



SMS NEWS

MARCH



Dates to Remember

MARCH 28 – REPORT CARD DAY

APRIL 17 – PAC MEETING

MARCH 28 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

APRIL 18 – GOOD FRIDAY (NO SCHOOL)

MARCH 31 – APRIL 4 – SPRING BREAK

APRIL 21 – INSERVICE DAY (NO SCHOOL)

APRIL 7 – FIRST DAY AFTER SPRING BREAK – DAY 3

Metis Fiddler – Jason Lepine

On March 6, SMS welcomed world-champion Metis fiddler, Jason Lepine and his music partner, Lionel Desjarlais! The pair provided entertainment, traditional Metis teachings, and of course music to all grades. Students played spoons and shakers alongside Jason and Lionel and danced along to the fiddle and guitar. Jason and Lionel provided a wealth of Metis knowledge and explained to students the full definition of what it means to be Metis. Fun was had by all, staff and students alike!



1 • 2 news

In grade 1/2 we have started our new unit on objects and materials. To start the unit, we explored different materials to use to help build our leprechaun traps!



3 • 4 news

In grade 3/4 P, we have been learning about Canada. We studied the different geographical regions, provinces, territories, and capitals. We created art inspired by the Prairie Provinces and various mountain ranges in Canada using water colour. We also did some free style water colour art.

Some grade 3/4s have been participating in craft club! Our latest project was making salamanders with beads.





5•6 news

March flew by for the 5/6 cohort! We were fortunate to have Metis fiddler Jason Lapine and his partner Lionel Desjarlais join us to share their passion for music. Additionally, we had the privilege of hearing from Elder Bill, who spoke to our classes about his experiences growing up as an Indigenous man. The 5/6's also took part in the annual Basketball Jamboree in Stonewall on Thursday, March 20th. It was a great opportunity to develop basketball skills, have fun, and meet new friends. Happy Spring! 🌻🌻🌻

7•8 news

Friday, March 14th was Pi Day! Pi Day is a celebration of the mathematical constant π or 3.14, which is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. Most often this day is celebrated by eating pie; however, the Grade 7/8 students enjoyed some cookies instead! Students participated in Pi Day trivia, as well as a competition where the class voted for the student who could draw the "best" circle with their eyes closed. Did you know that Albert Einstein was born on Pi Day in 1879?

Tuesday, March 4 the grade 7s and 8s participated in the Blanket Exercise, led by Ms. Doerksen and Auntie Kathy Simcoe (Indigenous Lead Teacher, ISD). The students stood on blankets which represented Turtle Island. As the exercise moved on, the students learned of some of the many laws enforced by the Canadian government at the time, not only taking their children, but also taking their land, language, rights, names and status as Indigenous people away from them. It was an incredible learning experience.

On March 5, Mr. Yeo took the grade 7s ice fishing in Lockport for the afternoon. Everyone had a great time! Owen was the grade 7 fishing champion and Mr. Yeo beat Ms. Doerksen for the staff title.



SPORTS NEWS

CURLING

The Stony Mountain School curling team had three teams representing the Hawks at Divisionals. Skip Eden Baker teamed up with Elaina Gaudry, Ava Birtwhistle, and Lily Hammond and finished with a 1-1 record. Skip Kensi Govier led Taylor Vandekerkhove, Jordyn Brisky, and Manat Sidhu, they finished with a 1-1 record. Our mixed team featured Indy West-Damota as skip along with Blayke Kadynuik, Bella Carey, and Emma Johnston, they also finished with a 1-1 record and were crowned consolation champions of the mixed division. Lots of progress was made in the short curling season and Mr. Ouellette thanks the team for their comradery and bright attitudes.

BASKETBALL

An eventful season for the boy's basketball team came to an end, culminating with an exciting win in the consolation championship against Teulon. The boys battled all season long, winning some thrilling games along the way. Over the season, the team developed their skills and teamwork and grew greatly from where they started the year. Overall, it was a great year and season!

The girl's Stony Mountain Basketball team has had a very successful season, what started with an exciting first game and win, ended with bringing home the second-place plaque for the second year in a row. The girls worked and played as a team for the numerous wins throughout the season and had some struggles throughout as well. The team was filled with multiple age groups varying from grade 6-8's. The basketball girls described the season as a fun learning experience and loved being surrounded by their supportive teammates. Their coach, Mr. Olson, described the girl's basketball season as successful, and he is proud of the way everyone played, he wishes the grade 8 girls good luck next year, and will be sad to see them go. By: Elaina G.

