

 **April 2025 Newsletter**

**NOTES FROM THE OFFICE**

Welcome spring! As the weather warms up, we follow a 10 degree protocol to know when to wear coats and when to take them off for outdoor play. Students are encouraged to ask a teacher the temperature or check at home in the morning. If the temperature is 10 degrees or warmer, they may take their coats off to play, as long as they have long sleeves on. You might notice your children coming home with muddy clothes. We encourage students to play away from running water and muddy areas.. Please pack bags with a change of clothes and waterbottles.

**STUDENT LED CONFERENCES**

Hopefully you have a student led conference booked for Thursday. Student-led conferences are a way for students to take responsibility for their own learning and share with their parents the work that they achieved over the term. It is also a great way for parents to see how students interact with each other and learning experiences within the curriculum. If you have specific questions for the teacher, feel free to email the teacher directly or book a video/phone



**CARING SCHOOLS**

April’s theme is **Kindness.** It is the quality of being friendly, generous, and [considerate](https://www.google.com/search?safe=active&sca_esv=924f3957077d70b1&rlz=1C1CHZN_enCA930CA953&q=considerate&si=AKbGX_q4mkMHy1Nmq4yITjHYVzeppLEFAB3mUVEJ2pgoEqKMwUt2O_shxSzzSFCfIoAPRxauteHA2JrRubu_VZxJ_EldiGhuqTqdSFv1qaZJ77-ZQECt4yk%3D&expnd=1&biw=1536&bih=703&dpr=1.25)**.** Kindness impacts friendships and self esteem.

**Unplugged Canada** is hosting a **Parent Information Session** on **The Smartphone Effect:** How Boys and Girls Are Impacted Differently. **When:** **Thursday, April 24th** @ 6:30pm **Location:** Canada Games Centre Boardroom. A **virtual** attendance option is also available.

**Register:** [**HERE**](https://unplugged-events-hub.lovable.app/) More details can also be found here: [**Unplugged Canada - April Newsletter**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/11b4d4-wtoWVHFs1wRDhc7ewMj2OEKrrI/view?usp=sharing)

**STUDENT SUCCESS PLANNING**

We have been fortunate to have Math Coach Tina Egan, in our school to work with the new math curriculum; computational fluency. Our math goal focuses on having students share the strategies they use to solve math problems, with their understanding of number. The curriculum moves learning away from memorizing math facts or solving a problem with one strategy to approaching math using many strategies. Although Tina is moving to another school, teachers will continue to have biweekly checkin’s with a math lead to strengthen instructional practices and use ongoing assessment to plan for all levels of learning in a class.

**PTA / SAC April 9th**

The PTA had another successful Aloha dance before March Break. - so much fun with lights and flowers everywhere! Thank you to all of the volunteers. We couldn’t do events without you! The spring fair is a huge fundraiser for the school. The PTA will start plans for the Spring fair this month. Funds raised by the PTA will go towards buying students school supplies for the 25-26 year! It is a HUGE financial relief for all families!

We continue to consult with our SAC on our Student Success Plan. They purchased new resources for the classroom and will be funding a drumming workshop this month for all classes. They continue to work with HRM to access land for a gaga ball pit at the back of the school.

Upcoming Dates

April 2nd. Report Cards emailed home

April 3 NO SCHOOL / Student led Conferences 1-4pm 5-7pm

April 9 PTS SAC Meetings

April 11 Drumming Workshop - “Unity Through Drumming”

April 18 & 21 NO SCHOOL EASTER WEEKEND

April 22 Earth Day

April 30 NO SCHOOL PD day