

Dorothy Dalglish School

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March/April 2021

Message from the Principal

Happy April and welcome back to Spring!

Parent-Teacher Interviews: I want to begin by thanking everyone who showed up to virtual Parent-Teacher Interviews on March 18. It is wonderful to see you participating in your child's educational journey, celebrating their growth and accomplishments. Research shows that your involvement as a partner in your child's education is one of the **strongest predictors of your child's success**. Being involved also helps you to be more aware of what is truly going on in the school, especially now that you are not able to pop in as liberally as before COVID.



The Don Boras Memorial Outdoor Learning Commons Project: As some of you may know, DDS School Council, the Public School Betterment Society of Picture Butte, and Dorothy Dalglish School want to honour Mr. Don Boras. As a Palliser School Division trustee, Don Boras was a valued and dynamic member of the school and town's communities. Don's wife, Jane Boras is an exceptionally devoted educator who taught at Dorothy Dalglish School for many, many years and has had a lasting, positive influence in hundreds of students' and staff's lives.

Mr. Boras was a life-long outdoor enthusiast, and a consummate supporter for education and innovation. He championed and advocated for the needs of students tirelessly. We at Dorothy Dalglish School would like to honour Mr. Boras' legacy by building the "Don Boras Memorial Outdoor Learning Commons." This outdoor learning space is envisioned as a calm retreat for children to reduce stress, restore and rejuvenate depleted energy, and to improve immune function. It provides opportunities for children to recognize and appreciate the value of spending time outdoors, as well as achieving a multitude of curricular outcomes such as ecology, plant life cycles, agriculture, weather, climate, light and shadow, and land stewardship. As a result, children will deeply understand their impact on and connection to the environment. (con't on next page)

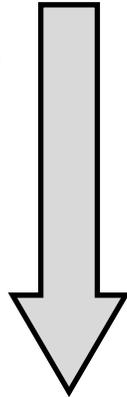
PSBSPB has allocated funds, and we have been receiving generous donations from local groups. Miss Katie West is working hard on accessing grants to also help support this worthy cause. Our goal is to have it built by September school opening. If you would, or know of someone who might like to donate or be involved in the build, please contact Crystal or me at the school, or Michelle Marti, chair of DDS' School Council.

Please see the photo of a recent outdoor classroom build from Jennie Emery Elementary School in Coaldale. It is very similar to what we envision for our structure.

Have a fantastic Easter break!

Your partner in education,

Ms. Rogerson



April 2021

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DDS Word of the Month:
Compassion



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Good Friday
No School for Staff or Students

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No School for Staff or Students

Happy Easter

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DDS Home & School Virtual Meeting 3:45PM

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“Green Shirt Day”
Organ donation awareness & to honor Logan Boulet

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DDS Spirit Day
Wear DDS Blue

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Scholastic Book Fair

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Kindergarten Friday
DDS Spirit Day
Jersey Day

Thank you to Trinity United Church and Mrs. Drake for the Easter treats.



REMINDER

If you have "Hot Lunch Vouchers" from last school year, please return them to the school office by April 16th to be reimbursed.



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 **CURE**

Help us power the fight against breast cancer

Like many disadvantaged groups, COVID 19 has severely impacted the lives of breast cancer patients. CURE is committed to helping those touched by breast cancer by funding community programs and services. We know that breast cancer impacts the patient and their family in ways that go beyond a medical treatment. Help us help the 26,000 Canadian women diagnosed with breast cancer every year.

Dorothy Dalglish School has joined the **Fundraise for CURE** campaign! Click on the link below to donate and help our school reach our goal of \$1000.00

Click on this link to make a donation
[*CURE* DDS Cancer Fundraiser](#)

If you prefer to send us a cheque, please make it payable to the "CURE Foundation" and mail it to the following address:

CURE Foundation 1320 Graham Blvd., Suite 130 T.M.R. QC H3P 3C8
(Make note on the cheque that it is for the **Dorothy Dalglish School Fundraiser**)

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Home & School will have a Google Meet on **Monday April 12 at 3:45pm**
Please contact jmmarti@shaw.ca to be added to the meeting.

