



MARCH NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating customs and traditions from all around the world is what we love to do!

If you would like to help us celebrate these events or have a day of significance to add, please contact your child's teacher, Mr. Wagner or Mrs. Hare. We welcome any suggestions; it would be great to hear from you!

Special points of interest:

- March Break – March 12-16th
- March 21st - 4:30 p.m. Moses Beaver Gratitude Garden Opening
- March 23rd Music Friday
- March 30th Good Friday (no school)

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March 2	Holi	Hinduism
March 8	International Women's and United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace	United Nations
March 14	Sikh New Year	Sikhism
March 17	Saint Patrick's Day Saka New Year (Nyepi)	Christianity Hinduism
March 18	Hinduism New Year (Uganda)	Hinduism
March 20	Ostara/Lady's Day (Spring Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	United Nations
March 22	World Water Day	United Nations
March 30	Good Friday	Christianity
March 31- April 7	Pesach/Passover	Judaism
April 2	Easter Monday	Christianity



EARLY PICK UPS

Except in cases of emergency, your child should know that you are picking them up. End of day dismissal begins at 3:10 p.m. All students are expected to be picked up by 3:20 p.m.

Other Non-Routine After-School Pick Ups or Early Appointments:

To avoid unnecessary disruptions to classroom learning, we request that all early pickups be arranged with your son/daughter before school or a note is placed in the child's agenda. We cannot guarantee that your child's class will be in their normal classroom for messages to be relayed appropriately.

Your help with this is greatly appreciate.



It's a very ancient saying,
But a true and honest thought,
That if you become a
TEACHER
by your
PUPILS
you'll be taught







Information from Public Health

March is Nutrition Month! Starting from a young age, inspiring children to shop, cook and prepare food can set them up for a lifetime of healthy eating. A great way to teach kids about food is to let them shop and cook with you. Kids are also much more likely to eat what they make, so cooking at home is a great tip if you have picky eaters.

Here are four tips to get your kids involved in cooking:

1. Pick a recipe together: Children need to be part of the plan from the beginning, and it helps if they prepare something that they love to eat. Shop for groceries together too!
2. Keep it fun! Imaginative play helps kids get deeply involved. Make a theme night or turn your kitchen into a restaurant or reality cooking show.
3. Be a role model: If you're excited, they will be too. Try a new food, describe the flavour and be adventurous to inspire your eaters to do the same. Get other members of the family involved.
4. Be cool about the mess: Spills and accidental messes happen, and it's important to remain calm about little mishaps. Keep kitchen towels handy for cleaning up spills.

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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MARCH INTERESTING FACTS & DATES

Did you know that March is named for the Roman God Mars!

March 2nd – Dr. Seuss Birthday

March 2nd NASA astronaut Scott Kelly returned from space after one full year, setting a new record for the longest uninterrupted trip to space.

March 17th – St. Patrick's Day

March 21: The 10th anniversary Twitter founder Jack Dorsey inaugurating the social media site with its profound first tweet: "just setting up my twttr"

March 24 – Harry Houdini's Birthday

March 25 – 1882 1st Pancake made

March 29 – 1886 Coca Cola invented



EARTH HOUR

Join the global Movement! Celebrate Earth Hour on March 24th at 8:30pm.

Earth Hour's mission is uniting people to protect the planet by raising awareness of about climate change and encouraging positive action.

Earth Hour is more than an event. It is a movement that has achieved massive environmental impact, including legislation changes by harnessing the power of the crowd.

Ideas for your family to do for Earth Hour!

A simple event can be just turning off all non-essential lights on March 24th from 8:30-9:30 pm. For one hour, focus on your commitment to our planet. To celebrate, you can:

- prepare a candle lit dinner
- talk to your neighbours, or invite people over
- stargaze, or go camping in your backyard
- play board games, or charades
- host a concert, or a sing-a-long
- create or join your own community event
- have an Earth Hour every month!

The possibilities are endless!



LIBRARY NEWS



The library has been a very busy place this February! Our Kindergarten and Primary classes have begun reading Blue Spruce and Le Prix Peuplier. They are preparing their passports to vote for their favourite book at the end of April and join in on a celebration in May. Students in our Junior Forest of Reading clubs (Le Prix Tamarack, Silver Birch Fiction, Non-Fiction or Express) are off to the races reading books in the various clubs.

Many students read books from our Black History Month Collection and shared their reflections through art for our February Library Contest! Some great learning! Some fun prizes for the students!

The Forest of Reading also has opportunities for students this year:

Please explore the link to learn more about it. http://accessola2.com/forest/ParentToolkit/story_html5.html

Thanks to the Parent Council for their long term support of the Forest of Reading Program!

Two School, One World Treaty with St. Joseph's Catholic School

Our two schools have been continuing our classroom environmental treaty promises, every month a class from each school get together to exchange the Wampum belt for display in alternating schools. This February all of our students and all students from St. Joseph's Catholic school added a fingerprint to a collaborative fingerprint wampum belt as a way to remember our commitments to the earth. This project has helped us learn from Indigenous people and learn some truths about the history of Canada. Working together with a neighbourhood school has been great for building new relationships and sharing our environmental responsibilities. The students have been keeping their promises and really show they understand the importance of treaties.

Paisley Cares! Have a Heart Initiative!

Students showed they cared this February extending kindness and writing letters in support of equity for First Nations students. They created a heart message to be sent to First Nations school communities or wrote to their MP or PM to express their thoughts. For more information click here: <https://fncaringsociety.com/have-a-heart>

PAISLEY CHOIR THIS MARCH AND APRIL

We have some incredible opportunities to perform. Our choir will be able to perform O'Canada at the Storm Game on March 29th. We will be preparing a couple songs for the UGEMTA festival on April 25th and the Education Week Opening May 7th. We will meet every Monday second recess for the next several weeks to prepare to perform some music together. Go Paisley Panthers!

Grade 6 E-textiles and Maker Club

Sewing meets circuits in this club. M. Woolfrey, Ms. Richer and a group of Grade 6's have been making wearable circuits. Using conductive thread, LED and micro-motors students have designed a wearable creation to keep. Great work E-textiles club. Students who completed their projects will now be building BristleBots (Bringing scrub brushes and motors together) to make a robot they can battle and race. Perhaps these Bristlebots can help with the housework at home!

