

# STONY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

## March Newsletter

### KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Happy Spring! We celebrated our 50th day of school and St. Patrick's Day this month. On 50 Day, we participated in many activities, including making a special snack mix and 50 second actions. We made and set out traps for St. Patrick's Day - we hoped to catch a leprechaun but we did not. There were clues to show us that he was here though!! Happy Birthday to Caitlyn and Halle and Happy Easter everyone!



### GRADE 1 & 2 NEWS

In grade 1 we spent the month working on how to write a story. Since it was St. Patrick's day, we wrote stories on how to catch a leprechaun!

It was a fun month in grade 2! We learned about simple machines in science and to finish our unit we built cars from recycled materials. We also worked on mental math strategies and learned some new math games.



3-4 EP has headed back in time to explore Ancient Egypt. We've been learning about the Egyptian class system, pharaohs, hieroglyphics and mummies. We created pharaoh art using oil pastels, then crumpling the paper and doing a light paint wash over top to give an aged appearance. The class also tried out air-dry clay for the first time, making 'mummies' that will be wrapped and buried. We also have an apple mummification experiment happening to see which material will best preserve our mummies.

### GRADE 3/4 NEWS



Mrs. Lundy's Grade 3 and 4's enjoyed having Madeline Boonstra from Agriculture in the Classroom Canada come for a visit this month! Madeline taught students about farming in Manitoba, helping students understand where their food and other animal products come from.

Mrs. Proskurniak's class is learning about Canada's north. They are working on research projects on a relevant chosen topic. Mr. Olson even came to Mrs. P's class to teach about his experience living and teaching up north. We learned all about northern clothing, animals, geography, and other topics.

They also had a guest from JA Canada come and teach a lesson on "A Business of Our Own". As a class, they designed their own business and learned about the target market, promotions, products, expenses, where to locate their store, etc. What a great, real life, learning experience!

## GRADE 5/6 NEWS

March has been a busy and exciting month in our Grade 5/6 cohort! In ELA, students worked hard through the full writing process—drafting, revising, editing, and publishing their short stories. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and growth. In Math, Grade 5 students focused on solving perimeter and area problems, while Grade 6 students reviewed graphing skills and were introduced to pre-algebra concepts. In Science, students applied their learning from our flight unit to assess the effectiveness and performance of various paper airplane models, and in Social Studies, they began a research project exploring different waves of European immigration to Canada.

Beyond the classroom, students enjoyed participating in the annual basketball jamboree, whether playing on a team or helping run the canteen. On March 18th, we also had the opportunity to visit the Canada Life Centre to watch the Manitoba Moose as part of Project 11 Schools Day, which was a fantastic experience for everyone. It has been a wonderful month! We hope everyone enjoys a relaxing and well-deserved spring break!



## GRADE 7/8 NEWS

We've had a fantastic month in 7/8! In ELA, students have been thoroughly enjoying working on their independent novel studies and have shown great engagement and insight in their reading. In Math, students celebrated National Pi Day (March 14th) by discovering the relationship between pi and the circumference of a circle. We would also like to extend a warm thank you to Mrs. Orlesky for being such a wonderful addition to our 7/8 team this month. We truly appreciate her stepping in while Ms. Doerksen is away. Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing spring break!



## BOYS BASKETBALL



Our boys team finished the season with some hard-fought games. The boys' team, made up predominately of Grade 5/6 students and one Grade 8 student, maintained a positive and determined attitude all season, despite competing against teams made up mostly of Grade 7/8's. In their last regular season game against Balmoral, they went right down to the wire, losing a close one. They ended the season finishing 7<sup>th</sup> at divisionals, playing some hard-fought games along the way. We are incredibly proud of the effort, sportsmanship, and dedication shown by all of our athletes. Go Hawks!

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

The girls finished the season with a consolation side championship plaque. There was a ton of learning and improvement, the girls were dedicated and determined. We wish our grade 8 athletes: Eden, Miia, Emma and Lily all the best in grade 9 and encourage them to continue playing basketball. We will have a strong returning roster and hope to continue the development starting as early as this spring. It was a pleasure coaching this group of determined athletes and we look forward to coaching and refereeing this group in the future. Blayke also did an amazing job all season as the team manager. She played an important role in keeping everything running smoothly by reminding players about games, organizing and checking jerseys, and helping ensure the team was prepared and on track. Her responsibility, organization, and positive attitude made a big difference to the team's success!



# MOOSE GAME



On March 18th, students in Grades 5-8 had the opportunity to visit the Canada Life Centre to watch the Manitoba Moose take on the Milwaukee Admirals for the Project II School Day Game. The game is designed to provide an educational experience in a non-traditional environment, offering a unique learning opportunity while allowing students to express their inner fan. During the game, students received special messages from Moose players focused on mental health and relaxation techniques, as well as hearing personal stories about the importance of healthy living. We had a blast!

# BASKETBALL JAMBOREE

Our Grade 5/6 students had a fantastic time at this year's basketball jamboree! SMS was proud to host teams from Stonewall and Balmoral for a fun day of teamwork, sportsmanship, and school spirit. A big thank you to our Grade 7/8 basketball players, who helped coach and referee games, playing an important role in the day's success. Grade 5/6 students also ran the canteen, helping raise funds for new basketball jerseys. We appreciate everyone who contributed to another successful jamboree!



# MB HYDRO

A big thank you to Manitoba Hydro for visiting our Grade 5/6 students!

Your engaging presentation helped students learn about electricity, safety, and how energy impacts our everyday lives. We truly appreciate you taking the time to connect with our learners and inspire curiosity through real-world learning!