(Due to Easter Break, the meeting will be the 2nd Monday of April)

We meet the first Monday of every month and all are welcome to join!



Now is the time to register your child for the upcoming School Year
Play-based, developmentally appropriate program designed to help your child develop/learn:

- Language and thinking skills
- Communication skills
- Social and emotional skills
- Fine and gross motor skills
- Physical health and wellbeing



Three Year-olds
Four Year-olds
Five Year-olds

Register online by clicking this link: [2021/2022 Registration.](#)

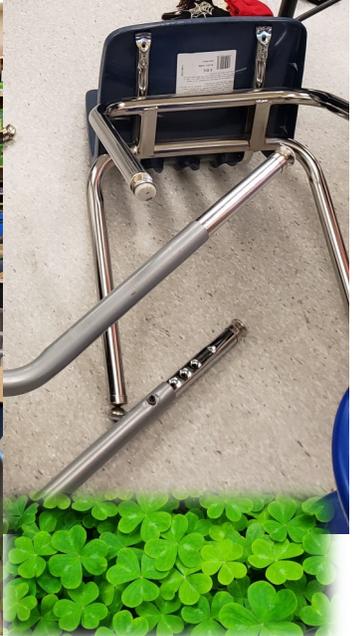
Or visit our website [DDS](#) and click on 2021/2022 NewRegistration under "Quick Links"

**HAPPY
St. Patrick's
DAY**

Wee Wee ...
Have a Great
St. Patrick's
Day!
The Leprechaun!

Heehee Grade 1:
You thought you could catch
me... no, no, no! But I left
you some gold to remind you,
I can't be CAUGHT!

Ooohhhh, that naughty
Leprechaun!



Kindergarten News

Spring has sprung and everything is starting to grow including the Kindergarten children. They are getting older and wiser every day.

Our Themes for April are April Showers, Spring and Baby Animals. The boys and girls will participate in center activities that revolve around our themes.

In **Language Arts** the children are writing and rhyming every day. They will be working on activities that revolve around stories about spring and they will also be completing the sentence: When it rains I



In **Math** we will be continuing to work on number concepts and measurement.

In **Science** we will be answering the questions "What hatches from an egg?" and "How do we know that it is spring?" We will also be completing our spring trees.

In **Gym** class we will be exploring how animals move.

Thank you to all of the parents who shared their time with me, so that we could discuss and celebrate your child's accomplishments and set goals together during parent teacher interviews.

Thank you to Miss Wiebe for all of her help in our classroom. Kindergarten would not be the same without her.

Our extra Friday for Kindergarten is April 30.

Take time for a family walk and look for signs of spring, while you enjoy the Easter break.



Hugs,

Mrs. Grandmont

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming!!

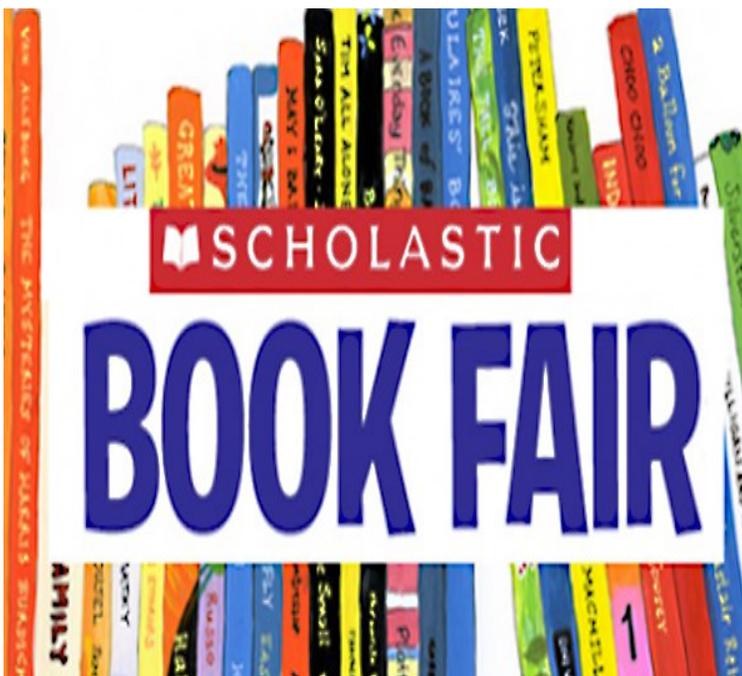
April 20-22, 2021

There will be a virtual link for the Fair again

All proceeds go towards our library!

