



# May 2025 Newsletter

## Principal's Message

We are into the home stretch, which is incredibly hard to believe! May and June are going to be busy months, with lots of great events happening.

This past weekend was our bi-annual Sunnyside Barn Dance. It was an amazing night, topped off by incredible generosity from our parents, community members, and local businesses. I'm not sure yet how much we made, but it is going to be a significant amount that will directly impact our students. A huge thank-you to Michelle Perlich and her team for all of their hard work. We are so grateful for your volunteerism and dedication to our wonderful little school.

Speaking of fundraisers, thanks to everyone for their contributions to our popcorn fundraiser! In total, we raised almost \$6,000 for the school! We will use this money to supplement the greenhouse, purchase extra equipment for the school, and see what extras the kids would love to see. We will also be having our "pie the staff member" event soon, so stay tuned for more details!

Earlier this week I sent out an email with a survey to give us some feedback about our new report cards and the additional interviews that we had this year. Please take the time to fill out the survey - we really appreciate your feedback. It will also be valuable as we plan the best way to communicate your child's growth to you for next year.

We also have some great events coming up that we would love for you to attend. Running club has started up and our finale will be on May 29th. We always love having parents join us! We will also have our (now) annual "Poetry and Popsicles" event on May 22. It is so great to have parents join us as students share the poems that they have memorized. Lastly, please earmark June 5th as that is our planned day for track and field. We always love having tons of parents volunteer and come cheer on the kids!

Lastly, we are hoping to have a grand opening for our greenhouse on May 15th. This will be a short little ceremony where we dedicate the greenhouse, have a ribbon cutting, and give some tours. We would love for you to join us!

As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. I'm (almost) always available!

Mitchell Van Dyk



# May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <b>Gr. 3/4 Mini Basketball</b> <b>3:45-4:45</b> <b>Gr. 1/2 Going to Pavan Park</b> <b>Running Club wear green</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Hot lunch Hamburger soup &amp; bun</b> <b>Pottery day Gr. 1/2</b>	<b>6</b> <b>1/2S class Trip to the Galt Museum</b> <b>Running Club Pottery day Gr. 3/4</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Gr. 5/6 Badminton 3:30-4:45</b> <b>Pottery day Gr. 5/6</b> <b>School assembly 8:45</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Running Club wear your hat</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Developmental check ups for early learning</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Hot lunch Sausage &amp; Perogies</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Running Club</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Gr. 5/6 Badminton 3:30-4:45</b> <b>1/2K class trip to the Galt museum</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Running Club wear crazy socks</b> <b>Greenhouse grand opening</b>	<b>16</b> <b>PD Day no school for Students</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Stat Holiday no school for staff or students</b>	<b>20</b> <b>School council meeting 5:30 pm</b> <b>Running Club give back with loonie or toonies for the food bank</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Gr. 5/6 Badminton 3:30-4:45</b> <b>Kindergarten trip to fire hall &amp; RCMP stations</b> <b>Running Club-get soaked</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Poetry &amp; Popsicles</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Hot lunch Meatballs &amp; Rice</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Grades 1/2 Going to Pavan Park</b> <b>Running Club</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Gr. 5/6 Badminton 3:30-4:45</b> <b>Grade 6 Part A Writing PAT</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Running Club &amp; pizza day</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Looking Ahead Track and Field June 5th</b>	<b>31</b>



# SUNNYSIDE RUNNING CLUB!



**April 29-May 29@2:00  
(weather permitting)**

**PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO COME OUT  
AND JOIN THE FUN!**

**Tues April 29 - Run!**

**Thurs May 1 - Run! Wear green!**

**Tues May 6 - Run!**

**Thurs May 8 - Hats on for Mental Health!**

**Tues May 13 - Run!**

**Thurs May 15 - Wear crazy socks!**

**Tues May 20 - Run! Give back with loonies and toonies for the food bank!**

**Wed May 21 - Get soaked!**

**Tues May 27 - Run!**

**Thurs May 29- Run at 11:20- Pizza after!**

**Check out the Little Souls Marathon at:**

**<https://raceroster.com/events/2025/96637/little-souls-2025>**

**Come out and run this race on Wed, May 28th! Go Sunnyside!**



**REGIONAL REGISTRATION MAY 12TH TO MAY 31ST**



**TABER • JULY 2-5, 2025**

*Regional Director info can be found on the  
Southern Alberta Summer Games website*



