

GRADE 4 NEWS

May 2025

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Dear Parents

Welcome to our May!

THANK YOU! A big thank you for helping to make Harry Potter day so fun by finding costumes for students and providing snacks and treats for our movie! It is much appreciated!

LITERATURE CIRCLES. This last term we will be doing an Independent novel study in class, a variation of *literature circles* or *book clubs*. Students will have a book to read independently, a written response to complete each week, and a weekly small group discussion with others who are reading the same book. We usually do literature circles for 6 weeks. They will have time each day in class to complete the reading tasks but most students will have some reading for homework, in addition to the regular weekly spelling homework. This is a great time to ask your child about his or her reading or get them to read aloud to you a little. If your child is struggling with the volume of reading, please let me know.

MATH. We will be starting our decimals unit (converting between fractions and decimals, equivalent forms, comparing and ordering numbers in fraction or decimal form). Please continue to work on memorizing multiplication tables daily to work on fact fluency and basic number sense.

SWIMMING. Swimming lessons for Grades 4 and 5 start on Monday, May 26th, 2025. Students will be bused down to the pool Mondays and Wednesdays for 8 sessions. They will be put into groups based on ability (from beginners to competitive swimmers) and will have the opportunity to complete a swimming level during school time rather than after school. They will have 8 lessons on Mondays and Wednesdays. More information to follow.

BARKERVILLE. We are planning our year end trip to Barkerville for June 17th. Thank you to those who have already said they could help with transportation /chaperoning. We are just waiting until Friday to decide for sure. It looks like we will be able to move forward in planning this trip. We will be sending out more information shortly.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mamas out there!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at kobrien@cispg.ca.

Sincerely,
Kate O'Brien

In Class:

LITERACY – Literature Circles/independent novel study; suffixes, prefixes; *Wonder* read aloud

MATH – decimals (decimal fractions, adding/ subtracting, money)

SCIENCE – forms of energy

RELIGION – Pentecost, compassion