A schedule for shopping times for the students will be coming out soon

"The more excitement we can create about reading the better everyone becomes!"



Grade 1 News



This past month in Grade 1 has been a whirlwind of activity. We have blinked, and March has left us and April and our Easter holidays are here!

We have been continuing to practice our reading strategies and working on our reading accuracy and fluency! We are reading more than I would have ever imagined for this particular year.



I was able to celebrate my Grade 1s with all my parents through Phone Home Interviews, and I was delighted to talk to everyone about how amazing my students are!

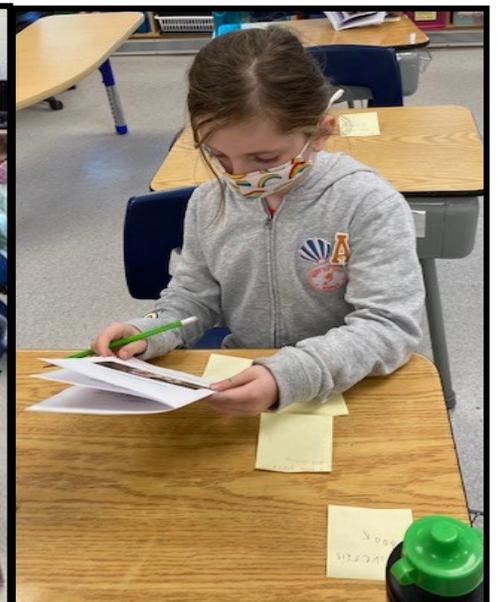
We celebrated St. Patrick's Day by building our leprechaun traps, in hopes of catching at least one, but no, we were foiled again! The students had such amazing ideas as to how to catch them. They were able to devise a plan and explain why they were making their traps in a certain way.



Grade 1 would like to send out a HUGE thank you to Mrs. Pittman for always having great books for us to read, as well as to Mrs. O and Mrs. Yanke for our amazing breakfast snacks each and every single morning! A most important THANK YOU goes out to Ms. Neels for being the best possible assistant that we could ever hope for in Grade 1. She keeps Mrs. Nish on track and out of trouble!

Here is to a wonderful April and a relaxing and safe holiday to everyone!

Mrs. Nish



Grade 3 finished off their information writing unit by doing a gallery walk in their classroom. Students moved around the classroom with their masks on, reading others' books and leaving comments for their fellow authors.

Grade 2 News

Wow!!! March is done and here comes April!!! Only 3 months of school left. Where has the time gone?



The Grade 2's have been extremely busy working on their math, reading and writing skills. In Language we have been working hard on our reading comprehension by completing activities that relate to non-fiction topics. During these activities the students are required to read a passage and then answer questions about what they have just read.



Just recently, we did an activity that involved reading the Dr. Seuss book, "Bartholomew and the Oobleck". After reading the book the students wrote about "Oobleck" and then made their own to take home. We had a lot of fun completing this activity and I hope your child was able to tell you all about it!

In math we are continuing to work on our Addition and Subtraction unit, that includes two digit numbers and borrowing and trading. Within this unit we are also working on our problem solving skills.

In Science we will be wrapping up our unit on hot and cold temperatures and in Social Studies we will be continuing to learn more about our 3 Canadian Cities: Meteghan, Iqaluit and Saskatoon.

Thank you's

- To Ms. Takeda, Mr. Pritchard, Mrs. Pittman, Mrs. Hillier, Mrs. Stauth, and Ms. Rogerson for all that they continue to do for our classroom.
- To all the parents who were able to attend our student-led conferences.
- To the parents who continue to practice spelling words, and read at least 10 minutes with their children on a daily basis. Remember that reading to your child is just as important as them reading to you. Either activity will benefit your child. As always, your support is always appreciated.
- To Mrs. Yanke and Mrs. O for helping out with the breakfast program this month. Without you the students would not have received this program this month.
- To the Grade 2 class for coming to school each day with a smile on your face and a positive attitude to learn

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a great April and Easter break!

