



# SMS NEWS – JUNE



## DATES TO REMEMBER

June 26 - Report Card Day  
Last day of School!

Sept. 3 - Open House BBQ  
4:00 - 5:30

Sept. 4 - 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School

Sept. 5 & 9 - Kindergarten  
Interviews

Sept. 11 - 1<sup>st</sup> Day for  
Kindergarten

Sept. 29 - Inservice Day  
No School

Sept. 30 - No School -  
National Day for Truth  
and Reconciliation.

## Message from the principal.

Another successful year in the books! It was a pleasure working with and for our staff, students, and parents. The 2024/25 school year was filled with a ton of educational experiences for both our students and staff. As individuals, we all grew and as a community, we all, with a few road bumps, worked towards and accomplished many goals.

A big thank you to our PAC, who are an important part of making our school a fun/safe place. A special thank you to Pam Panchuk, who is retiring from our SMS PAC (her son Greg is moving on to high school). Pam has volunteered on PAC for multiple years and was extremely helpful and supportive. We are also looking for parents to consider volunteering for our 2025/26 PAC. Please let the school know if you are interested, and we will provide you with further details.

We celebrated our grade 8 graduation on Friday, June 20th. Graduation is always a time to celebrate and be proud of accomplishments. We appreciate this group of young men and women; they have left a lasting impression on both staff and students and will truly be missed.

We are also excited to be part of the growth and achievements of the rest of our student body. Our 17 kindergarten students will enjoy a restful summer to return to full weeks at school in grade one. Our grade six students will return to exciting times in grade seven, including the use of lockers, subject-specific teachers and percentage marks. Our grade 4 students become middle years students, returning to grade five and moving to the west side of the school.

We are happy to have a full returning staff with minimal changes to assignments.

Ms. Klassen will be doing kindergarten again. We will not be splitting our grade one and two; Ms. Harrison will be teaching grade one, and Ms. Di Lazzaro grade two. Our three grade 3/4 (splits) teachers are Mrs. Eluik-Prins, Ms. Smolders and Ms. Proskurniak. Mr. Yeo and Ms. Dutkiewich will be teaching grade 5/6, and Ms. Doerksen and Ms. Elliot grade 7/8.

I wish you all a restful and productive summer, and look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, September 3rd at our Open-House/BBQ (4:00-5:30 pm).

