

Dorothy Dalglish School

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October 2019

Message from the Principal



With a chill in the air, and leaves turning colors and falling off trees, it really is starting to look and feel like autumn!

We had a wonderful start to the new school year. I am excited to see kids showing kindness and character. Celebrating this is important in our school, and we do so in a number of ways, one being at assemblies. Please attend our next assembly on Friday, Oct. 4th at 8:40 a.m. as we celebrate kindness and student accomplishments. Keep a look out for future assemblies – we try to have two per month.

I want to thank my staff and students at DDS. It is because of them that we have such an amazing school culture. It is noted by everyone who visits the school - we really do have something special going on here at DDS. It fills my heart with pride to be the leader at such a wonderful school. The staff goes above and beyond in the best interests of kids, and the kids show true kindness and empathy in their everyday interactions with one another.

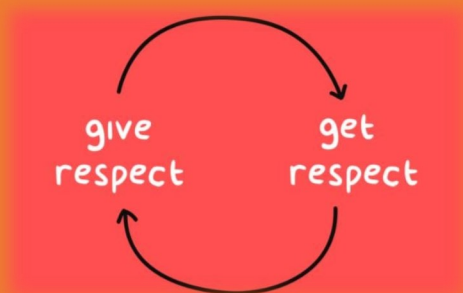
I'd like to invite you into our school with an open heart and then arms. We have an open door policy and we would welcome you to pop by, or book time in to help out. Every classroom always needs help, and School Council always needs assistance with Hot Lunch. Make a difference in your school and in your child's school life and volunteer!

Another way to give back to the school is to donate your bottles. You can either drop them off at school, or take them directly to the Picture Butte Bottle Depot and ask to donate the money in our name. All proceeds from the bottle money, from bottles collected at the school, and donations made at the depot, go into our "Safe and Caring" fund. From there, we are able to purchase books, help out with field trips, and have special additions like the snow cone truck and obstacle course we had on Terry Fox Day.

Please see a new addition to the monthly newsletter - the LEAD Corner. This is where I will celebrate and highlight what our wonderful grade 6 leaders are doing in our school.

With warmest regards,
Ms. Shari Rogerson
Principal



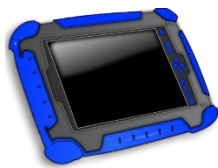


Word of the Month
RESPECT

October 2019

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Personal Electronic Devices & Valuables



Students are not allowed personal devices at school.

No valuables should be brought to school,

Dorothy Dalglish School is not responsible for lost items.



Arrival at School

Please remember that supervision of students begins at 8:20 a.m. Please insure that your child(ren) do not arrive at school earlier than 8:20 a.m. However, if there are circumstances where you may have to drop your child off early, they may wait on the benches inside the entrance until there is a teacher on supervision. If you are aware of this in advance, please let your child's teacher know so arrangements can be made. The only exception to this is the School Safety Patrol students who need to be in place by 8:20 a.m.

Absence from School

If your child is going to be absent from school we would appreciate it if you would call the school after 8:00 a.m. to let us know. This is very important so that if a child goes astray between home and school we are aware of it and are able to take action as soon as possible.

Bell Schedule

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| Opening Bell | 8:30 a.m. |
| Morning Recess | 10:30 a.m. |
| Recall Bell | 10:35 a.m. |
| Recess Bell | 12:00 a.m. |
| Lunch Bell | 12:20 p.m. |
| Recall Bell | 12:39 p.m. |
| Afternoon Recess | 2:10 p.m. |
| Recall Bell | 2:25 p.m. |
| Bus Dismissal | 3:25 p.m. |
| Town Dismissal | 3:30 p.m. |

FRIDAY EARLY DISMISSAL 12:10 p.m.

Dorothy Dalglish School

Is a **"PEANUT SENSITIVE"**

SCHOOL

Please do not send any peanut products to school.