**3/5/10 KM RUN  
3 ON 3 BASKETBALL  
5 PIN BOWLING  
AIR GUN RIFLE  
ARCHERY  
ATHLETICS  
BALL HOCKEY  
BASEBALL**

**BADMINTON  
BEACH VOLLEYBALL  
CRIBBAGE  
E-SPORTS  
GOLF  
HANDGUN  
MINI SOCCER  
MOUNTAIN BIKING**

**MOTOCROSS  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
POWER LIFTING  
PICKLEBALL  
SMALLBORE  
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SWIMMING  
TRAPSHOOTING**



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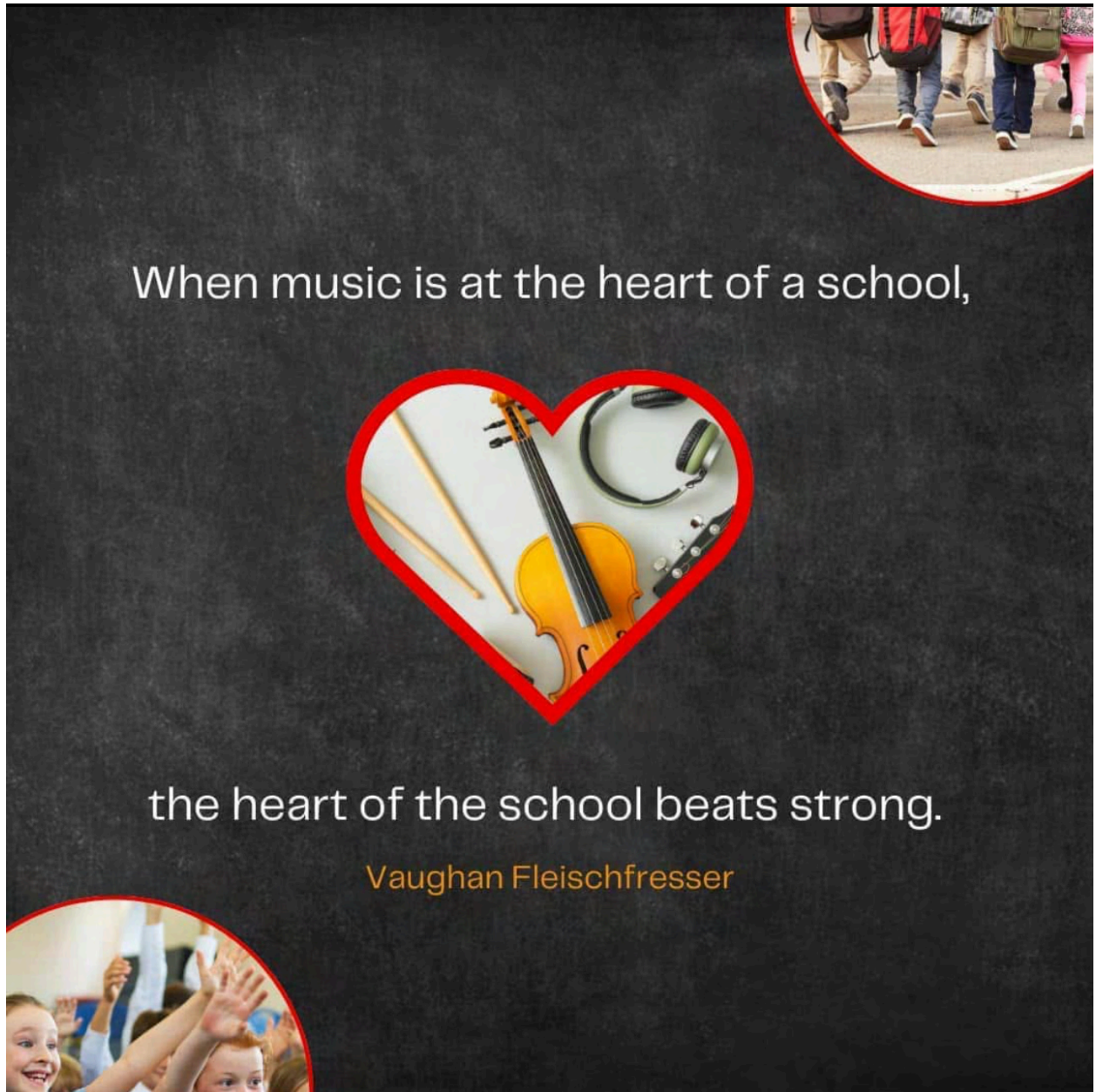
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**Music**



**For Kindergarten updates please see class Dojo**



## Early Learning in April

That was a quick month! We filled our short few weeks with learning about nursery rhymes, and gravity. We had our Humpty Dumpty egg drop experiment, where the children had to come up with their own idea on how to keep their egg from breaking, when their Humpty Dumpty egg was dropped off our wall. What fun! And I can't believe the wonderful ideas that everyone came up with! Such great ideas!! We decorated easter eggs with the grade 3/4 classes, and we will be planting seeds after the break.



