

# SMS NEWS

## April 2025

### Dates to Remember

- May 4 - Badminton Divisionals @ Stonewall Collegiate
- May 7 - Run in the Park - gr. 1-4 Run Club
- May 11 - No School - Inservice Day
- May 13 - Gr. 8 Course Registration for gr. 9 (done in class)
- May 14 - PAC Meeting
- May 18 - Victoria Day - No School
- May 20 - 2026-2027 Kindergarten Orientation 4:30 - 5:30

### Reminders

Please remember to contact the office via email or phone if your child will be late, away for the day, or being picked up early.

### Rockwood Music Festival

Our Grade 1- 4 students recently had a wonderful opportunity to take part in the Rockwood Music Festival! The children worked very hard preparing for this special event, and their efforts truly shone on stage.

The Grade 1-4 classes delighted the audience with their lively performance of "Scallywag," bringing energy, rhythm, and plenty of smiles.

We are so proud of all our young performers for their enthusiasm, teamwork, and courage. A big thank you to our families for their support and encouragement—it made the experience even more special for the students.

Well done, everyone!



## Kindergarten

We have been learning about 3D shapes in Math and had a lot of fun making group towers with 3D shaped blocks.

Our Author of the Month for May will be Eric Carle - he uses colorful collage to create his illustrations.

We are learning about Paper in Science. Each student will use the design process to create their own object with paper, this coming month.

**Happy Mother's Day!!**



## Grade 1 and 2

Our Grade 1 and Grade 2 students have been busy making a positive impact in our school community!

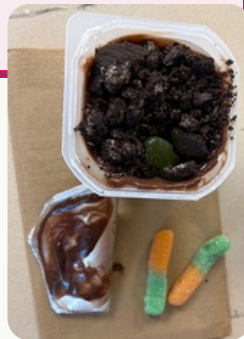
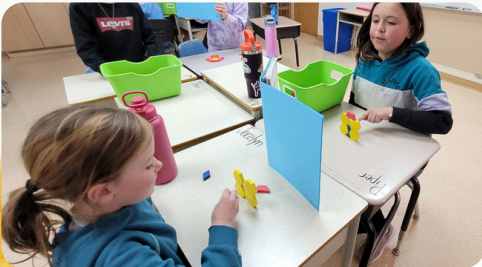
The Grade 1-2 classes recently took part in a playground clean-up. Equipped with gloves and lots of enthusiasm, students worked together to help keep our outdoor space clean and safe for everyone. It was wonderful to see their teamwork, responsibility, and pride in caring for their environment.

In addition, our Grade 2 students explored their creativity through a recycled art project. Using a variety of reusable materials, they designed and built unique pieces of art. This activity not only encouraged creativity but also helped students learn about the importance of recycling and caring for our planet.

We are very proud of our students for being thoughtful, creative, and responsible members of our school community!

## Gr. 3 / 4 E.P

Although the cold and snow seemed to drag on this month, April flew by in Mrs. E.'s class! We were busy writing our mystery stories in ELA and learning about polygons and 3D shapes in math, while still mastering our multiplication and division skills. In Social Studies, we have started learning about government and look forward to a mini-election to learn about the voting process. We have also started learning about habitats in science, including plants, soils and rocks. Our latest art project was inspired by Henri Matisse's 'The Goldfish', that symbolized serenity, tranquility and a 'paradise lost' state of mind. We also participated in the annual community clean-up on Earth Day!



## Gr. 3 / 4 Lundy

This month in Mrs. Lundy's class, students have been busy hoping for spring! We used a new technique to create birds in art class. We "made" our own paper by painting paper with unique patterns and textures and using this paper in a collage-style to make our birds. Students have wrapped up their Habitat projects and we are moving on to world communities in May! We are beginning with Australia and then students will choose a country of their choice to research.



## Gr. 3 / 4 P

This month, Mrs. P's class is learning about Habitats and Communities. We are learning about habitats around the world, as well as food chains and food webs within those habitats. We each chose an animal to research and are constructing food chains using that animal, and are going to use our learning to construct dioramas.

For earth day, we made worms and dirt as a fun extension activity for learning about the significance of composting for the Earth.

## Grade 5/6 News

It has been a fun and busy month in the Grade 5/6 cohort. In ELA, we enjoyed a cozy reading campout, which included a camping-themed read-a-thon complete with tents and s'mores. We have also been working on using figurative language to make our writing more creative. In Social Studies, we have been learning about World War II and exploring its causes and impacts. In Science, we recently wrapped up our unit on flight and have moved into a space unit. Students have been demonstrating a lot of creativity while designing their own constellations. In Math, we worked hard to prepare for our third assessment. We are really proud of how students have been exhibiting a growth mindset and persevering through challenging tasks in all of their classes.



## Grade 7 / 8 News

Grade 7 students are able to use their knowledge and skills of finding the area of a rectangle, triangle, parallelogram, trapezoid and circle to find the area of irregular shapes. Grade 8 students have come up with formulas to solve for the surface area and volume of cubes, rectangular prisms, triangular prisms and cylinders. In science we are finishing our Optics unit and getting excited to learn about Fluids next.

In Social Studies, the students are beginning their study of the final ancient civilization, Ancient Greece! After this, they will begin preparing for their SMS Museum of Ancient Civilizations, where students and parents will be invited to. More information to come.



## Sports News

**Badminton** – Congratulations to the badminton team on a successful home tournament with Warren Elementary School and Balmoral School. Undefeated records were achieved by Callissa (girls singles), Eden/Dreydon (mixed doubles), Ishrat/Jordyn (girls doubles), and Zach (boys singles). The team continues to practice hard at lunch breaks in preparation for our divisional badminton tournament held at Stonewall Collegiate on Monday May 4th.

# COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

