

February Newsletter

Could spring be on its way? The weather sure indicates it is just around the corner. Since we continue to enjoy various outdoor activities, students are reminded to dress appropriately for the fluctuating weather.

On Thursday, February 23rd, we will be travelling to Toronto for the incredible trip to Medieval Times. The parental support for this trip has been amazing. Unfortunately, we were not able to offer tickets to all the volunteers and a draw had to take place. Thank you so much for your interest. Hopefully, we can accommodate more parents on the next trip.

In **mathematics**, we are nearing the end of our unit on numeration (multiplication and division). Thank you for practising math facts with your child. These facts provide students with the foundations they need to tackle challenging problems with confidence and ease. Please continue to revisit the multiplication and division facts with your child through out the year. The unit test will be administered the week after next. Math Club will be offered at 8:35 any time a student is experiencing difficulties. Several students attend almost each day. It is great to see many eager mathematicians early in the morning! As well, students are reminded to visit the website (www.nelson.com). Our next unit we will be studying will be on 2-D geometry. We will be identifying and creating polygons. Students should have a protractor and ruler available during this unit.

In **oral language**, we have completed discussing how to write a speech and all students have completed a graphic organizer. We will be practising our speeches next week and we will start presenting them February 13th. In writing, we will be working on procedural writing activities. In reading, students are thoroughly enjoying the serial story, Solving Damien Dermite in the Hamilton Spectator. As well, they are captivated by the read aloud story, Please Remove Your Elbow From Ear. Both stories focus on standing up for yourself, acceptance of difference and building friendships. We are looking at the elements of a narrative and effectively answering multiple part questions. In media, studies students are learning about the features of a Display Ad. As part of the Hamilton Spectator contest, they will designing an advertisement for Players Paradise.

In **social studies**, the Disco Party won our election. Issy, Shayna, Sara and Josh T., will be organizing our Canada Flag Day celebration on February 15th. All students are asked to wear red on that day to help celebrate. For term two, we will be studying civilizations. Grade 5 will focus on ancient civilizations and Grade 6 will concentrate on Native People of North America.

We are nearing the end of our unit on electricity in **Grade 6 science**. A test will be administered in the middle of the month. Students should organize their notes and review the study outline. Our next unit will be space. In **Grade 5 science**, students are completing the last activities of Conservation of Energy. The next unit will be the Human Body.

In **physical education**, students will be learning about human growth and the reproduction systems. A note was sent home to outline this topic. In gym, we have completed a unit on gymnastics and we are now developing our floor hockey skills.

The **report cards** will be sent home on February 9th. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am very grateful to have the opportunity to work with your child and I look forward to another wonderful term.

Sincerely,
Miss Flynn

Other important dates:

Feb. 6 -24 Silver Wishes Fundraiser

Feb. 16 - Sub Day

Feb. 26 – Ice Dogs Game

Feb. 17 - Early Release Day

Feb. 20 – Family Day