2019/2020 School Fees

Kindergarten:

Art & Science \$10.00

Grade 1—6:

Agenda \$9.50

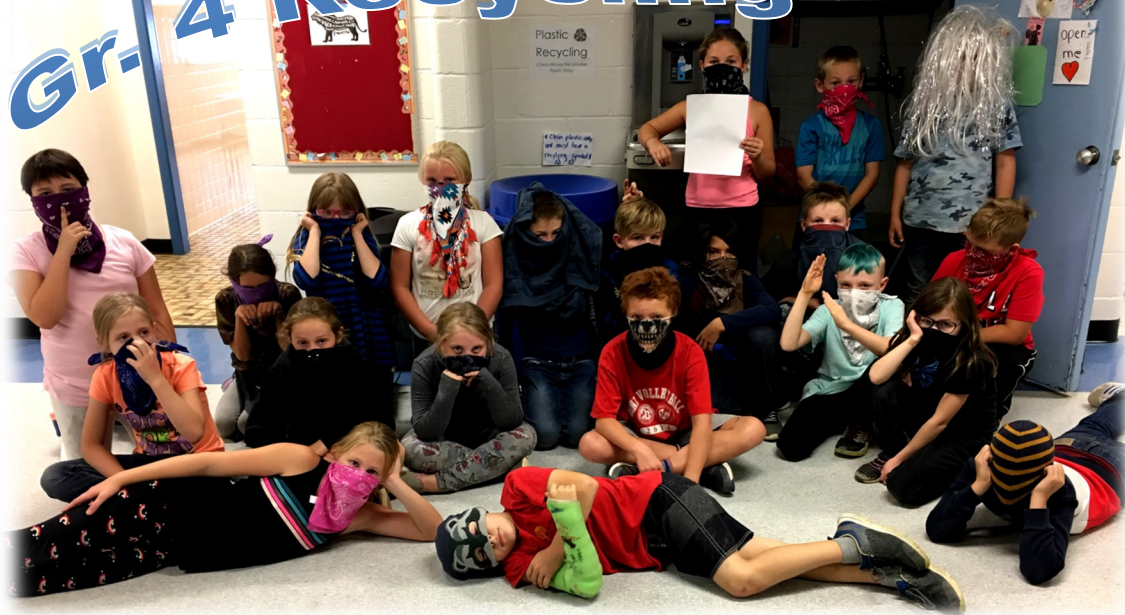
Art \$5.00

Science \$5.00

Technology \$35.00

Total Grades 1-6 \$54.50

Gr-4 Recycling Bandits



Our DDS Recycling Bandits have struck again! The rest of DDS would like to send out Bandits a HUGE Thank You for helping us do our part for the environment.

Keep up the great and SNEAKY work!

Junior ATB operates as a partnership between the Picture Butte ATB branch and Dorothy Dalglish School. Mr. Brock Knibbs from ATB works with students to set up their very own "bank." The students are hired and trained in various jobs, from greeters and tellers to president and members of the board of directors.

The students open up accounts for their fellow students and accept deposits that are held in ATB Generation Accounts (requiring parental approval for withdrawals).

Junior ATB teaches students about the importance of saving and encourages valuable life skills like public speaking, accountability, providing good customer service, job interviewing, marketing and public relations.

Stay tuned for deposit dates!

Mrs. Jane Boras

ATB Financial

Remember to order your
October 10th Hot Dog Lunch
online, before Oct. 4th



Healthy Children

October 2019 Parent Newsletter

Nurture with Nature

Reconnecting kids with nature has been shown to help children focus in school, boost a positive attitude and increase physical activity. Children are certainly losing touch with outdoors – a Canadian study shows that the number of kids who play outside at school decreases from 87% to 17% between grades 3 and 11. Seventy percent of youth spend an hour or less outdoors daily.

The effects of exposing and connecting children to nature are widespread and valuable. School grounds made greener by planting trees, building ponds and fostering gardens increases physical activity in elementary school children. Even having green space nearby has been shown to temper stressful life events in younger kids.

How you can help:

Start slow and make it a family goal to have at least 15 minutes of 'green time' a day, even if that just



means a walk together outside. Role modeling is essential to fostering a child's positive connection to nature.

Advocate for more time outside for your children at school, be it through extra gym classes outside or making outdoor learning a part of the other class lessons. Don't let the cold or snow stop you in Alberta! Many communities have free access to a variety of outdoor activities – Just make sure to bundle up!

Nurturing your child with nature is an easy way to improve their entire well-being.



For more information and ideas, visit the Children and Nature Network at www.childrenandnature.org

Articles

Nurture with Nature

5 Tips on Talking About Sexual Health with Your Child

World Mental Health Day

October 10th is World Mental Health Day. You can use this day as an opportunity to check in with your child and see how they are doing. Asking every day questions can help such as: "How was your day?" or "What was the most challenging thing you did today?"

