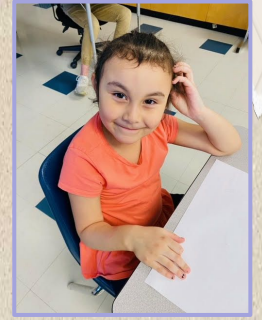
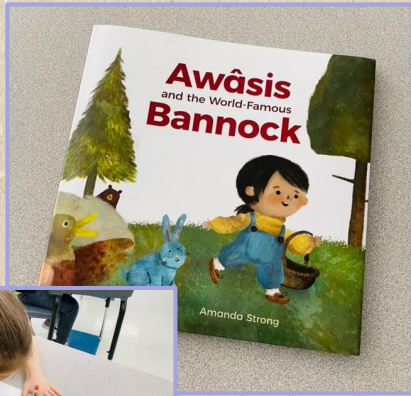
Embracing our monthly theme of
Beaver/Wisdom!



Students enjoyed a special treat on March 31st acknowledging our focus on the Beaver/Wisdom teachings for the month.



Literacy Afternoon



COLD LAKE MUSIC FESTIVAL



Elizabeth School students participated in the local music festival and did a fantastic job!

Elizabeth School students shared their talent playing fiddle for Alberta's Premier!!

Way to go!



Elizabeth Metis Settlement Students





ATTENDANCE COUNTS

Recieve an Attendance Certificate & have your name entered to win a prize!!

50\$ PRIZE!

← Perfect Attendance 85%+

Excellence In Attendance 95%+

100\$ PRIZE!

1 Draw per month

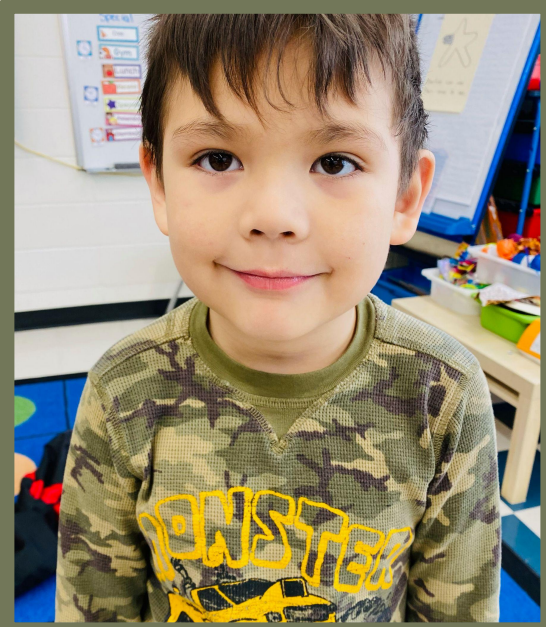


Occurs every month!





February Attendance Winners



Perfect Attendance 85%+

**Adam
Blackman**



Excellence in Attendance
95%+

**Ashton
Martial**



CELEBRATING YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS

Perfect Attendance 85%

ECS

Claire Speers
Lunah Hunter
Loxilee Houle
Levi Desjarlais
Darian Desjarlais
Lynden Cunningham
Braxton Collins

Grade 1/2

Nazareth Collins-Jacknife
Gabriel Speers
Hadrian Jacknife
Natalie Thomas
Adam Blackman
Kora Desjarlais

Grade 3/4

Kiara Blyan
Lily Jacknife
Hunter Cardinal
Kyston Tremblay

Grade 5

Alessandra Bergmann
Amber Jacknife

Grade 6

Ariana Chief

Grade 7

Leonidas Cardinal-Janvier
Alex Castonguay
Jesiah Favel
Ashton Martial

Grade 8

Makayla Desjarlais
Joy Shirt

Excellent Attendance 95%

ECS

Lincoln Courtepatte

Grade 3/4

Priya Sagan
Everly Soloway
Kyomi Waskewitch

Grade 5

Zander Collins-LaPratt
Jodin Tremblay
Carter Gadwa Janvier

Grade 6

Jaycob Swan
Uriah Sagan
Lawrence Desjarlais
Mordecai Cardinal-Shirt
Starla Cardinal-Janvier
Naomi Blackman

Grade 7

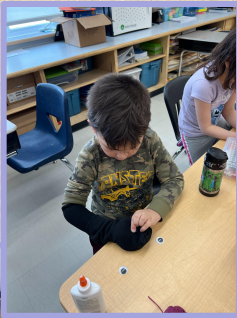
Legion Marchuk
Johnathan Mcdonald

Grade 8

Luca Jacknife
Max Sagan

ECS

ECS students have had a very eventful month! Students were able to participate in several engaging literacy based activities during our second Literacy event on March 17. ECS students have completed all of the Animated Literacy Alphabet letter and sound lessons. Great job to all the ECS students who have worked so hard to learn all of the upper and lower case letters. Students have also continued to make gains in identifying numbers, counting, and grouping. Keep up the good work!!



