

Dorothy Dalglish School

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May 2023

Message from the Principal

Dear DDS families,

Welcome to May! Blue skies, sunshine and fresh air here we come! We are all very excited at Dorothy Dalglish that spring is here. Students and staff alike are enjoying the warmer outside play breaks and the longer hours of daylight.



Our days continue to be busy and filled with many exciting learning opportunities in our classrooms and learning spaces, on field trips and during special events. At this time of the year, it is exciting to see how all of our students have grown. They are so proud of their accomplishments. We thank you for your ongoing support and for being an important member of our school community.

Where has the time gone? March and April brought report cards and Celebrations of Learning. It was a pleasure to see so many parents this past month, visiting classrooms and honouring the accomplishments of their children. We hosted a DDS mini basketball tournament, and our grade 6s represented our school with pride and talent at the Friends of CES Basketball tournament in Coalhurst.

Last week, our Grades 5 and 6s participated in the Tyrrell Museum's "Camp-In program". We participated in hands-on workshops, slept alongside the fossils in Dinosaur Hall, and toured the galleries. What a great experience it was! Thank you to our parent volunteers and staff for making this event a success! I hope you all were able to catch up on sleep this weekend.

There are many things to keep us busy in the month of May! Here are a few highlights:

- Our next Home and School Council meeting will be on Monday, May 15th at 3:45pm. This is our **Annual General Meeting** and will include elections for the roles of Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in any of these positions or would like to nominate for these positions, please attend the meeting on the 15th. Following the AGM, there will be a regular School Council meeting. Your involvement in the school is always greatly appreciated!
- On Wednesday, May 4th, students and staff are invited to take part in **Hats on! For Mental Health** and wear a hat to raise awareness of the importance of positive mental health.
- Kindergarten through Grade 3 students will be hosting a **Mother's Day Tea Event** on May 11th to honor their mothers or another special caregiver in their lives. Each child may invite one adult to attend.

Principal's Message cont.



This week is **Education Week**. We have a wonderful, caring and hardworking staff. Please consider sending a thank you email to your child's teacher, our office staff, or Educational Assistant. Our Home and School Council is treating our wonderful staff to lunch on Tuesday, May 2nd. Thank you!

- Our Grade 6 students begin their Provincial Achievement tests this month. Students will write Part A of the English Language Arts test on Wednesday, May 17th. Parents are encouraged to ensure their child is well-rested and has a healthy breakfast.

I'm looking forward to a very busy and productive rest of our school year. Thank you for your great support of our students and staff.

Yours in Learning,

Mrs. McGregor

Field Trips Sneak Peek!

Here's a sneak peak at the dates and places for our field trips this year. We tried to make sure that students get some of the experiences they have missed the last couple of years. A heartfelt thank you to our School Council for helping to make these great experiences possible for our students. Teachers will be sending out further details to you shortly!

Kindergarten - Bowling

Grades 1 and 2 - Calgary Zoo

Grades 3 and 4 - Frank Slide and Bellevue Mine

Grade 5 and 6 - Overnight at the Royal Tyrrell Museum in Drumheller






And lastly, swimming for all students each week throughout June!



Word of the Month:

LISTEN carefully to others and be sure you understand what they are saying. **SHARE** when you have something that others would like to have. **TAKE TURNS** when there is something that nobody wants to do, or when more than one person wants to do the same thing. **COMPROMISE** when you have a serious conflict.

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 "School Family" Activity (afternoon)	3 "Hats on for Mental Health" 	4 Hot dog Lunch 	5	6
7	8	9 Grade 5/6 "GO GIRLS" Noon	10	11 Hot Lunch Beef Stroganoff Mother's Day Tea K—Gr.3	12 Kindergarten Friday "DDS Blue Day"	13
14 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 	15 Parent Council AGM 3:45PM Everyone Welcome	16 Grade 5/6 "GO GIRLS" Noon	17 Gr. 6 ELA Part A	18 Hot Lunch Soft Tacos & Tater-tots Family Dance 6:00PM	19 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS STAFF PD DAY	20
21	22 NO SCHOOL FOR STAFF & STUDENTS	23 Grade 5/6 "GO GIRLS" Noon	24	25 Hot dog Lunch  Community Walk & Flower Delivery 2:10PM	26	27
28	29	30 Grade 5/6 "GO GIRLS" Noon	31 Looking forward..... June 8, 2023—Track & Field Day Students will be offered a free lunch; hamburger, veggies, snack and water. Parents and guests can purchase a lunch through SchoolCash . You are able to order more than one lunch. (YOU DO NOT NEED TO ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD ATTENDING SCHOOL) ORDERS CLOSE ON MAY 15, 2023			



NATIONAL DENIM DAY

BE PART OF A NATION-WIDE MOVEMENT

Help create a future for breast cancer patients
& their families.
DONATE!