Mrs. Gibson



Grade 3 News



Come on Spring... We are definitely ready for some sunshine and warmer weather! In Language Arts we continue working in our guided reading groups. I am seeing students finding different genres of books that they are enjoying and I'm also seeing lots of strategies being used to figure out tricky words or check for understanding. I am so proud of these grade 3s! Their enthusiasm for reading and books makes me smile every single day!

We finished off our information writing unit by doing a gallery walk in our classroom. Students moved around the classroom with their masks on, reading others' books and leaving comments for their fellow authors. Although covid required a few changes, such as getting sanitized between each book they read, the grade 3 class really enjoyed sharing their published pieces. Our next writing unit is teaching students how to write persuasive pieces. They will work on writing strong thesis statements and then supporting their opinions with valid reasons. This is a unit that will encourage students to take some risks and try some new writing techniques when sharing their opinions. I can't wait to see the writing that the grade 3s produce in this unit!

We are working hard on our multiplication unit and students have been practicing their facts to 5 X 5. We have really been focusing on visualizing the facts by referring to the equations as 'groups of' so students aren't just memorizing them but also have an understanding of what multiplication is. Thank you so much to families who are helping their children practice their facts to gain confidence in their times tables. Some students have even asked for extra practice work to do at home! YAY!!

Our next science unit is building things and our social studies unit has us learning about the Ukraine.

I would like to give a HUGE thank you to the following people:

-Mrs. Olsen and Miss Wiebe for being amazing in our classroom. We appreciate you more than you know!

-The DDS Parent Council who is giving the grade 3s an opportunity to participate in a virtual Scientists in Schools program on April 14. The topic is Strong Structures which ties into our current science unit.

- Mrs. Wobick for teaching us how to decorate psanky eggs. The students loved it!

-Mrs. Pittman for going above and beyond to find library books that are interesting for our kiddos and are also at the appropriate reading level for each individual. Our students' love of reading is definitely supported whole-heartedly by our fabulous Mrs. Pittman!

Mrs. Gurr



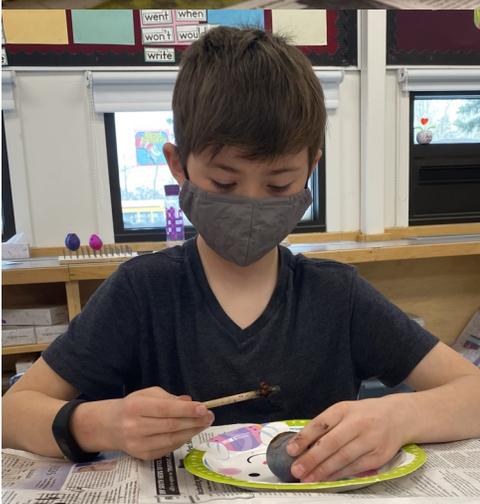
HAPPY SPRING!

Grade 3 Easter Crafts

The Grade 3 class is having fun decorating Easter Eggs! Mrs. Wobick shared her talents with us and taught the class how to decorate pysanky eggs.



Easter Fun!!



Thank you Mrs. Wobick



I can't believe it is April already! Spring is finally here, and we are happy to welcome it.

Here is what we have been learning in our classroom.



Math-We finished our multiplication unit and have moved onto division. This month we covered Division and addition, The meanings of Division, Division and Multiplication, Knowing When to Multiply or Divide, Remainders and Long Division-2 Digit by 1 Digit.

We have been enjoying the poetry of Jack Prelutsky, Bruce Lansky, and Shel Silverstein. We read Poetry daily as well as write it. We have written:



- Limericks
- Haiku's
- Acrostics
- Cinquains
- Triplets
- Alliterations
- Character Poems
- Diamantes
- Quatrain poems
- Season Poems
- I Am Poems
- Similes
- Metaphors



We are discovering The Canadian Shield Region: its landforms, bodies of water, climate, vegetation, animal life, people and places and natural resources, community connections, and transportation.