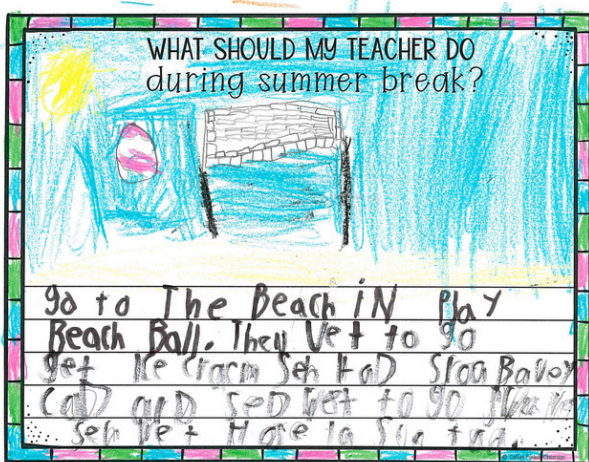
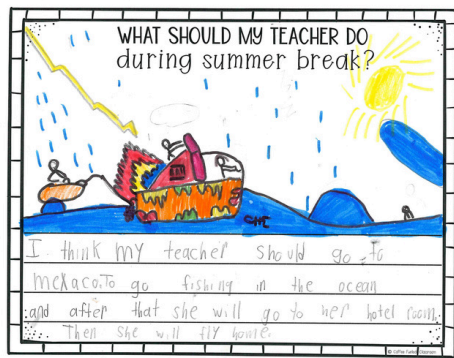
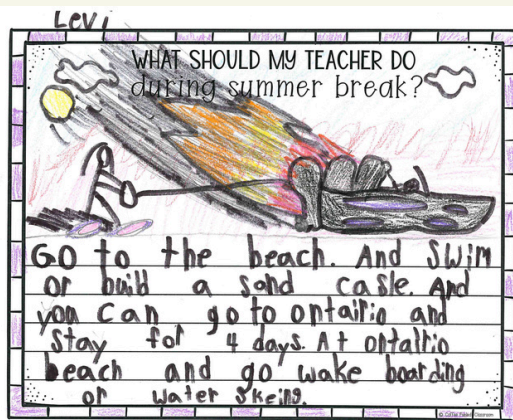
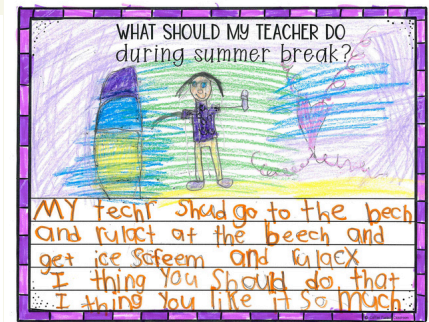
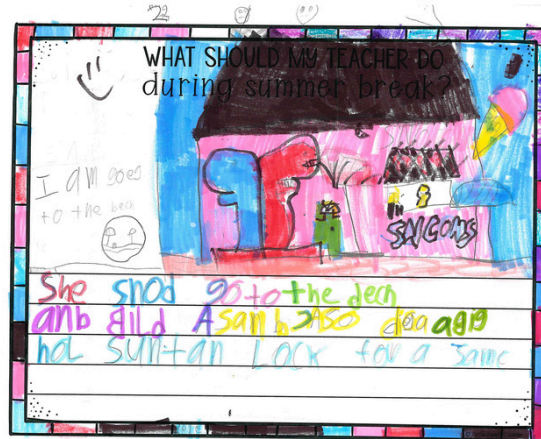
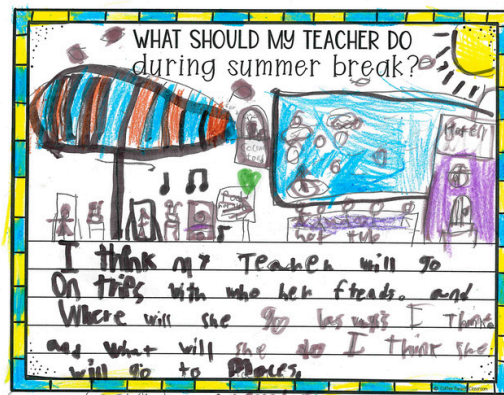
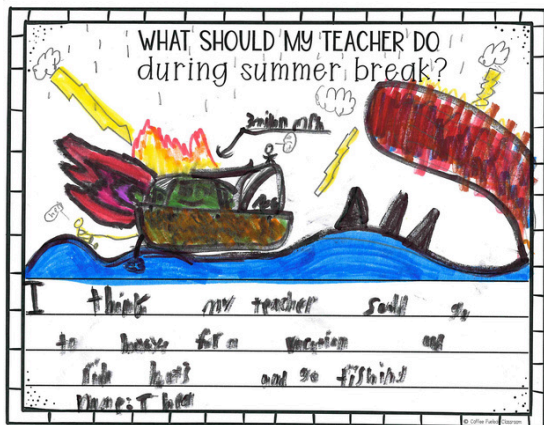
Have a great summer!  
Bill Olson  
Principal, SMS



As communicated by the school division earlier this month all families who have a child or children going to K-12 school(s) will no longer have to purchase school supplies. We expect our students to arrive with a backpack, a (lunch kit) lunch, gym clothing (at the proper grade level) and a pair of indoor shoes.



# 1 / 2 NEWS



We had a busy year in grade 1 and 2. We had so much fun with each other and learning new things. Here are some highlights.

Literacy: We learnt how to read and write. We liked reading Dog Man books and Erie Elementary.

Math: We made math games that used our new math skills.

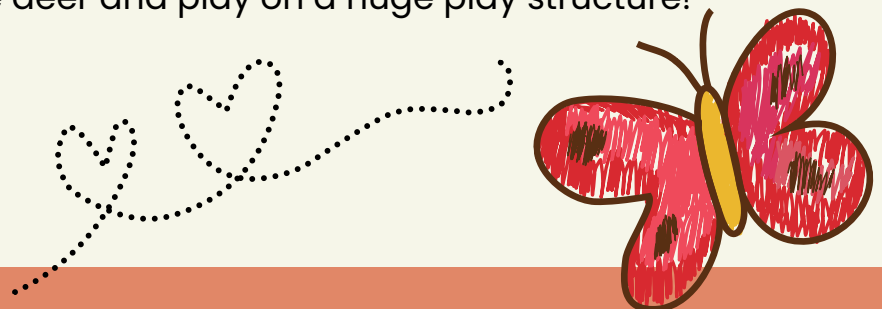
Science: We did some cool science experiments and made fog in a jar.

