

Parkdale School Parent Newsletter

March 2021

Happening This Month

8th - ECS
10th - ECS
10th - Crazy Hair Day
12th - ECS
12th - Report Cards Go Home
15th - ECS
17th - ECS
17th - St. Patrick's Day Bingo in the afternoon
19th - ECS
22nd - ECS
24th - ECS
25th - Job Embedded Professional Development Day - All employees are listening to Dr. Jody Carrington speak
26th - Start of Spring Break for students

See you back at school on Tuesday, April 6th



100 Day
Celebration



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Grade 1

The grade ones have had a lot of fun this month! We have experimented with our five senses, learned new addition strategies and had a lot of fun dressing up on 100th day! The students created several sets of 100 things, built towers with 100 cups and were challenged to see how many times we could do certain things in 100 seconds!!



Kindergarten

The month of March has arrived which means we have a little Leprechaun in the Kindergarten classroom. We have already found green footprints with our magnifying glasses. We know his name is Silly McGilly and he likes to play fun little tricks on us. We hope that we will catch a glimpse of him or maybe even find his gold. Stay tuned to hear all about him from your Kinder friends!!



Grade 3 Science

In grade 3 science, we are still learning about animal life cycles. We are currently talking about how an animal's teeth are different depending on their diet - whether they are a carnivore, omnivore, or herbivore. The grade 3's were awesome all week so we did an experiment to celebrate. You can do this at home too! Check out this link for more information!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqQSIEViNpk&ab_channel=IncredibleScience



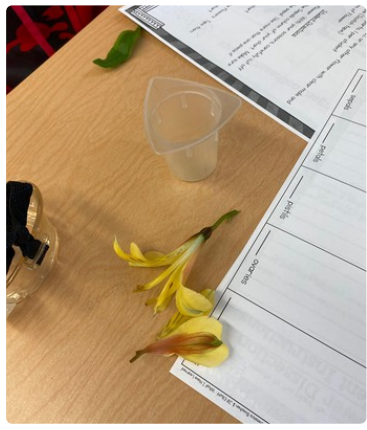
Grade 2

In grade 2, we are finishing our boats and buoyancy science unit by using what the students have learnt in the unit to create their own boats. The students explored a variety of potential materials that they could use. They had to make their boats float, carry a load of marbles and make it propel. There was tons of creative designs!

Registration Verification Forms

It is that time of year again where we are planning for the following school year. In order to plan effectively we need to know student numbers in each grade. We sent home last week registration verification forms for all of our students this year. If you could please look over the information, make any corrections, and then sign the forms and return them to the school as soon as possible we would appreciate that. We will be going into our staffing meetings shortly and we need to know number of students. If you know of anyone that was thinking of attending Parkdale next year, please tell them to contact the school at 780-352-4594 so we can talk to them about registering. That includes Kindergarten students.

Thank you for your help with this important issue.



Grade 7 Science

In grade 7 science, we are continuing with our Plants for Food and Fiber unit. We are currently learning about the internal structures of a flower and how plants reproduce. We dissected flowers to see these internal structures - check out this photo from the lab!



Grade 8

In grade 8 science, we are working on our unit Mechanical Systems. This is a challenging unit and the students have been encouraged to ask questions when needed and review their notes and practice questions at home when they are studying. We recently started an inclined plane lab to see our force and work calculations in action. The students have to make various inclined planes and measure the mechanical advantage that each gives when lifting a load!

In grade 8 LA, we have just started our Harry Potter novel study. The students just received their Hogwarts acceptance letters, we will be making our own wands soon, and are looking forward to the rest of the novel! We are focusing on comprehension in this unit.



Grade 6

The hard work continues in Grade 6 as we recently launched into our Space unit. Students have been working on constellation projects with writing and artistic components. Speaking of projects, for the 100th day of school, we completed a display of work honoring people who lived through the major events of the past century. Some of the projects students created focused on World War II and the Cold War, women's rights, First Nations History in Canada, and changes in toys, comic books, candy and food prices. Students also got to experience some history first hand when Mrs. Kennedy brought in very old comic books, records and toys for the students to see.

Grade 5

Here are the Grade 5's painting their rocks. Every student in Wetaskiwin is painting a rock with a positive message on it. The students took them home and now they need to place them somewhere outside in the City of Wetaskiwin.



ECS Registration

We are now accepting registrations for the 2021 - 2022 ECS class. We will be planning a virtual open house for you to attend to meet the teacher and see the classroom. If you are interested in attending the open house prior to making your decision please do not hesitate to contact the school, give us your email address and we will invite you to the open house.

Your child is eligible for ECS if they are 5 on or before December 31st.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, call 780-352-4594.

