

Parkdale School Parent Newsletter

February 2021

February Calendar of Events

1st - ECS

2nd - Virtual Parent Advisory Council 4 pm to 5 pm - Please contact the school and give us your email address so we can send you an invite to the meeting.

3rd - Indoor Winter Activity from 1 to 3 pm - classes will remain in their cohort

4th - Teacher's Convention - NO SCHOOL

5th - Teacher's Convention - NO SCHOOL

8th - ECS

- Please send all valentines to the school by this day so we can isolate them until Friday. The teacher will then hand them out to the students on Friday while wearing gloves

10th - ECS

12th - ECS

- Class valentine activities in the pm. No treats will be accepted at the school due to COVID protocols.

15th - NO SCHOOL - FAMILY DAY

17th - ECS

19th - ECS

22nd - ECS

24th - ECS

- Pink Shirt Day - please wear your pink shirts to school

26th - NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day

Parent Information

We would like to thank all of our parents for their continued support this year.

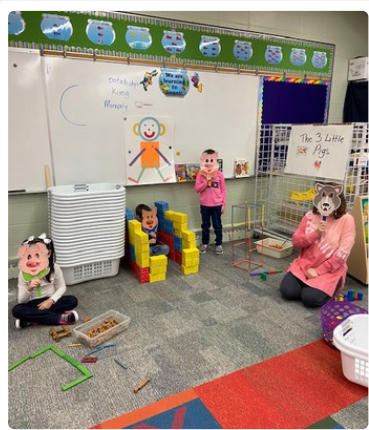
We are looking for people to attend our Parent of Parkdale Advisory Meetings. They will be virtual and run for one hour. All you need to do in order to attend is contact the school with your email address and a calendar invite will be sent to you through your email. These meetings are a chance for you to get to know and meet other parents and for you to have the opportunity to hear what is happening at the school and voice your opinion. We value parent participation and encourage all to be involved. If

you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office. We look forward to hearing from you.

Registration verification forms will be sent home after spring break. Please keep an eye out for these and ensure that they get back to the school as soon as possible.

On the afternoon of February 3rd we will be having an activity afternoon. The students will have hot chocolate (served in a COVID friendly manner), create a valentines day craft, do a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) challenge and participate in a Hula Hoop toss game. The classes will be remaining in their cohorts for the afternoon.

Classroom Happenings



ECS

We have started the new year in Kindergarten reading about different fairytales. We talk about the main characters and we re-tell the story in our own words. In this picture we are building a straw house, a stick house and a brick house from the 3 Little Pigs. When we are finished building we act out the story.



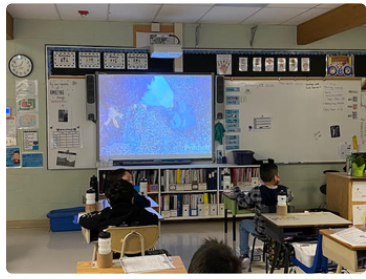
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In Grade 6 we are very pleased to be back in class after the break and week of online learning. We recently started the novel, Holes, in Language Arts, started a unit on fractions in Math, are finishing off our flight unit in Science and have begun to learn basic sewing skills in CTF. On the first day, we practised threading a needle and then sewed a button to a piece of fabric. Everyone made a great effort and completed the task. Future projects may include sewing a pouch, a stuffed animal and then exploring knitting or crocheting.



3G Science

Some EXCITING things are happening in our Grade 3 Science class! We wrapped up our Building unit by going outside (on one of our many warm days this year) and making natural structures using materials we found in the schoolyard. Check out the first picture for the results!



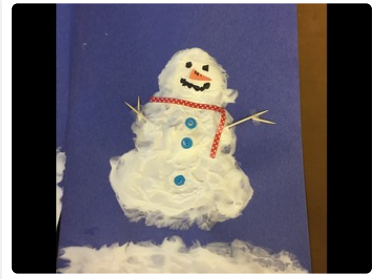
3G Science Continued

We are now working on our new unit, Animal Life Cycles. We started watching a live eagle camera with 2 parent eagles (Harriet and M15) and 2 small eggs. On January 23, our eggs hatched and we met our baby eaglets! We check on the camera once a day to see their progress. We can't wait to watch these little ones grow! If you would like to watch the eagle camera at home with your student, you can check out the website <http://swfleaglecam.com/>.



Student Support During the Day

Our Educational Assistants have been working really hard to support the learning of all students. They have been running sprint groups (a group of students working on a very specific skill for a short period of time), through out the day. We have been watching our students grow and develop with these skills and we are excited to see where our students go. A big thanks to all of our Educational Assistants.



2O Art Project

In grade 2, we listened to the snowmen at night read aloud and got ideas about all the things snow do at night. We then created puffy 3D snowmen with shaving cream and glue and added extra details to make our snowmen come to life.



Grade 7 Science

In Grade 7 Science, we are working on our unit "Plants for Food and Fibre". We are learning about how plants function, what they are made of, and how they are used for different purposes. We have talked about how water moves from the roots of the plant to the leaves of the plant. We are currently doing an experiment with celery and coloured water to answer the question of "How does water move through a plant?"



Grade 8 Science

In Grade 8 Science, we have wrapped up our unit "Cells & Systems" with a 3D Cell/System project. Check out the photo above to see one of the many awesome submissions for this assignment (a cake version of the human excretory system)!



Grade 8 Science Continued

We are currently working on the "Mechanical Systems" unit. In this unit, we are learning about what different forces affect how much work we put into a system, and how different simple machines can make our lives easier. We started this unit when we were online and to kick it off, we made small Rube Goldberg Machines at home and shared them on Google Meet. Here is an example of the demonstration one I made for the class. We are excited to see how the rest of this unit goes!

Class Happenings Continued

3G

The grade three class has been learning about different Countries around the World. We have learned about Peru and just started with Tunisia. The kids have been so excited about seeing the differences between those countries and ours. I have been very impressed as to how interested the kids are and the questions they have been asking. They especially loved learning about the different types of food.

Valentine's Day

Due to COVID the classroom celebrations will look a little different. We are asking that all valentines be brought to the school on Monday, February 8th. The teachers will then put them in ziplock bags to be isolated until the Friday.



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