Social Studies: In social studies, we learnt about mapping and made our own maps!

Music: For music, a highlight was going to the music festival where we performed for an adjudicator.

Art: Our favourite thing was painting and doing art hubs. We also made monthly handprint calendars.

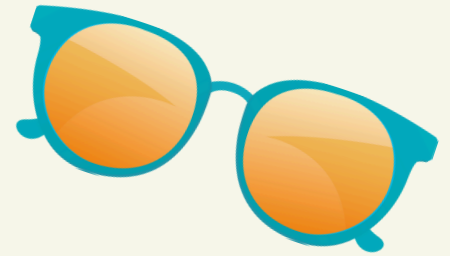
Other: The biggest highlight was going to the farm for our field trip. We got to pet animals, go on a tractor ride to see deer and play on a huge play structure!





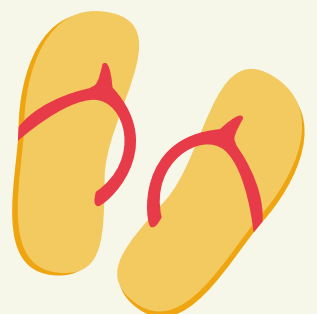
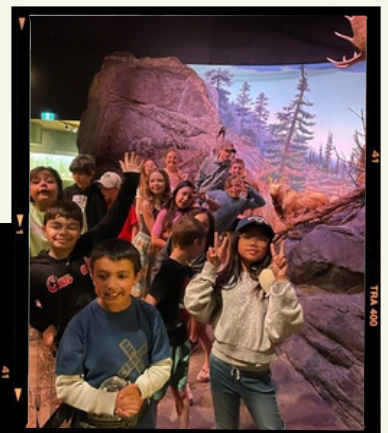


# 3 / 4 NEWS



Things teachers need to do over the summer break:

1. Go to McDonald's everyday for dollar drink days because they can't enjoy hot coffee during the school year!
2. Read almost everyday to get smarter
3. Enjoy some puppy/goat yoga to relax
4. Go to the mall to treat themselves
5. Sleep in everyday because they have nothing to get up for
6. Use the washroom anytime you want to because you can!





## 5 / 6 NEWS

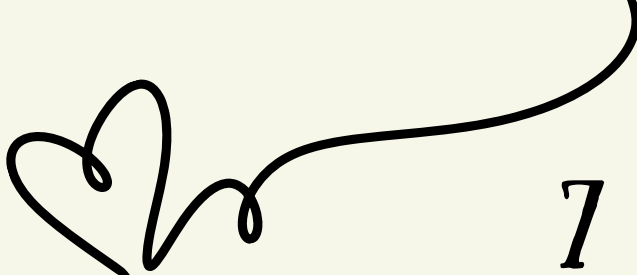


This month has been fun and games with all sorts of things with great and positive outcomes. Here are some weird and wacky things that happened in our SMS 5/6 Cohort this year. Let's start with June 2<sup>nd</sup>. On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the grade 5 and 6s had their annual spring drama play. This year, they had 3 skits that included "Why the Pigs Like the Mud, Billy Goats Gruff, and The Sleepy Bear." They were all great performances. On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, we had track and field in Stonewall. Great job to all our athletes. A special congratulations to some of our finalists: Taylor and Haelyn both got first in girls' 100m heat. On the boys' side, Maddox also got first in 1500; Marshall got first in long jump, and I (Alex Sawka) got first in discus. Emma got first in long jump, Andrew got first in shot put and many more!

Next, on June 6<sup>th</sup> the 5/6s went to Camp Manitou for their field trip. Two months before the big day, we decided as a group to vote for three activities of our choice. The first being archery, the second being water games to cool off on that hot sunny day and the third being canoeing and kayaking. After a week break, the leadership team then had their field trip at Fort Whyte Alive! The leadership team went orienteering, canoeing, and kayaking. That pretty much sums up our month of June.







# 7 / 8 NEWS



Advice for the incoming grade 7s! (as written by current gr. 7 / 8 students)

If you are in grade 6 and will be going into grade 7 next year, then you are in luck. I will give you great advice for the upcoming school year, so you know what grade 7 is all about.