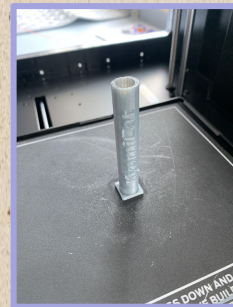
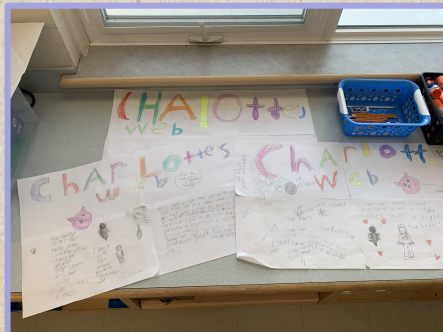
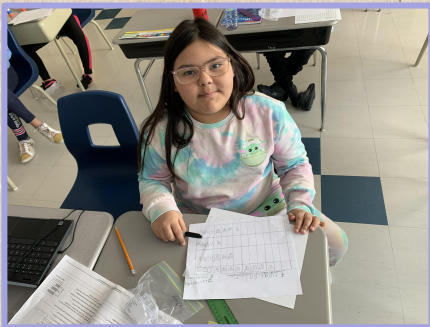
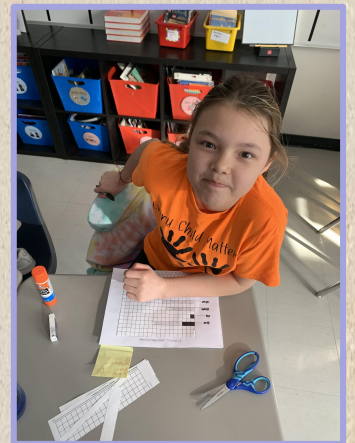
Grade 1/2

We had a lot of exciting things happening in March! Our class had the opportunity to participate in a fun puppet project with the Art Museum of Hamilton. We also had a great Winter Carnival, went ice fishing and participated in a FNMI themed literacy afternoon. Students have been working to increase their knowledge of letter-correspondences, such as consonants, vowels, digraphs, and blends and applying this knowledge when reading and writing words. The class continues to listen to a variety of fictional and informational texts that are read aloud to build their vocabulary and comprehension. In March, students in grade 1 continued to build their numeracy skills by practicing addition and subtraction within 20 and learning how to skip count by 2s, 5s and 10s. Grade 2 students completed a unit on measurement and learned how to measure and compare using non-standard and standard units. We are so happy that spring is finally here!

Grade 3/4

Happy Spring!

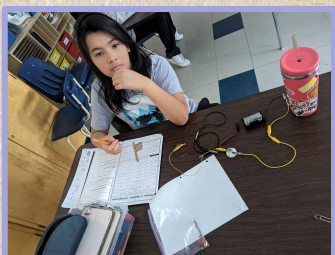
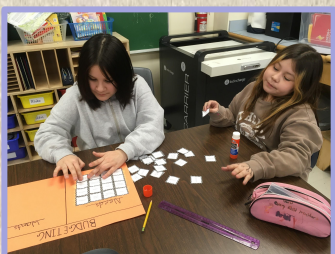
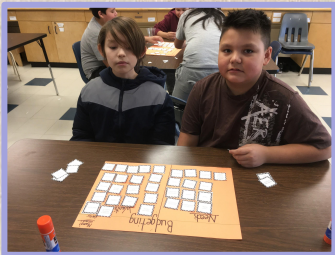
This month we had lots to celebrate! Grade 4s finished their graphing unit and now both the grade 3 and 4 students are working on multiplication. In English, students are expanding their writing by adding more details. They also finished their Charlotte's Web project. In science, students are beginning their hearing and sound unit by recording and manipulating their voices. In Social Studies, students are going back in time to the stories and histories of the people of Alberta. We had a fish filleting demo, went ice fishing and even got a few bites! Finally, students had the opportunity to build a model of a pencil holder on the computer and 3D print it!



Grade 5



In grade 5 math we have been working on fractions identifying fractions, comparing sizes and finding equal fractions. In science we are continuing to work on our electricity unit testing materials to see if they are conductors or insulators. In health we are starting our budgeting unit deciding what is a need and what is a want. Grade 5 students are reading "The Tale of Despereaux" and are excited to hear about how our three characters (Mig, Despereaux, and Roscuro) met. In social, We are learning about how the Canadian Shield Region is made of ancient rock. Students went ice fishing for the day on March 14.