To learn more about mental health, visit <http://www.sickkidscmh.ca/ABC/Parent-Resource/Welcome>



Alberta Health
Services

To find an electronic copy of this newsletter visit www.ahs.ca/csh



Once again the staff and students at DDS took part in the Terry Fox Run. The students donated close to \$500.00 for Cancer Research .

Well Done DDS!



**NOT ALL MARATHONS
ARE WON AT THE
FINISH LINE.**



THE TERRY FOX
FOUNDATION

The
**TERRY
FOX**
Run
FOR CANCER RESEARCH





NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

On October 15th, 16th & 17th we will be having our Fall Book Fair. All classes will have a scheduled time to pop in and check out all the new books on display. Please feel free to stop by anytime and take a look.

All proceeds from the Book Fair benefit our library.

Looking forward to seeing everyone

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Pittman



Thank you to;

- * Belinda and Brian Bahler for their generous donation to DDS Nutrition Program
- * All Families who came to "Meet the Staff" night
- * All parents, for your patience, while we get bus kids ready to go
- * The Stronks family for the donation of books to the library
- * Mrs. Liptak for always helping in the classroom
- * To ALL the parents for reading, practicing spelling words and math facts with your children!
- * DDS Home and School for sponsoring our Scientists in Schools workshop on Rocks and Minerals. It was awesome! And to Jenna McLeod, Michelle Marti, Mrs. West and Mrs. Takeda for all your help and experience
- * Jason Medve on behalf of **The Butte Elks Benevolent and Protective** for the generous donation

THANK
YOU!



DDS Chaperones and Volunteers need a current
2019/2020 Criminal Record Check.

Dorothy Dalglish School and the Palliser School Division's
policy is that we **MUST** have a CRC in order to allow
chaperones to attend off-site overnight field trips.



Kindergarten News..

Wow, I can't believe that it is already October. The boys and girls have settled into Kindergarten and are starting to remember our routines and rules. Great job!

THEMES: Our themes for October are fall, farm and pumpkins.

In **Math** we are working on sorting by one attribute (color, size or shape) and counting forwards and backwards.

In **Language Arts** we will be participating in literacy activities that revolve around the stories of The Little Hen and Old MacDonald. We will also be working on learning letters and their sounds.

In **Science** we will be learning about fall and answering the question, "How do we know that it is fall?"

In **Social** the boys and girls will be learning what it means when we say, "We are all unique."

In **Gym** our class will be practicing fire safety rules, acting out the story of The Little Red Hen and playing Farmer in the Dell.

We have also started having **Book/Computer Buddies** with Grade Six. The boys and girls are very excited to be with their buddies.

Thank You:

A great big thank you to all of the parents who came out to Meet the Teacher night, it was great meeting and talking with you.

Thank you to Mrs. Leibrandt, Mrs. McCallum and Ms. Rogerson for all of your help!

Thank you to the Hot Lunch Moms! We love our delicious lunches.

Upcoming Events

Our Kindergarten field trip to Holiday Bowl and The Helen Schuler Coulee Centre is on Thursday, October 3.

Our Kindergarten Fridays are October 4 and October 25

Kindergarten will be having their Halloween dress-up party, in the morning, on Thursday, October 31.

Enjoy a fall walk with your family,
Mrs. Grandmont



Grade 1 News

Well...that was an amazing start to the year! I have the most wonderful group of littles that I could have ever hoped for. They have humour, personality and kindness built into them and make it so much fun to come to school each and every day.

In Literacy, we are reviewing our letters and sounds. We are also learning strategies for decoding words. We are learning about several English language rules, and then learning that as soon as we learn a rule, we will find many, many words that will break that rule. The English language is a difficult language to learn and reading is no exception. So, that being said, it is important to understand that learning to read can be a slow process, and we need to be patient, diligent, and consistent. I thank all of you that are ensuring that your child is doing their reading each and every day possible. This year, your child will read the SAME book each night for an entire week, to ensure that some accuracy and fluency is being gained. Our writing in Grade 1 is an even slower process. We are focusing on our printing, copying words and sentences, and understanding what good sentences are and what they are made up of.

In Numeracy, we are looking at a new number each day, and how we can represent that number. We are also learning about Patterns. The students are learning how to name patterns (AB, ABC, ABB, AAB, etc.) and are doing an incredible job. We will be starting to look at pattern cores, and how to continue patterns.

In Science, we are learning about the Seasons and Weather, and in Social Studies, we are learning some basic mapping skills and about where we are in the world.