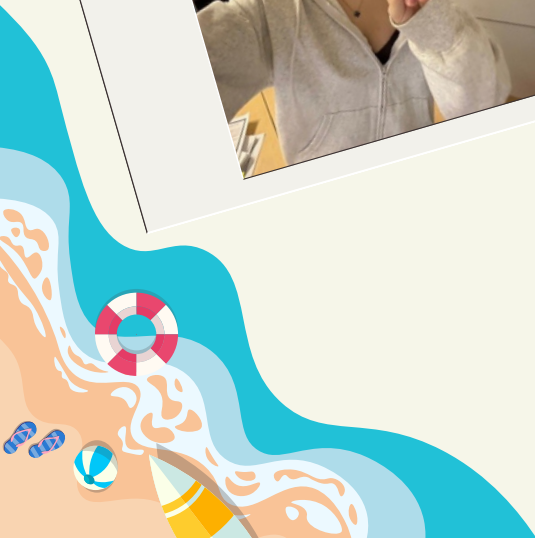
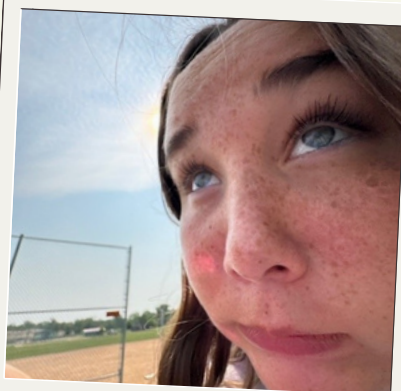
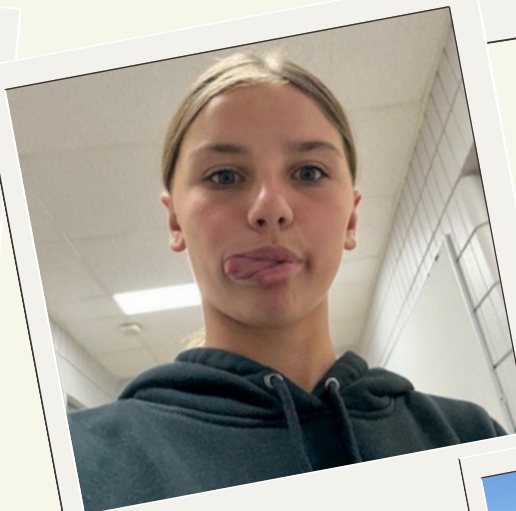
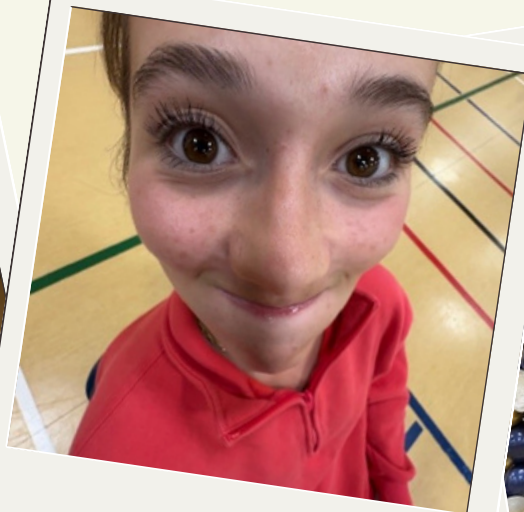
If I were to give some advice to upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders, I would say get your work in on time, study for quizzes and exams, and stay out of "drama" and bad habits. Bad habits as getting work in late, staying up extremely late and relying on other people for your happiness. Focus on yourself and stay out of other people's drama and lives.

To begin with, staying clean and tidy is probably one of the most important things that is easy and simple. For example, having your locker free from loose papers so you don't lose important papers. Also, having a magnetic shelf is a game-changer for those small items. As well as limiting how many binders/folders you have. Lastly, having a home for everything and not throwing things in your locker.

Firstly, I'm a competitive person and I love to play sports. So, if you are competitive, athletic or anything, I would try the sports teams. You don't even have to play if you don't want to; you don't have to commit to it. Just go to a practice, see how it is, see if you like it. The coaches are also really good, like Mr. Yeo, Mrs. Elliot and Mr. Oullete. They're super supportive, and they taught me a lot. I loved the sports here, loved the coaches, it was all good.

My last and final piece of advice is to be strong. It's almost the same thing as grade 6. So don't worry or be scared if that happens, just think of something good, and you should be fine. But don't be disrespectful, it is just a harder grade and a more serious grade than the grade you were just in. Just don't talk when the teacher is talking, just be respectful, and you should be fine.





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