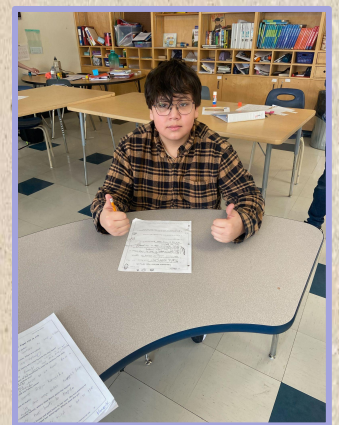
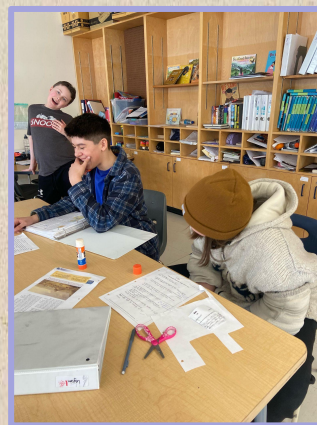
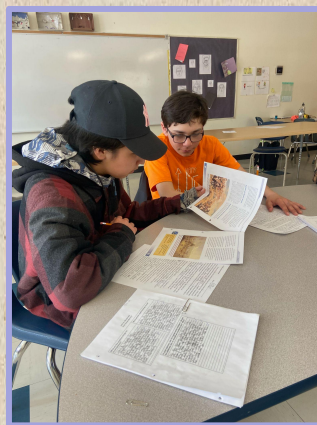
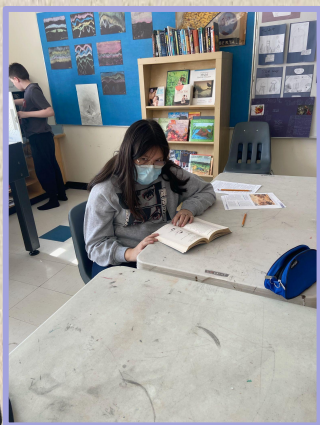
Grade 6

The spring weather is almost here! Students in Grade 6 have been enjoying listening to the Mars Patel podcast, learning about figurative language, and practicing adding suspense to their stories. In science we have been studying the stars, the Sun, and the seasons in our Sky Science unit. In Math we have been working on mixed numbers, improper fractions and decimal numbers to thousandths. In Social, we have started our Iroquois unit. Students have learned about and built a longhouse as well as completed a google slide project researching each of the nations who made up the Iroquois confederacy. We explored healthy eating in Health and students are enjoying playing lacrosse in PE.



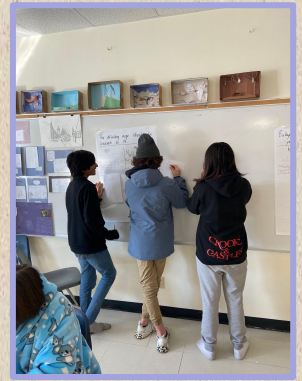
Grade 7

In 7 ELA, the students are learning about elements of rising action and ways that animals communicate through a novel about Inuit Alaska. They have attempted soap carvings in the style of Inuit soap carvings. In 7 Social Studies, the students are learning about the history of the Metis and their important role in the development of Canada. We will listen to and analyze some of the songs of Pierre Falcon, an early Metis singer and composer. Our Grade 7s have been studying Heat and Temperature in Science, and in Math, they have been focusing on Area, Perimeter, and Circumference, and changing fractions into decimals. The grade 7s have also had the opportunity to do beading in the classroom.



Grade 8

In grade 8 ELA, the students are following a fail-proof method for writing a solid five paragraph essay. They are analyzing sample essays and how they are structured. Then they are writing on topics they are passionate about. In 8 Social Studies, the students are learning about the worldview of the Spanish and how it contributed to their devastating policies against the Aztec people. They will link this to our own past and Truth and Reconciliation. The Grade 8s have been busy exploring the fascinating world of Light and Optical Technology. They have been learning about how light behaves and the different ways it can be used in our daily lives. Additionally, they have been flexing their mathematical muscles by creating formulas in Math. This is an excellent way to practice critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Moreover, they have been delving into the world of algorithms and coding through the use of beading. This is an exciting way to learn about programming and its applications in our daily lives.



Native Language

We have been incorporating technology with our learning using Google Slideshow, Kahoot!, Blooket.

We have played new Cree adapted games focusing on language learning and revitalization of our language in our students.

Each student is creating their own Cree dictionary of the words that we are learning. The Cree Dictionary has the Cree term, the English translation and the syllabic spelling.

We focus on pronunciation and vocabulary, eliminating the use of worksheets.

We have a fantastic time in our Cree class!



Animals

Syllabics

5 W's
Of Cree

Greetings
And
Departures

Kinship
And
Family

Some of the vocabulary
that
we have been working
on

Action
Word

Days
of the
week

Numbers

Months

Colors