Dorothy Dalglish School has set up an online Team account.
[Click here to donate](#)

Please support the Canadian breast cancer community by donating to
NATIONAL DENIM DAY 2023.

All funds raised will go towards helping to bridge the gap between
healthcare and breast cancer patients.

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SPLASH AWARD

Luke
Sam
Berkley
Greg



CONGRATULATIONS!



DDS shines!



Student of the Week

April 25 2023



Grade 6	Abigale
Grade 5	Chase
Grade 4	Jase
Grade 3	Hunter
Grade 2	Sebastian
Grade 1	Youssef
Kindergarten	Apoyahkii

GOOD JOB!

April Showers bring May Flowers!

The Kindergarten children are continuing to blossom and surprise me every day with the knowledge they are gaining. This is so awesome to see.

Our themes for May are Flowers and Bugs.

In **Language Arts** the children will be doing literacy activities that revolve around “The Hungry Caterpillar” story and they will be continuing to write their own stories by using their knowledge of letters and sounds.

In **Math** we will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes.

In **Science** we are learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and how a flower grows.

Our **Mother’s Day Tea** will be on **Thursday, May 11 at 2:00.**

Just a reminder our extra **Kindergarten Friday is May 12.**

I hope that you are all able to get outside and enjoy the sunshine with your family.

Hugs,

Mrs. Grandmont



Grade 1 News

We are already saying goodbye to April! Here’s to welcoming the May flowers!

We have finished our Spring reading assessments and my Grade 1s did AMAZING! I simply cannot believe how incredible they have done this year!

We are well into growing our flowers for our DDS Spring Community Delivery. We are busy learning about all the parts of the plant in Science as we watch the flowers grow!

The class had a great time dying their Easter eggs on the last day of school before our Easter break.

We would like to thank Mrs. Stauth for all that she does to keep us on track here at school! As well, thank you to Mrs. Pittman and Mrs. Takeda for always helping out in our classroom. A special thanks goes to all the amazing moms that help to give us wonderful hot lunches! We LOVE our hot lunches!



We are looking forward to all that May has to offer us!

Mrs. Nish



Grade 2 News

I loved hearing about all the fun adventures students had during Easter break! Here is what we've been up to!

Math

We finished subtraction to 100, and students got to work in groups to solve an escape room! We have started fractions this month. We've had some yummy snacks while we learn what fractions are and how to make them.

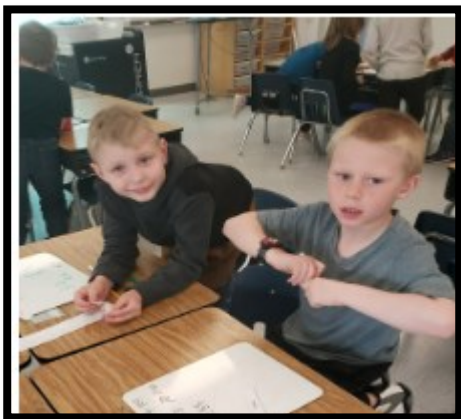
Reading

We are finishing Charlotte's Web and then will be watching the movie to go along with it, comparing how the movie is similar and different. We will be starting a new book called The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. The book is about a toy rabbit that winds up lost and tries to find his way home.



Writing

We have started our series - students are writing short stories about their character. Students are decorating cereal boxes to make a boxed set of their stories. We are practicing lots of skills like creating a title, using good synonyms, and trying onomatopoeia and adjectives to make our stories more interesting.



PE

We have been practicing our coordination with skipping ropes and dance! We have been doing some simple line dances and practicing our skipping.

Science/Social

Our caterpillars arrived this past month and they have grown so quickly! We learned about the life cycle of a butterfly by making a 3D mobile, and the different parts to a butterfly craft. This coming month, we will learn more about other insects, mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, and reptiles as we wrap up our animals unit.

We are having tons of fun! I cannot wait for May! I am so excited for making all of the fun events happening in May!

Miss Giesbrecht

Grade 3 News

In Language Learning, we will be starting our unit on writing persuasive paragraphs. Last month we took a little "detour" and spent some time writing paragraphs with topic sentences, supporting details and concluding sentences. Students wrote about their favourite seasons, places to go and the best class - Grade 3 of course! We were also learning about subjects, predicates and adjectives.



