

# Dorothy Dalglish School

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April 2023

## Message from the Principal

Dear DDS Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that spring break is nearly here! It won't be long until the warm weather arrives and stays, leaving the snowy memories of the winter season behind.



Students and staff have enjoyed a very busy month of March. With three months left in this school year, we are very focused on each child's learning journey. Literacy and numeracy continue to be a critical focus for all our learners. On March 16th, students showcased their growth and learning through student-led conferences. Thank you to all those who came out.

### *Mini Basketball*

This past week, our Grade 6s modeled sportsmanship and hard work while representing our school at Coalhurst Elementary School's basketball tournament. These students exemplified what it means to be a DDS Dolphin, and were true ambassadors of our school! Well done!

Congratulations to our Grades 4 –6 mini basketball teams on their excellent efforts and positive attitudes this season. Please join us for our final tournament on Wednesday, April 5th at 12:30pm. There will be a small concession with hot dogs, chips, water, and something sweet. We recommend students still bring a lunch that day. All classes will have the opportunity to see our athletes in action and purchase concession items. A special thank you to all our coaches for their dedication and support of our student - athletes. It is because of you that we were able to offer these rich and enjoyable experiences to our students!

Ms. Mastel and Abi L. - Orange Team  
Ms. Mohrmann and Kirsten F. - Purple Team  
Ms. Milne, Ms. McMillan and Tessa M. - Yellow Team  
Mrs. McGregor and Ms. Vollans - Green Team

Thank you to Mrs. Neufeld and Mrs. Thomson for jumping in when needed as well.

### *Notes from the Office*

You may have seen some of our recent reminders that Early Learning and Kindergarten registration is now open. Developmental check-ups are scheduled for Friday, April 28th so please be sure to register your child as soon as possible.

Please note that all hot lunch orders will be due by the 15th of each month.

I hope everyone has a great Spring Break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on April 17th.

Yours in Learning,

Mrs. McGregor



# April 2023

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2	3	4 Kindergarten	5 Mini Basketball Tournament 12:30PM	6 Hot Lunch—Sloppy Joes Sponsored by Schooten & Sons Feedyard Kindergarten	7 Good Friday No School	8
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Easter Break						
16	17 Parent Council Meeting 3:45 PM	18 Kindergarten	19	20 Hot Dog Lunch Kindergarten	21	22
23	24	25 Kindergarten	26	27 Hot Lunch Pasta/MeatSauce Sponsored by 6A Cattle Co. Kindergarten Gr. 5 & 6 to Drumheller	28 Assembly DDS Blue Day Kindergarten Friday	29



**2023/2024 School Registration is now open.**

Please click [here](#) to register your child for the upcoming school year.

Click on the tab "Online Student Registration" on the top menu bar.

**NOTE: The registration forms are year-specific forms. Ensure you are choosing the correct form for the school year you wish to register.**

**If you have a child returning to Dorothy Dalglish School, please click on the form "2023-2034 Returning Student"** (if you need assistance, please contact the school 403-732-5636)

## School Council News

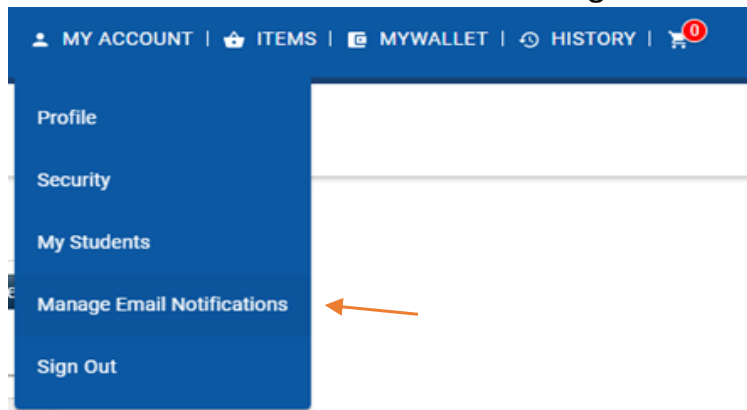
There are a few exciting things coming up at DDS! At our March meeting we discussed a request from Mrs. Neufeld to purchase ukuleles for our music program and are excited to hear they are on their way. Field trips have been booked for the coming months with the first being the grades 5 & 6 overnight trip to Royal Tyrrell Museum happening later this month.