I would like to thank all of the parents for helping make their child's Grade 1 experience a great one. We had an amazing Terry Fox Run, and the Grade 1s would like to thank the Home and School Council for affording us the wonderful opportunity to have the Bouncy Obstacle Course as well as KONA Ice! We are truly spoiled, but in a very great way! As well, a very special thank you to Miss Wiebe, our assistant in our classroom. She keeps us all on track! Here is to an even better October!

Mrs. Nish



**Remember to order your
October 24th Hot Dog Lunch
online, before Oct. 18th**



Grade 2 News.....



Welcome back to all of the returning Grade 2 students. During September we have been busy establishing classroom routines and expectations and all of the children are doing a fantastic job remembering them. We also have two new students joining our class this year. They are Jamie Salberg and Hyrum Bowden. If you see these students in the hall or on the playground please say hi and continue to make them feel welcome at DDS.

In Language Arts we have been working on reading comprehension, making words activities, and printing. We will continue to write our spelling words in our agenda and I really appreciate if everyone can continue practicing them at home. It really does help! Each day we complete the following activities: read to self, read to partners and listen to taped books. We have also been completing writing assignments that involve getting to know each of the grade 2 students better. In Math, we have been working on patterns and skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's. We have also started completing a daily math minute drill that tests each student's ability to add digits quickly and accurately in a specific amount of time.

We will soon be finishing up our unit in Science on magnets and the students really have enjoyed the "hands on" activities. We have also begun our "Recipe of the Week" activity and have made toast, orange Julius, nachos and grilled cheese sandwiches. Yum!! Finally, in Social Studies we will begin learning unique and interesting things about the following three Canadian cities: Iqaluit, Saskatoon and Meteghan.

Thank you to all the parents who have been signing their child's agenda and checking the front pocket for important information. It is greatly appreciated. Anyone who has not signed up for the "remind" app on your phone, please do so asap. A special thank you for packing healthy snacks and lunches. In addition, thank you for your patience with bus dismissal. Hopefully the construction at the High School will finish quickly and things will return to normal soon. Also, a reminder that students are dismissed at 12:10pm on Fridays this year.



Thank you to everyone for their support/donation to the Terry Fox run. It was a huge success and all of the students showed great participation during the event. Finally, thank you to Ms. Rogerson for planning our movie and popcorn. It was fantastic!!!

Mrs.Gibson

School Fees are now due;

pay online at

<https://palliserregional.schoolcashonline.com>

Grade 3 News

We have 20 students in grade 3 this year and I am looking forward to a lot of learning and fun with this group!



In Language Arts we are setting a goal of making this our best reading year yet! We are learning about how to choose books that are just right for us, adding strategies to our reader's toolboxes, and exploring a variety of books in our classroom library. Throughout the year we will be working in some guided reading groups, to focus on building reading strategies and practicing them with support. Students will also have daily reading time where they can choose books that they are interested in and continue practicing those strategies!

We are starting our writing this year with personal narratives. Students are writing daily and I have been so impressed with how much more they are writing, even after only a month! I love how they are sharing stories that are important to them and also how they are genuinely trying different writing techniques that we are noticing in mentor texts. The grade 3 students are excited to share their writing and show how much they are growing as writers!

In math during the first month of school we did some review of addition strategies. The unit we are currently on is patterns and in grade 3 students learn about increasing and decreasing patterns: how to make, compare and extend them.

Our current science unit is Rocks and Minerals so students are finding many interesting rocks that we are sharing. We were so lucky to have Scientist Jane, from Scientists in Schools, come to our classroom on September 24, for a workshop where we learned a lot! Thank you to the DDS Home and School, who paid for this wonderful experience in our classroom!

We are starting social studies with a unit on our community, our province and our country, so we can compare and contrast our experiences with those in the other communities we study throughout the year.

-Just a reminder that our library class is every THURSDAY so please remind your child to bring back his / her library books for that day.

-We will be celebrating Halloween on Thursday, October 31. If you would like to send a treat / snack for our party, please send me a message on Remind or jot a note for me in the agenda. Thank you!

-If you haven't already signed up for the Remind app for the Grade 3 2019-20 class, you can text (587) 409-2927 and text the message @jodigurr to be added to the contact list.

-On October 3 we will be going to the Galt Museum to learn about Building Bridges and then we will be doing some exploring in Indian Battle Park, making observations about the land in the coulees, studying the erosion we see and of course, checking out the beautiful High Level Bridge!