Our current math unit is division and students need to know their quotients that correspond with the multiplication facts to 10X10, which is part of the new math curriculum for grade 3. So far, students have been understanding this concept and are working hard to "switch their math brains" over to division! We have also been working through the outcomes in our measurement unit. The final units that we will work on include data analysis, where students will be interpreting data on graphs and making their own graphs after collecting data, as well as angles and geometry.

We have wrapped up our science unit on Building Things which had students using what they learned to build a bridge and then test it. It was a lot of fun and I truly enjoyed seeing the creativity that the students shared! Students also completed a challenge to build a "jelly bean picker-upper" before we left for our Easter break. We will end our school year with a unit on Animal Life Cycles. The next units in Social Studies are the Ukraine and India. We will also be learning about Global Citizenship.

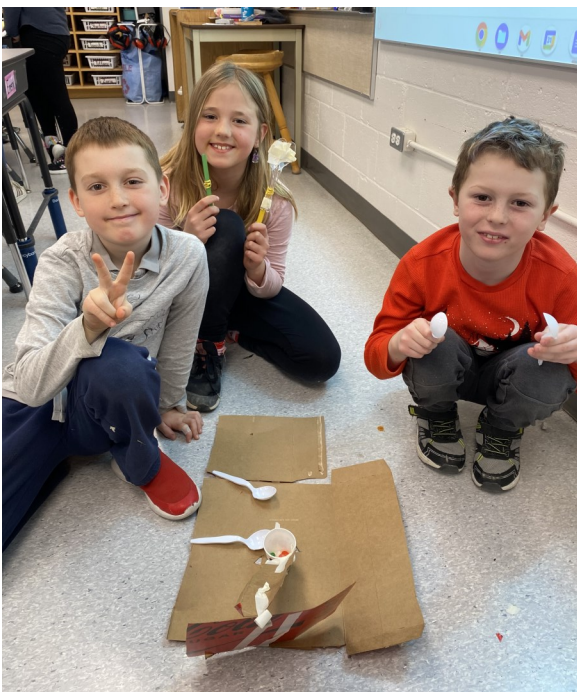


Congratulations to Daniel, Decker, Evelyn, Kaitlyn, Lucas, Ryker, Saul, Tavish and Xander, who got 100%, five times in a row on their spelling tests at various points throughout this school year! As a result, they all "bumped up" to more challenging groups! Super job to all of the students in grade 3 who are working so hard to practice their spelling words!

Thanks to all parents who encourage their children to read daily, work on multiplication tables or practice spelling words for the weekly tests. It makes a huge difference in the students' confidence and also in their success!

Mrs. Gurr





Grade 3 Science

The grade 3 students built
"jellybean picker-uppers"
 as part of their science
 unit on building
 and testing.

Creativity at it's finest!



Grade 4 News

My, my how April has flown by!
Here's a quick glance at what we have been learning:

In Writing, students are continuing to work on their Historical Information texts. It has been so awesome seeing the growth in the students' writing skills through this unit. I'm excited to share them with you!

- Students have continued working on those multiplication strategies, and are starting to recognize them within division equations as well. We have also spent some time thinking about fractions and relating them to decimals.
- In Science, we have been thinking about light and shadows! It's been fun to see everyone's interest in some of the demonstrations and experiments we've been participating in.
- In PE, we learned a game that was new to many of us—kickball! It's definitely a new favorite for us!

Special Notes & Reminders:

- Thank you to Miss V for all that you do in our class to help support our learning. Your help does not go unnoticed by myself and the kids!
- Thank you to all the hot lunch volunteers for their continued hard work to give our school warm and tasty lunches! As well as to the students, teachers, and EAs that organize and facilitate our hot dog days!
- Don't forget that students still need (especially on wet or muddy days) inside and outside shoes! It helps to keep our school's floor clean when we're able to change our shoes before/after all recesses!

**Thanks so much,
Miss Mastel**



Grade 5 News



As we move into May, we will shift our focus to evaluating as a comprehension strategy. To evaluate, students use many different skills to help them better understand what they are reading.

Distinguishing the difference between fiction and nonfiction, as well as facts and opinions is a big part of this strategy. Students will also learn how to critique the author's craft while focusing on forming their own opinions using evidence from the text to back up their claims.