Our next meeting will be Monday April 17 at 3:45pm in the old computer room. Everyone is invited to attend and if you have kids that would tag along, they're more than welcome to hang out as well. They usually end up on Chromebooks chatting away at a table or two. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Michelle at [jmmarti@shaw.ca](mailto:jmmarti@shaw.ca)



Congratulations to Mrs. Neufeld for being nominated by Palliser for the Edwin Parr Award. We're very blessed to have had you join our staffing team this past year.

Hot lunch has introduced a new ordering cut off date which is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. This allows



us to ensure all food & drink orders are placed in time for the following month. If you aren't already signed up for email notifications with SchoolCash, it's very simple to do and it will email you the day items have been posted online.

As always, if you can help with hot lunch in any way, please reach out to Laurell at [laurell.greene@gmail.com](mailto:laurell.greene@gmail.com)

April 26 is Administrative Professional's Day and we have one of the best administrative professionals out there.

Thank You Mrs. Stauth for all that you do for our school and kids and for always keeping us parents informed. We appreciate you!







## Student of the Week

March 10 2023

Grade 6	Gracie
Grade 5	Lili
Grade 4	Arlo
Grade 3	Hunter
Grade 3	Xander
Grade 2	Liam
Grade 2	Paige
Grade 1	Maverick
Kindergarten	Oakley
Kindergarten	Charlotte
Kindergarten	Cohen



### SPLASH AWARD

Shayna  
Jacob  
Mckenna (absent)



CONGRATULATIONS!



**GOOD JOB!**

# Spirit Cup Winners

The Kindergarten class won  
the Spirit Cup on March 10  
for the most **DDS Blue**

**WAY TO GO!**







# National Book Day



Staff and students enjoyed an afternoon together in the gym sharing their favorite books and snacking on fruit kabobs.

## DDS Family Activity





## April 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**, during story writing activities, the Kindergarten students are practicing how to sound out the words that they are try to print. They will be working on activities that revolve around spring stories and they will also be rhyming everyday.

In **Math** we will be continuing to work on number concepts and build our measurement vocabulary. Examples: Lighter, heavier, longer, shorter, bigger, smaller, area, length, weight, mass etc.

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.

**Thank you** to all of the parents who came out to the student led conferencing. It was great seeing you and watching the excitement of the boys and girls as they shared what they are learning.

**Our extra Friday for Kindergarten is April 28.**

Take time for a family walk and look for signs of spring.

Mrs. Grandmont



## Word of the Month:

# Acceptance



## Grade 1 News

And here we are...ready to jump into April! We are so looking forward to some springtime weather. March passed by in a flash. We were busy with report cards and Student-Led Conferences this month, as well as trying to build traps for that pesky Leprechaun. He beat us again, but he left us some gold coins in Grade 1, so we will head back to the drawing board for next year. We enjoyed two Fridays off, but Mrs. Nish did NOT!

We also had the best week with the Book Fair that Mrs. Pittman put on for us, as well as that fabulous cake auction! A few lucky Grade 1 students went home with some yummy cakes! Thank you to all that supported this Grade 5/6 fundraiser.

In Literacy, we are continuing to work on our reading, but are now moving into working on our comprehension. In Numeracy, we are just finishing up balancing equations! Whew...pre-algebra in Grade 1 is CRAZY, but we CAN DO IT!

A huge thank you to all the amazing moms that continue to make us great hot lunches. We LIVE for Thursdays.

Our surprise walking field trip...off to see the chicks and feed the chickens at PBHS! A huge thank you to Mr. Lowe from PBHS for inviting us to come and visit the animals! We LOVED it!



Here is to an amazing April, and some nicer weather for us to enjoy!

Mrs. Nish



## Grade 2 News

I cannot believe it is already April! Time flies! In March we learned so much! Thank you to Mrs. Pittman for hosting another excellent book fair. Thank you to all the parents who came to student led conferences. Thank you to our parent volunteers for more yummy hot lunches. And a big congratulations to Mrs. Neufeld, our music and numeracy games teacher, for receiving the Edwin Parr award in our school division.



### **Math**

We have learned how to add two-digit numbers to 100, with and without regrouping. We practiced lots of facts and word problems, and have been working on number strings each day to improve our mental math and flexibility. This month we will be starting subtraction facts and strategies.

### **Reading**

We finished our read aloud The Boy Called Bat and have started Charlotte's Web. We are continuing with our reading groups and are continuing to practice comprehension.