We will celebrate our last day before break with an auction!

Thank you parents for your continued support. I enjoyed speaking with you about your children's progress during interviews.

Hope your families enjoy a restful break.

MRS. FRASER

Grade 5 News

In writing, the class has begun our literary analysis unit to learn more about how to critique a text and share our own thoughts about it. This is one of my favourite writing units of the year since it pushes students to think outside of the box and really elaborate on their own ideas. We are using the story "Fox" by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks as our class mentor text and we have already had some fantastic conversations about the story and its characters. We will learn about the basic structure of an essay and write our own thesis statements after the break.

In reading, students are working to make inferences about texts in order to improve their reading comprehension. This involves reading carefully for clues or hints that can be combined with background information to draw a new conclusion. After the spring break we will move on to our evaluating comprehension strategy.

In math, the class has completed our algebra unit and have moved on to our number concepts unit. This unit relies heavily on students' understanding of place value and ability to describe and compare numbers up to the hundred thousands. During this unit we will also learn about fractions and decimals.

You can help your child by playing card games that rely on adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing. Simple single-digit addition is a great way to check in with your child. Can they add 7 and 6 quickly in their head? Do they still rely on their fingers? How long does this take?

In science, we are learning more about weather phenomena and their causes. So far we've examined the movement of air, the water cycle, and types of precipitation.



Important Notes:

- Please help your child to remember to read at home as well as practicing their mental math facts
- students should be able to recall their multiplication facts up to 10 x 10 quickly (a few seconds at the most)
- A HUGE thank you to everyone involved in the nutrition program. They didn't skip a beat when we lost access to the kitchen last week and we SO appreciate the snacks every morning!

Ms. Mohrmann

Grade 6 News

Can you believe that there are only 3 months left in school? I can't believe how fast this year has gone. I'm really excited about making the most of the last few months of school with your children. Here is what we are up to in each class:



LA - We just finished practicing Making Connections in reading. We read *The Prophecy of Bane*, the second book in the Gregor Chronicles. We weren't planning on reading it, but the kids *begged me to read it. So we did. In writing, we have been busy writing news articles. Our most recent article was about the kitchen fire we had at school on a PD day!*

Math - Right now we are focusing on the Number strand. Students are learning how to problem solve with big numbers, as well as to use multiplication to help them.

Social - Our Local Government unit is up and running. Students are busy building a town in Minecraft - and they are just about to pay property taxes! Imagine their surprise when they get a couple thousand dollar tax bill!



Science - Our Sky Science unit will be finished soon after Easter. Our next unit will be on Air and Aerodynamics.

I have been brainstorming some ideas for what we could do as a class to replace the Edmonton trip. I am really sad that the students will not get to go again this year (almost for sure), but I do want to do something special for them. If you have any ideas, feel free to shoot me an email. Also, we have some AMAZING computer programming classes coming up. We are busy learning how to design our own projects to 3D print (there are pictures in this newsletter) and we also received a few new Mac computers from the Public School Betterment Society of Picture Butte that we are going to learn video editing. It's going to be awesome!

Have a great month! As always, feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