To start the new month we will also be launching a nonfiction writing unit that connects to our social studies curriculum about Canada's history. The class will choose from a list of topics about events in Canada's history, its peoples, and its geography. Each student will be responsible for researching information, compiling their notes, and eventually turning these facts into a report. This type of writing can be a challenge but I'm sure the kids will take it in stride.

The class has demonstrated such tenacity and perseverance throughout our number operations unit. To wrap-up we will do a week of review with 2x2 digit multiplication, as well as 3 digit by 1 digit division. Our next unit will be focused on measurement. Students are expected to understand perimeter and area of rectangles, and will work to learn about the relationships between the two concepts. We will extend this learning to the volume of rectangular prisms as soon as students are ready.

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 being the best librarian around:)
- 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
- Our Tyrrell Museum field trip chaperones - thanks for sleeping on the floor!
- Miss Wiebe for all she does to support student learning

Also a farewell to Miss Vollans who has finished her student teaching practicum. She will be missed!

Ms. Mohrmann



Grade 6 Newsflash

We are getting very excited about our overnight trip to the Royal Tyrrell Museum. We will participate in four engaging workshops: Digging Dinos, Ancient Alberta Rocks, Raptors in Action and Fossil Casting. In the evening, we will be going for a swim at the Drumheller Aquaplex. After the swim, we'll be sleeping under the dinosaurs at the museum!



In **Language Arts**, students are preparing for their May 17th PAT: Writing Part A. Students will be required to write a personal essay or narrative story in response to a visual prompt. We are reviewing writing conventions, planning our writing using a graphic organizer, sentence variety, effective word choice, and using dialogue correctly.

In **Mathematics**, geometry is a welcome reprieve from algebra and fractions. We are looking into polygons, angles, the special properties of triangles, tessellations, and transformations. But with our Math PAT looming, daily spiraling reviews on fractions, decimals, algebra, and integers will remain on the menu.



In our **Evidence and Investigation** unit, students will be learning about how collecting evidence and using scientific investigation methods can help to solve crimes. We will be looking at footprints, tire tracks, fingerprints, animal prints and scat, handwriting samples, and chromatography in our evidence unit.

In **Social Studies**, we will be learning about Ancient Athens, the birthplace of democracy. We will be considering geography, city states, war, culture, art and the time period in order to understand the context of this famous society. We will be focusing on social class and citizenship as they are at the heart of Athenian democracy.

A few Reminders...

- Encourage your child to read at home for 30 minutes everyday. Talk about what they're reading.
- Please have your child bring indoor shoes to school. The muddy season is here.

Happy Spring:)

Ms. Milne



Music Class News



Once again, the month has flown by and I hope we will soon be enjoying warmer temperatures that are here to stay as we continue to celebrate Spring in the music room!

The Kindergarten class has been singing about bees, bunnies, and rain. We have also really been enjoying some buddy reading and numeracy time with the Grade 6 class. In Phys. Ed, we continued the bunny theme with a tag game and have been practicing our striking skills with balloons.

The Grade 1 class has continued to do lots of singing using so-mi-la pitches and have been playing a singing game called Tommy Tiddlemouse. They are getting very good at identifying their peers' singing voices! They especially loved moving to music prompts in a musical "Bunny Story" before Easter.

Grade 2 got in on the "Bunny Hop" fun and have also been learning about building stick rhythms and creating a 4 beat pattern. If you have some popsicle sticks at home, challenge them to build and clap a pattern for you!

In Grade 3, we have been diligently preparing a special song for Mother's Day and enjoyed finding the Easter Basket with a singing game. Kindergarten to Grade 3 have all been preparing for the Mother's Day Tea and are looking forward to sharing their special songs with you!

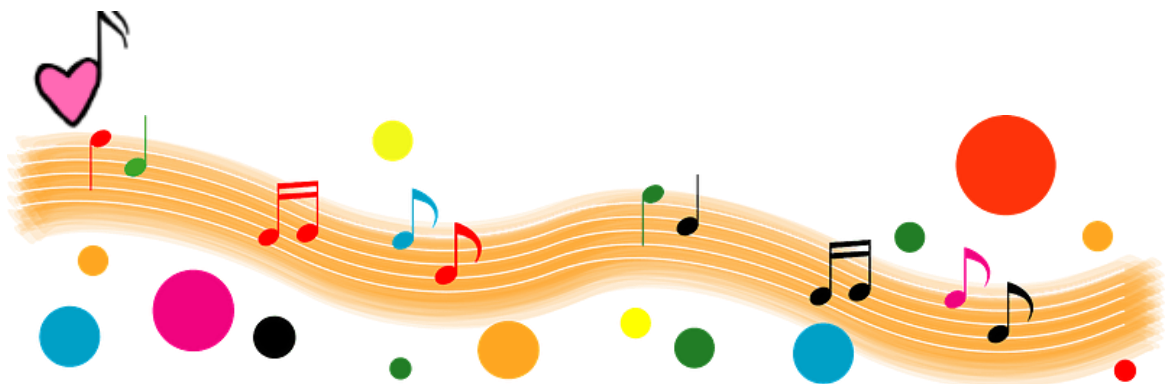
The Grade 4 class has been building on music concepts using an African rhythm song "Funga Alafia" that included a stepping pattern and playing the boomwhackers. We also explored the true story of The Recycled Orchestra for Earth Day.