### **Writing**

We are finishing opinion writing and will be starting Scenes to Series, writing a small series about a character. We are working on predictable and unpredictable vowel team words.

### **PE**

Students have been having lots of fun with badminton! We have been practicing our hand-eye coordination with working to hit the birdie in a forward motion and pass to a partner.

### **Health**

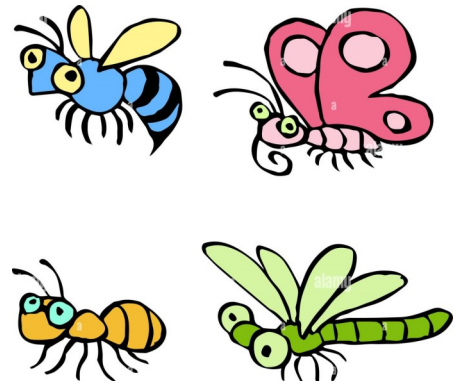
In Second Step, we have learned the acronym STEP to solve problems. We are working on saying the problem and communicating with others.

### **Science/Social**

We finished our social unit on Community Work. We are moving on to Small Crawling and Flying Animals in science. We are excited to have some visitors joining our room in April.

I cannot wait for April! Easter break is quickly approaching!

Miss Giesbrecht



## Grade 3 News

Come on Spring... we are definitely ready for some consistent sunshine and warm 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. Students now know the 6 syllable types and we are practicing using them each day. I am so proud of these grade 3s! Their enthusiasm for reading and books makes me smile every single day! In our next unit we will read the novel Because of Winn Dixie together to learn about characterization and practice some techniques that good readers do!

We finished off our information writing unit by doing a gallery walk in our classroom. Students moved around the room, reading others' books and leaving comments for their fellow authors. The grade 3 students said they enjoyed being in our "fancy gallery," listening to soft piano music and appreciating each other's books. 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 finishing up the multiplication unit and will be moving into division, fractions and then data analysis. Students are working on their multiplication facts to  $10 \times 10$ , as well as the related division facts. We have really tried to focus 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. I would like to ask families to help their children practice the facts to gain confidence in their times tables. I photocopied some flashcards for any students who wanted them for extra practice so please ask your child about this.

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

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

-All of the families who came to the student-led conferences. The grade 3 students truly enjoyed sharing some of their learning with you!

-The DDS Home and School Council and Hot Lunch Moms for always working so hard to support our students and staff!

-Mrs. Takeda for everything that she does in the Grade 3 classroom.

-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

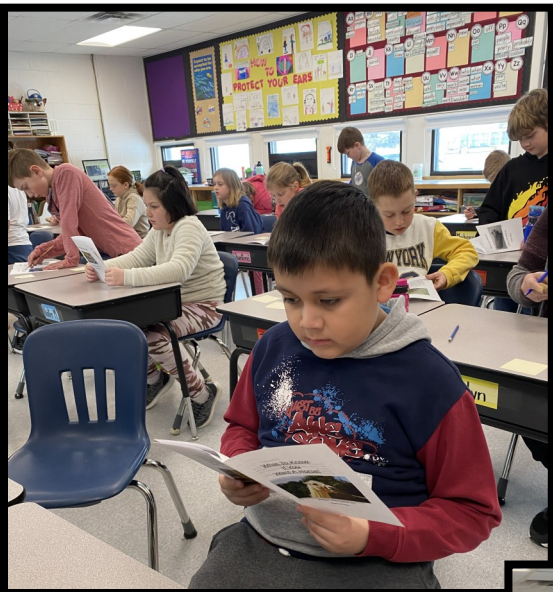




# Grade 3 Science

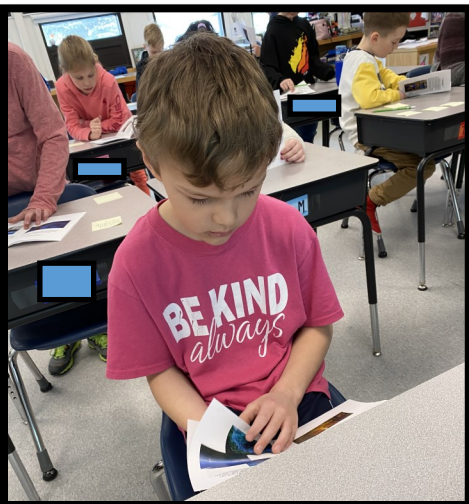
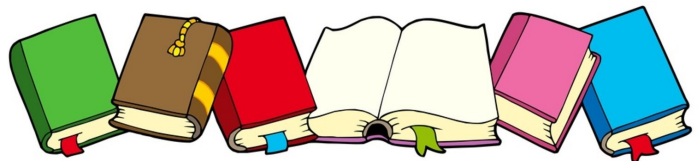


Grade 3 students creating and experimenting with structures to find the strongest shapes for buildings.