Thank You:

-Thank you for signing agendas each day - it's a great way to communicate!

-Thank you for having your child do a half hour of homework each night, whether it's doing some free reading, going over their spelling words, practicing math adding and subtracting facts, or writing for fun!

Your support is appreciated very much!

Mrs. Gurr

thank you 😊



Grade 3



Scientist in School

Grade 4 News

Grade 4 is off to a grand start this year!

Our read-aloud novel is “Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing” by Judy Blume. This is the story of 9 year-old, Peter, who lives in an apartment in the middle of New York City with his parents and 4 year-old-brother. Needless to say, “Fudge” gets into mischief and, more often than not, Peter is left to deal with these hilarious situations.



We finished a shared chapter book by David Adler called “Cam Jensen and the Barking Treasure Mystery”. Children explored parts of a story based on the main characters, setting, problem and solution.

Our focus for reading is self-monitoring. In a nutshell, this is readers asking themselves if they comprehend what they are reading. If not, then students can activate problem-solving strategies and use them from the Fix-up Anchor Chart:

- o Slow down
- o Reread and/or read on
- o Summarize (retell)
- o Visualize (picture in your head)
- o Look at pictures, charts, etc.
- o Check tricky words
- o Read a part aloud
- o Flags difficult spots with sticky notes
- o Talk to a friend
- o Ask for Help.

Students are working on basic sentence writing focussing on conventions (capitals, periods, question marks, exclamation marks), and spelling. We are also learning how to expand on our ideas and thoughts by adding either the word “because” or “so”. Look at this example: “It is a rainy day.” We can add ‘so’ to make this a much more interesting sentence: “It is a rainy day so I should take my umbrella and raincoat with me when I walk to school.” Here is another example: “The window is cracked.” We can add ‘because’ to make it more interesting: “The window is cracked because the temperature went down to minus 38 degrees Celsius.”

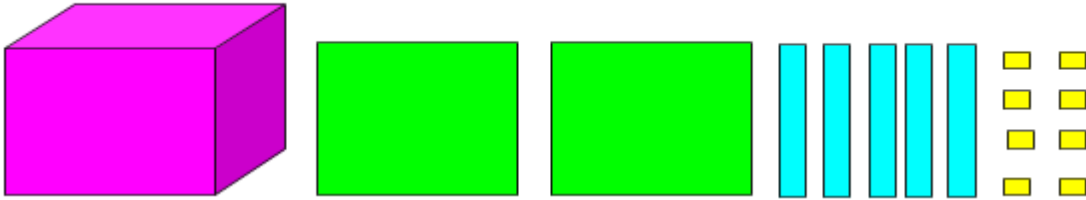
Students will write personal narratives in October and November.

We recently finished a Pattern Unit in Math. This included shape patterns up to three attributes (characteristics), increasing and decreasing number patterns and the use of T-charts to solve problems. In October and November students will learn place value in detail up to the 10,000s position including numerals (1 256), expanded notation (1 000 + 200 + 50 + 6), number words (one thousand, two hundred fifty-six), place value charting (1 thousand, 2 hundreds, 5 tens and 6 ones) and representing numbers using pictures:

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Grade 4 can't.....

We are also working on multiplication and division facts. In September, we practiced the 2 times tables. Your child should know these facts fluently (quickly and accurately). Children should also be able to count forwards and backwards by 2s to 50 super fast! We move onto the 3 times tables in October. By the end of October, children should be able to count by 3s to 48 super fast and know their 3 times to 12 fluently. **Please practice these facts at home.**



We completed a science unit called Waste and Our World. Every Wednesday throughout the year, Grade 4 students collect paper and cardboard for the entire school and place it into an outside recycling bins for pickup. We change gears in October and move from science to Social Studies and learn about the geographic areas of Alberta beginning with the prairies, foothills and Rocky Mountains. If you have questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me through the agenda, email (jane.boras@pallisersd.ab.ca) or phone: text (403) 331-4822 or school (403) 732-5636.

Cheerio!

Mrs. Jane Boras

Student of the Week

September 21

Grade 1 Oleksi
Grade 2 Mark
Grade 3 Jacob
Grade 4 Ella
Grade 4 Yurii
Grade 5 Nicky
Grade 6F Cassie
Grade 6D Kashton



Grade 5 News.....