Mr. Van Dyk

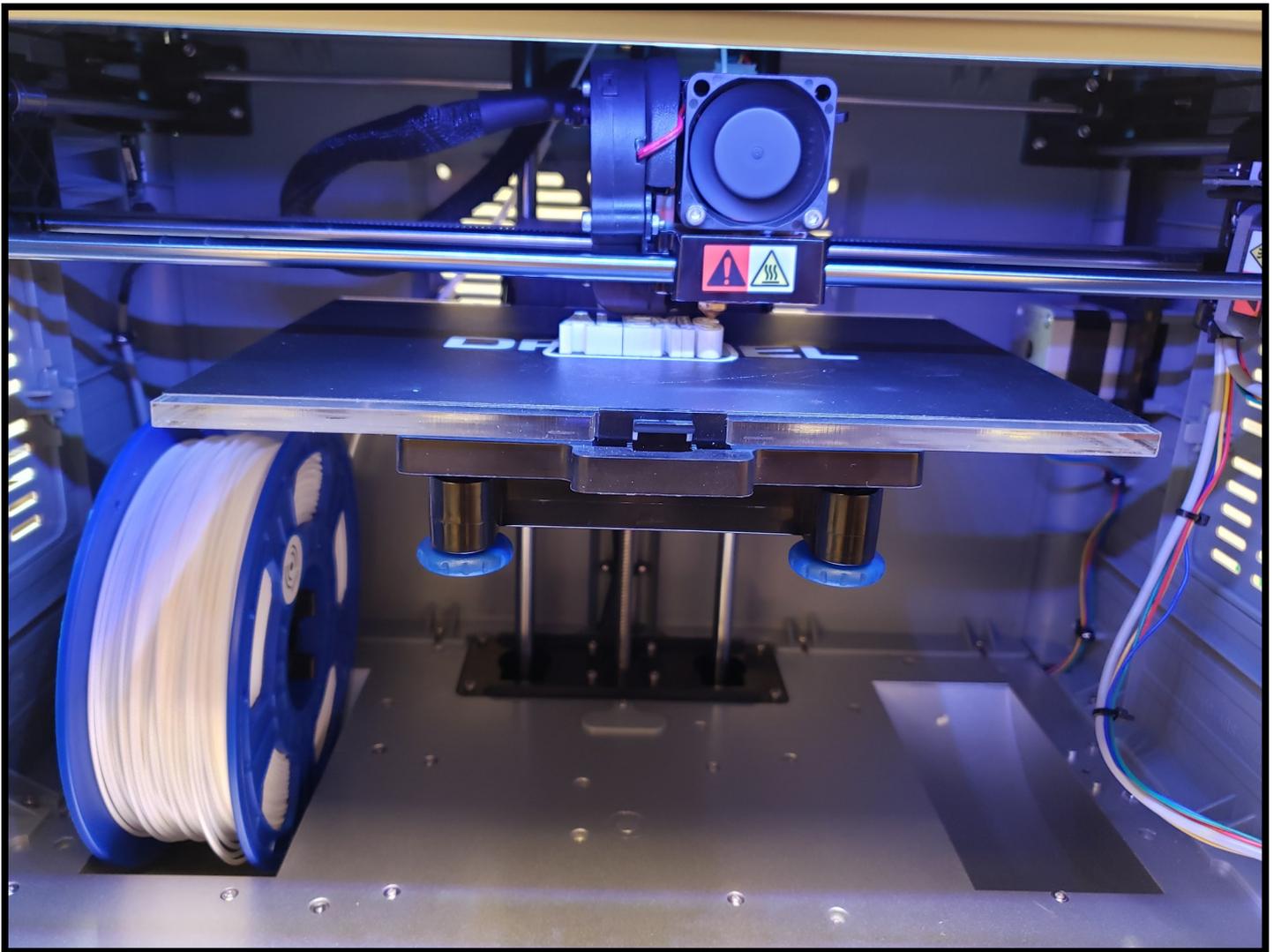
DDS will celebrate "Green Shirt Day"

April 14th, 2021

Wear green for organ donation awareness

On April 7, 2018, Humboldt Broncos defenceman Logan Boulet succumbed to his injuries. His parents, Bernadine and Toby Boulet offered to donate his organs so that six lives could live on. They did so because Logan told his parents he was registering as an organ donor and that he was inspired by his coach and mentor Ric Suggitt. Ric passed on June 27th, 2017 and was also an organ donor and saved 6 lives.



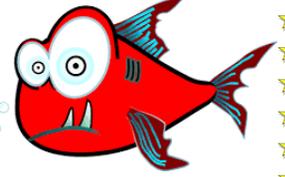


Mr. Van Dyk and the Grade 6 class have been creating objects with the new 3D Printer. Thank you to Public School Betterment Society of Picture Butte for the generous gift to our school, Mr. Van Dyk and the students have been having lots of fun creating different items.