# Grade 3 Literacy

Grade 3 students sharing their “Information Books” doing a gallery walk.





## Grade 4 News

### Here's a quick glance at what we have been learning:



In Writing, students are working on Historical Information texts. Everyone has chosen really great topics and it will be awesome to see how their books come together!

- Students have been working hard on different multiplication strategies and are picking up them quite well; I've been really impressed! This will be so helpful as we shift our focus to division. We have also just started talking about and looking at fractions and decimals.

- We wrapped up our Social Studies unit about Alberta's histories, peoples, and stories by creating trading cards about people with a legacy in Alberta. Everyone really enjoyed getting to research some really interesting people!

- We had lots of fun in PE with a short introduction to badminton! We all tried our best with that tricky hand-eye coordination!



### Special Notes & Reminders:

- It was so great to see how much students have learned and grown as I worked through their Term 2 Report Cards! I feel so proud of everyone!
- Thank you to everyone who was able to come out to our Student-Led Conferences. The students loved sharing their learning and it was awesome seeing so many enthusiastic parents!
- Thank you to all the staff and PBHS student volunteers who have been sharing their passions at Mini-Basketball. It has been so fun!

Thanks so much,  
Miss Mastel



## Grade 5 News



This month in reading, the class is learning how making predictions helps us to engage with texts in more active ways to strengthen our understanding. First the class read the mentor text, “As Long as Rivers Flow”, to learn how great readers make predictions as they read, then check in on those predictions as they learn more information. Students will also practice using this strategy while reading their own books during independent reading time and in their guided reading groups. We will move into the inferring strategy after the spring break.

As we move into April the class will be completing our literary essays based on the mentor text, “Fox”. Students brainstormed essay ideas by analyzing the characters, themes, and writing style in the story. From there students chose the ideas that interested them most to create thesis statements from. For these essays the class also learned how to use direct quotations from the text as evidence for their arguments. After the spring break we will shift our focus to nonfiction writing that connects to our social studies curriculum about Canada’s history.

We have progressed through our review of multiplication and division and are currently working to master some of the procedures around multi-digit multiplication operations. As we move into April we’ll dive deeper into division. For grade five, students are expected to divide 3-digit dividends by single-digit divisors independently. This topic continues to be a real challenge for students. The more fluent students are with their multiplication and division facts, the easier these challenges are to tackle. We’ll continue to focus on these topics with an emphasis on problem solving applications.

### BIG Thanks to...

- the families who encourage reading at home as well as practice with multiplication/division facts - it really helps your child be successful!
- Mrs. Pittman for another amazing Book Fair!
- Parent Council for all your support for DDS staff and students
- all the hot lunch volunteers
- Mrs. McGregor and Marnie for our morning nutrition program
- All the families that participated in the Cake Auction
- Miss Wiebe and Miss Vollans for all they do to support student learning
- Everyone who has volunteered for mini-basketball (Abi L., Kirsten F., Tess M., Miss Vollans, Miss McMillan, Miss Mastel, Ms. Milne, Mrs. McGregor, and Mrs. Neufeld)



Ms. Mohrmann

## Grade 6 News



It seems we're fastforwarding right into April! We sure enjoy having Ms. Sarah McMillan in our class. She is our PSII University of Lethbridge student teacher who serendipitously coaches basketball! It just so happens that the Grade 6 students have the opportunity to play in a basketball tournament Mar. 29th at Coalhurst Elementary School. Along with DDS Mini Basketball practices, students have been eating, drinking and sleeping basketball this past month! Also, we have solidified our Royal Tyrrell Museum field trip plans, and we are all really looking forward to this highly educational, and fun filled excursion. I'd like to extend a HUGE thank you to all those who baked cakes, bought cakes, or helped out with this fundraiser!!!



In **Language Arts**, students are engaged in a Media Studies Writing unit, and are currently analyzing advertisements, and exploring and writing about the techniques that companies use to sell their products.

In **Mathematics**, we are right in the thick of algebra and understanding how to solve equations using our well-honed skills in order of operations, integers, and fractions. Despite some of the frustrations, many students have come to enjoy algebra!