# Grade 1/2 News – Mrs. Slusar

The month of May promises to bring lots of continued learning plus on and off campus excitement for the Grade 1-2 class. Please mark these dates on your calendar:

Pavan Park - 2 dates in May (May 1 and May 27) 8:45 - 12:00

Pottery making project - May 5 12:45 - ?

Galt Museum - May 6 (leaving the school at 8:45 and returning around 11:00)

Helen Schuler Nature Centre - May 20 (leaving the school at 12:45 and returning around 3:00)

Poetry Day - May 22 (schedule to be confirmed)

**\*\*If you are able to help out with any of these learning experiences, please let me know ASAP as we are required to have some extra supervision. Thanks so much!**

Students will be reading and writing poetry this month with a Poetry celebration scheduled for May 22. The students will be asked to memorize a poem and present it to their classmates and a parent audience. This can be a poem that they have written themselves or a favourite one they would like to memorize. More details of our poetry day will be sent home in the near future.

Running club kicked off this week with the students running each Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00 until May 29th. This is a fun activity that the entire school is taking part in. It is a great way for students to demonstrate integrity and grit. A list of weekly themes will be shared with parents. There will be a pizza lunch celebration at the conclusion of the club. Students are also invited to participate in the Little Souls Marathon at the end of the month.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Mona Slusar







# Grade 1/2 Klassen Newsletter April

It's hard to believe it is already May! Our class continues to learn and grow, with lots of events and activities still ahead! Here are a few of the upcoming dates and opportunities to volunteer:

**Monday, May 5th** - Pottery morning for our class. Thanks to the parents who have offered to help- please arrive at the school around 8:30.

**Wednesday, May 14th** - Our class will be heading to the Galt Museum for an educational program called "Prairie People Saokitapi" (morning only). We will need parent volunteers to accompany us. Please let me know asap if you are able to join!

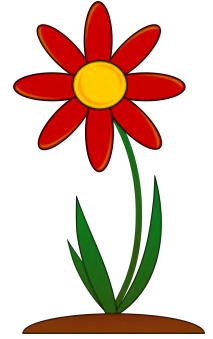
**Thursday, May 22** - Come and see our class perform poems for the "Poetry and Popsicles" event. More details coming soon!

**Tuesday, May 27**- Pavan Park - Let me know if you'd like to volunteer! We really appreciate parents and grandparents joining us! Our last Pavan day will be June 17th.

Here are a few snapshots from the first week back!



# What's Happening in 3/4J



Welcome to the homestretch! April flew by with a couple week break, along with some pretty exciting events! We had students work on making skits showing Growth, decorating Easter Eggs with the Pre-K class, creating a presentation about constellations, and began some planting in the greenhouse!

Math: We are done with our division and multiplication unit and introducing Fractions! I'm excited as it will usually involve food 🍕

Reading: We are continuing with our Wild Robot series and making lots of connections to the previous book. We also are reviewing and going more in depth into strategies we've learned so far.

Writing: We are finishing up our Persuasive Speeches and will move into some poetry, along with some fictional storytelling!

Social Studies: We continue on with our History of Alberta and focusing on how settlers have interacted with the First Nations people.

Science: Learning about Space has been exciting! The students are ecstatic to learn about the moons and stars that we can see!

PE: With Spring comes BASEBALL! Learning how to throw, catch, and some of the rules of the game!





## May Newsletter - Grade 3/4 Mrs. Hudey

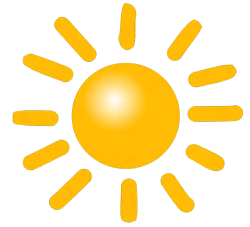
It's hard to believe we only have two months of school left!

We are looking forward to nice weather and fun activities!

**The word of the month for May is GRIT.**

Running Club starts April 29, and will 'run' every Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00pm. We have planted our beds in the greenhouse and are excited to use the outdoor learning space.

Professional Pottery class, we are scheduled for the morning of May 6th!!



### Here's what we are working on:

**Math-** We are starting a new unit on fractions. We will continue to practice our numeracy skills through games, practice questions and problem solving.

**Reading-** We love reading and are enjoying the new books that have been purchased for our classroom library! Students are working hard on comprehension strategies and choosing longer, challenging books to read!

We are currently reading the second book in The Wild Robot series– called Wild Robot Escapes. Predictions and discussions about Roz and Brightbill have been engaging!