The Grade 5 and 6 classes have continued learning about instruments of the orchestra and identifying their instrument families. We finished up this unit with a game of Instrument Family Four Corners.

I am looking forward to beginning ukuleles in Grade 4, 5 and 6! To give some extra practice time for those who are especially keen, I will be hosting a Ukulele Club on Thursday's during the lunch recess beginning May 4th.

Thank you to all of the assistants and substitute teachers that so diligently help out in the music classroom. Your support is very much appreciated!

Keep Singing!
Mrs. Neufeld



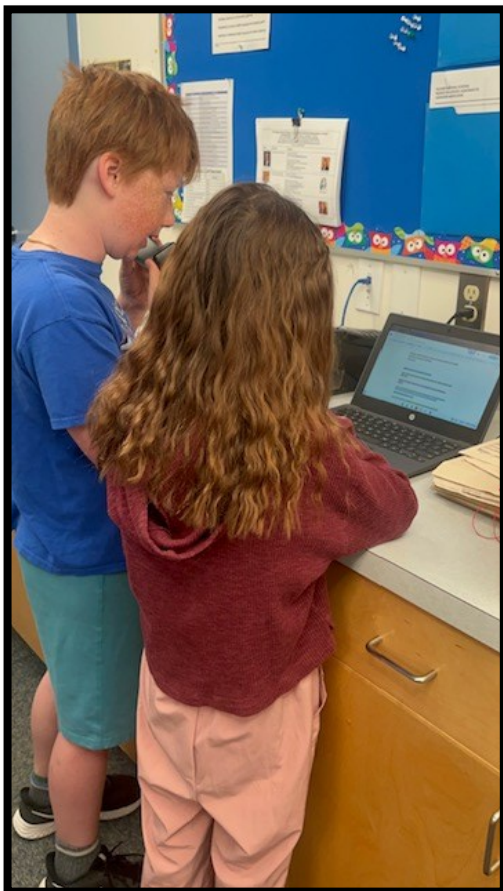
School Council News

We had our meeting on April 17 and discussed a couple spending items. First off, as the first week of May is Education Week, we're providing a lunch for our staff on Tuesday May 2 to say Thank You for being the best staff around. We've really lucked out with the team we have. Our second item we discussed is having to replace the amplifier in the gym as it quit working a few months ago. We're hoping to have a new one installed, with new microphones, in the coming months.

Our AGM will be on Monday May 15 at 3:45pm in the computer lab followed by our regular meeting where we will discuss this coming year's school goals. If you're interested in taking on a position (chair, vice-chair, treasurer or secretary) or have any questions, please contact Michelle at jmmarti@shaw.ca

Hot lunch is heading into its final month of meals. There will be no meals in June since classes are busy with year end activities and field trips.

We will need a couple volunteers to help barbecue and serve hamburgers etc. for the track & field day on Thursday June 8 (weather permitting). If you're able to help that day, please contact Laurell at laurell.greene@gmail.com



Morning Announcement Crew

Berkley and Luke rocked announcements on Thursday and Friday while the grade 5 & 6 students were away on their field trip.

Good job Berkely and Luke!



Royal Tyrrell Museum





Picture Butte High School

Volleyball

Skills Clinics

with championship coach Ard Biesheuvel

CAMP 1

GRADES 5-8

JUNE 23, 1-4 PM

AND JUNE 24

9AM-4PM

CAMP 2

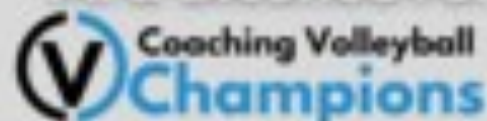
GRADES 9-11

JUNE 20-22

5-7 PM



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Register by June 1

Forms at PBHS office or ask your teacher

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