Our **Sky Science** unit has been super interesting as students have learned facts about planets, cycles of the moon, the solar system, and space exploration.

In **Social Studies**, students are learning about the Iroquois Confederacy and their consensus-based democratic decision making model. Students have learned about the various societal roles such as: Clan Mothers, Chiefs, and the Grand Council. As well as learning about the Hiawatha Wampum Belt, the Tree of Peace, and how physical geography impacted Indigenous societies.



A few Reminders...

- Encourage your child to read at home for 30 minutes everyday. Talk about what they're reading.
- Also, it's still pretty chilly out at recess. Could you please remind your child to put a warm coat on in the mornings?

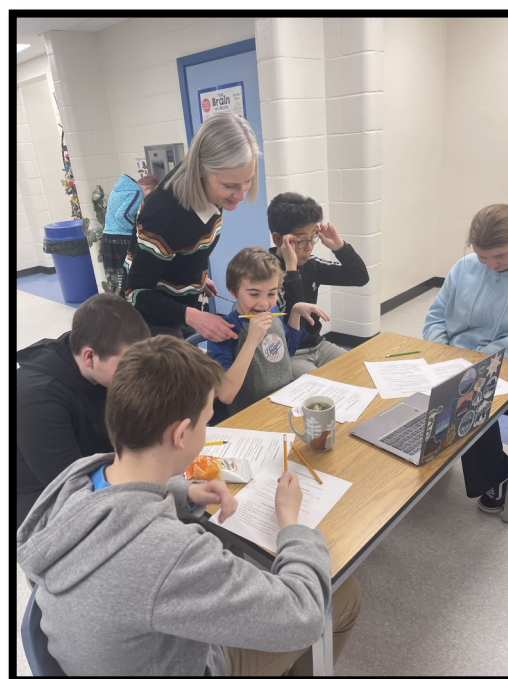
**Okay snow...it's April already! Knock it off!**  
**Ms. McMillan & Ms. Milne**







Grade 6...



in action!



## Student of the Week

March 31 2023

Grade 6	Reuben
Grade 6	Faith
Grade 5	Casey
Grade 4	Brody
Grade 4	Lily
Grade 3	Mackenzie
Grade 3	Eiago
Grade 2	Esme
Grade 1	Fenelon
Kindergarten Everlee	



### SPLASH AWARD

Luke V  
Berkley  
Youssef  
Luke M



**GOOD JOB!**



The Grade 5/6 Cake Auction was a huge success!  
The classes raised \$1046.00.

These funds will help fund the Grade 5 & Grade 6 field trip to the  
Royal Tyrrell Museum in Drumheller.

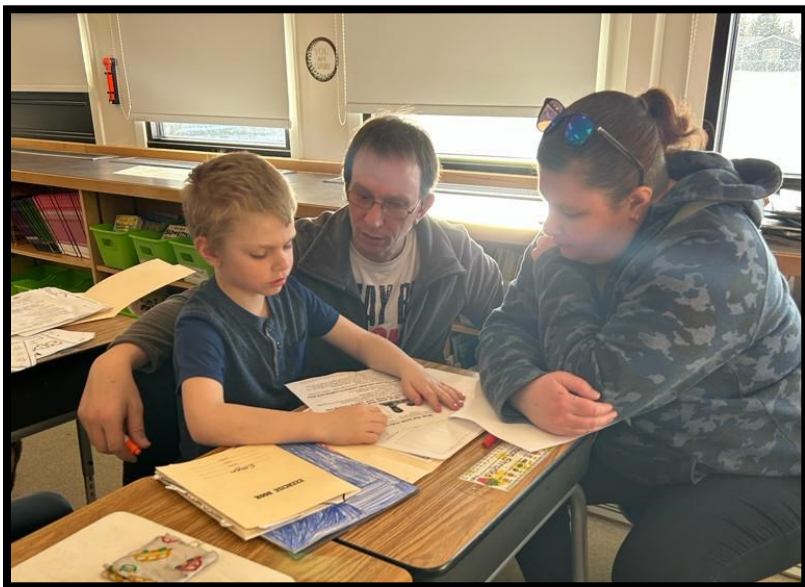
Thank you to everyone who made this  
fundraiser a success!