**Writing-** We are wrapping up our nonfiction unit and students have enjoyed working on their expert books. It's amazing to see the range in topics and interests!

**Science-** Students are learning about Space and were thrilled to participate in the Astrodome presentation. Students are finishing a research project and learning about the sun and moon.

**Art -** Color, line, perspective and focus points!



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*Greenhouse adventures!*







# GRADE 5 NEWS

## May Newsletter

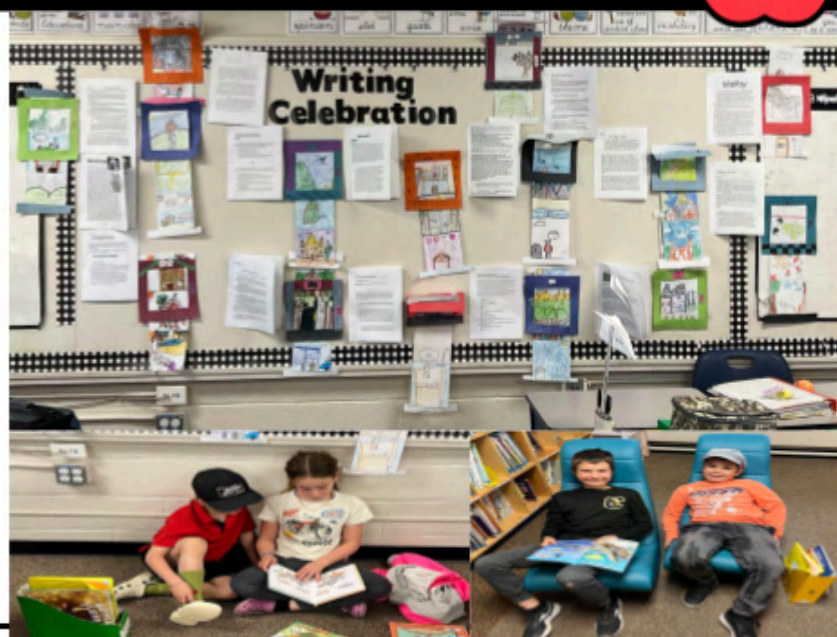
### A NOTE FROM YOUR TEACHER:

We have wrapped up our space unit in science by playing the board games students designed about different astronomical phenomena. We have moved on to earth systems, beginning with looking at weather and climate. In math, we are into a unit on algebra, with a focus on order of operations. We are debating all kinds of things to work on our persuasive skills in writing. Ask your child if wearing socks with sandals is a fashion disaster or if it is considered stylish. 😊 Also, we are really loving our new greenhouse! We enjoy doing school work in the greenhouse and have planted some amazing flowers that are beginning to come up. We can't wait to see what grows!

### AROUND THE CLASSROOM:



### OUR LEARNING:



## May Newsletter - Grade 6

Well that two week break in April sure made the month fly by. I hope everyone had a lovely and well deserved break with family and friends. May and June will be very busy months here at Sunnyside, so I am sure they will fly by quickly as well.

**Math:** We are just starting our Motion Geometry unit, where students are challenged to transform shapes on a grid. They will be working with various shapes and will be translating, reflecting and rotating shapes in all directions. Students are also working on mastering long division with decimals and are doing very well overall. We will be moving onto our Measurement unit mid-May.

**LA:** Students will finish their non-fiction unit in reading and writing with a celebration of their non-fiction text. Students will be sharing their books with various classmates, and hopefully their reading buddies. Books can be accessed at home for sharing with parents as well. Students will also start their poetry unit this month, with a primary focus on imagery and figurative language. Students will practice reciting poems in preparation for our Poetry Celebration day at the end of May. During the writing portion of our class we will spend the majority of May preparing for the grade 6 PAT on May 28th. Students will review the elements of a story in order to write a narrative. We will also review the components of an essay in preparation for the non-fiction portion of the exam.

**Social:** We just finished our Historical Models of Democracy unit and our study of the Iroquois Confederacy. We have now moved into looking at the rights and responsibilities of Canadian citizens laid out in the constitution and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. We will follow this unit up with a comparison of Local and Provincial government and will hopefully head to City Hall for a tour with the Mayor of Lethbridge.

**Science:** Students have started their space unit. We have been learning about our Solar System and each student has been researching one of our planets or dwarf planets. We will also be looking at the various technologies used to explore space.

### **Important Dates for May**

May 16 - No school for students. PD day for teachers.

May 19 - Holiday - No school

May 28 - Writing PAT

May 29 - Poetry celebration