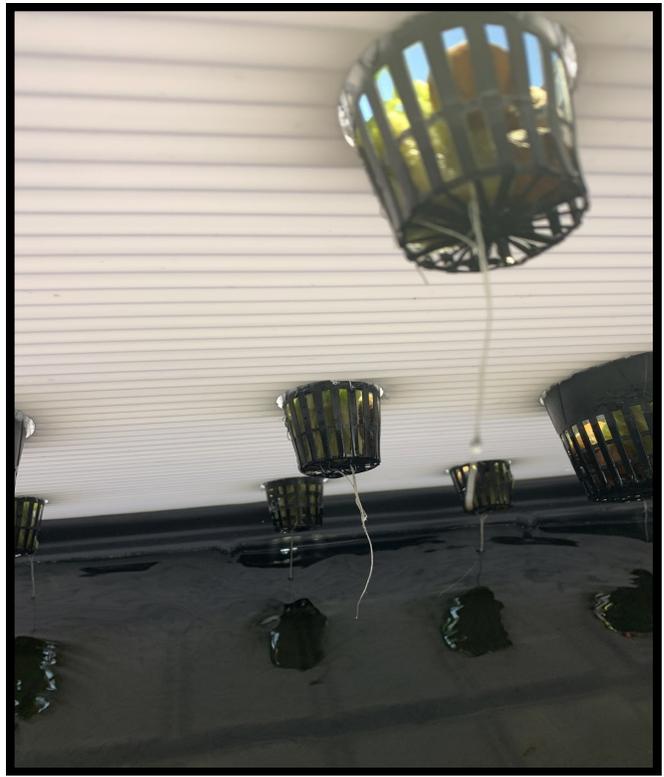
Below are a few of the student's projects

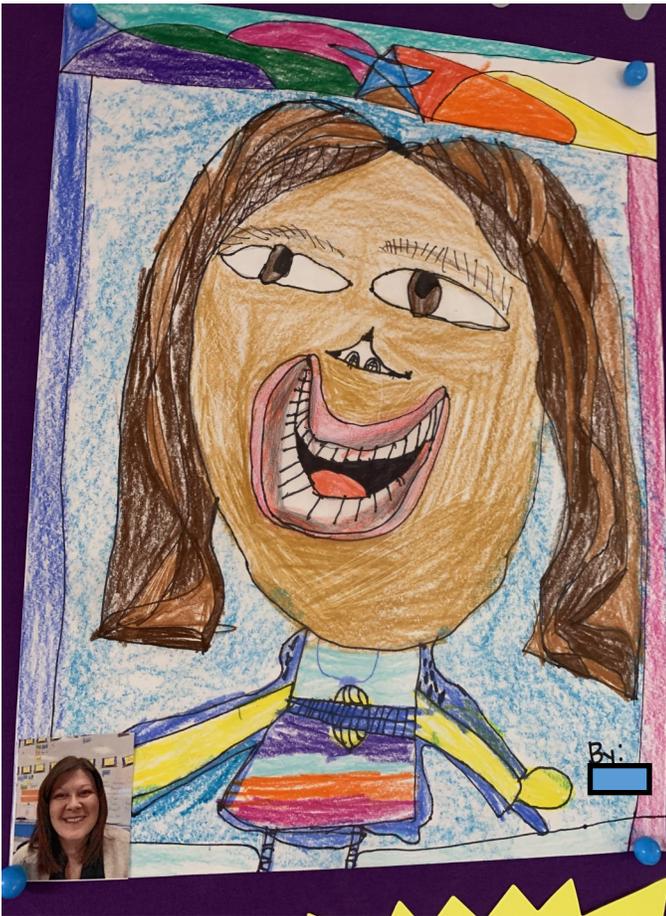


Fishy Facts Update



- ★ It's official! We are in the vegetable growing business! Most of our seedlings have grown roots long enough to reach the waterbed, and are now thriving plants - yay!
- ★ Our water parameters remain stable, and our nutrient-rich aquarium water continues to feed our young plants. It's not time for salad just yet, but within a few weeks, we should see some fairly substantial plants.
- ★ Our fish seem healthy and happy, oblivious of the role they are playing in helping to grow lettuce, kale and basil. Or perhaps they are aware, and congratulate each other regularly for their fantastic teamwork.....who could know?





DDS ART MASTERPIECES—Various Grades.