# Student Led Conference





## Music Class News

March is one of my most favorite times in the music room because we get to learn about the music of Ireland and why many people celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

The Kindergarten class enjoyed learning a "Rap" to accompany the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. We also had a lot of fun doing a body percussion play along to a Celtic piece of music and used our locomotor skills to move to a Leprechaun March. We played an exciting Leprechaun game in Phys. Ed where the students managed to steal all of my (I mean the Leprechauns ☹️) gold.

The Grade 1 class has taken advantage of the last few weeks of winter to explore unpitched percussion instrument families and learn a song entitled "Snow Snow" to use with the book *Froggy Gets Dressed* by Jonathan London. We also enjoyed learning a stepping pattern to the song Lucky Leprechaun.

Grade 2 has had a lot of fun learning the traditional Canadian folk song I'se the B'y from Newfoundland, accompanied with a partner stepping pattern. This was a great opportunity to explore where we live in Alberta compared to people in Newfoundland and some of the different vocabulary.

In Grade 3, we have finished up our recorder unit and have been singing the round *Donkeys Love Carrots* and begun preparations for our special song that will be shared at the Mother's Day Tea. We also learned steps to an Irish Reel.

The Grade 4 class has been adding xylophone and rhythm stick parts to two different pieces, learning about the bagpipe, moving to Scottish bagpipe music and learning the stepping patterns for the Irish Reel.

The Grade 5 class has been viewing a video series exploring different instrument families of the orchestra and incorporating different activities based on the book *Wild Symphony* by Dan Brown. They have also enjoyed singing a nonsense song *I've Got a Car All Made of Tin*.

The Grade 6 class finished up their soundscape for the picture book "Stranger in the Woods" and performed for the Kindergarten class. They are pictured below. They have also begun to learn about the instrument families of the orchestra.

Thank you so much to all the families that signed up for a time during Student Led Conferences. It was a joy watching the children share their learning with you in the music room!

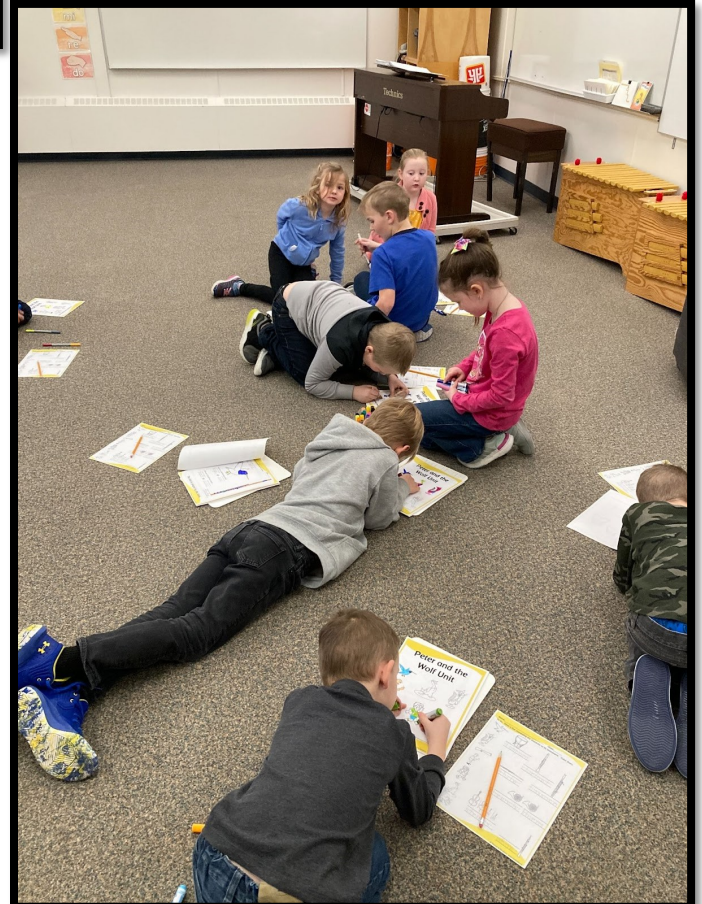
Mrs. Neufeld







# Music Class







Thank you to everyone who purchased books at the Book Fair both online and in person!

The students are super excited about all the new books we were able to purchase for the library.

The following are our contest winners:

Candy draw - Max in Kindergarten

Free books winners:

Grade 1 - Max	Grade 4 - Lily
Grade 2 - Hailee	Grade 5 - Mark
Grade 3 - Mackenzie	Grade 6 - Dom



Thank you so very much!

Mrs. Pittman