Welcome back to DDS! I'm having such a great time getting to know this new batch of kids and I feel as though our classroom is really feeling like a team. In language arts our focus has been on self-monitoring and understanding theme and plot in our reading to ensure we can become the best readers we can be. Students have had the chance to listen and read along to "Hatchet" as a modelled text and will participate in shared reading of a biography about a Canadian war hero as soon as we've finished up our novel read aloud. Students also take part in our independent reading time as much as possible. To demonstrate their comprehension we have been writing in our Reading Response Journals. **Thank you to all those who are helping by encouraging at least 20 minutes of reading at home every night!**



In writing we are undertaking a "writing bootcamp" to launch the year. We are slowly moving through some of the basics for writing high quality sentences and have spent some time analyzing errors (such as fragments and run-on sentences) as well as learning how to fix those mistakes in our own writing. Students have also been learning about parts of speech to help their writing. Lastly this month we have focused on writing strong paragraphs that include a topic sentence, an attention grabber, relevant details, transition words, and strong closing sentences.

In math, the class has kicked off the year studying Measurement. We have learned about accurately measuring length using rulers and meter sticks, using referents to estimate lengths, and finally how to find area and perimeter of various shapes. Our first science unit, Classroom Chemistry, is about half-way through and has allowed for some experimentation. In social we have been focusing on our mapping skills as an introduction to our Physical Regions of Canada unit. Having a basic understanding of maps and geography will be a huge help as we enter this content heavy unit.

Important Notes:

- Thank you so much to families for supporting your students' learning at home by encouraging at least 20 minutes of reading every night AND practicing their multiplication facts
- Thank you to those parents who have signed up for Remind and came out for Cobs and Dogs
- Thanks to everyone who helped make the Terry Fox Run a great success
- Thanks to the hot lunch volunteers



Ms. Mohrmann

Grade 6F News

Greetings parents! It has been a fantastic start to the new school year. I've enjoyed meeting all the grade six students and look forward to getting to know them better over the year. Thank you to all the parents who came out to meet the teacher night. I enjoyed meeting you all.

The class has had an excellent start to the new year. Here is what we have been up to:

Reading - We have been reading an excellent book, *The Breadwinner*. After we have completed the book, we will watch the movie. *The Breadwinner* ties in nicely with our Social unit. Friendly reminder, I would love to have the kids read 20 minutes a night. Reading at home is an excellent practice to improve their reading ability.

Writing - We have been focusing on personal narrative, telling real-life stories concentrating on detail and description in our writing.

Social - We are doing our first unit on democracy. Our next unit will focus on ancient Athens, the birthplace of democracy.

I'm looking forward to our field trip to Drumheller October 2nd and 3rd. It will be a great learning opportunity and lots of fun.

If parents have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call or come in. My door is always open.

Best Regards,

Mrs. Fraser



Grade 6D News...

Welcome to another year at Dorothy Dalglish! I am so excited to be back teaching grade six, and I am loving this new group of grade 6's! Here are a few notes about what we have been doing:



Math - We started our unit on Statistics and Probability. Students looked at chance and how to calculate the probability of a certain event happening. They also explored how to collect and display data (it's actually more exciting than it sounds!)

Science - Our first unit is on Trees and Forests. We have been cruising around the neighborhood, checking out different trees and doing experiments.



This year, we have also started options classes. Mrs. Fraser has been teaching Drama to the students, and I have been teaching computer programming. It's been a lot of fun, and I think the students are really enjoying themselves. Please ask them about it!

Just a few other notes to be aware of:

- Please have your child read at least 20 minutes a night. In order to become better readers, they must be practicing regularly. It doesn't really matter what they read, as long as it is appropriate for their ability.
- Also, we are really working on our multiplication this year. Please practice multiplication for at least 5 minutes a night with your child (you can use flash cards, an app, or ask your child to show you what we have been doing in class).
- A huge thank-you to everyone who participated in our leadership day in August - and a big thank-you to Ms. Rogerson, who planned the whole thing. Our leadership program has never been better!
- Thanks to Mrs. Stauth and Mrs. Hillyer, who faithfully keep our school running and looking amazing!
- A big thank-you to Mrs. Gibson, who has been doing the hot dog days for the last few years. We really appreciate her volunteerism, as well as how she includes the grade sixes!

Just a reminder that my door is always open. I love having meaningful conversations about your child's success in school. Feel free to drop by, or shoot me an e-mail or text if you would like to talk about anything.

Mr. Van Dyk