



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are now about halfway through the final term, and are looking forward to our May activities and the warmer weather. Thank you to all the parents who attended the Terrace soccer trip meeting. It was good to connect with everyone and to get the ball rolling. We have completed the information pack for the trip although there may be some “tweaking” required. Please complete and send back the signed Code of Conduct and Consent Form, and if you have any questions about the trip, please email me.

May is recycling month, so any bottles or cans donated will go towards our fundraising efforts. We have invited the whole school to participate by either dropping off their recyclables at the school, or preferably directly to the Return-It depot. They have an Express booth where you can type in the school number (250-964-4362), receive a sticker for your bag, and drop it off in the Express bin.

Students will be attending the BC Hydro Electrical Safety Week workshop at Exploration Place. Please return the permission slip as soon as possible. This activity will wrap up our study of electricity and magnetism.

REMINDERS

- Please return all signed permission slips and forms as soon as possible.
- Students should be reading regularly for 15 - 30 minutes per night. This is a habit that should be well-established by the time students enter Grade 8.
- Please sign the homework planners every day. Students are encouraged to use their planners as organizational tools, noting any homework tasks, reminders and work due. They are also useful for communication between home and school. In Grade 8 their planners will be an

indispensable organizational tool, as they learn to be in the right place at the right time. 😊

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Math - Students are working on their Financial Literacy project: "Create A Dream Vacation", throughout the month. They are reviewing calculator use, including divisibility rules and factors, and using strategies for determining patterns in numbers.

Reading - We will be reading and discussing our novel, "Red Wolf", and completing assigned written tasks. Students have an opportunity to read independently for half an hour daily, plus participating in group reading of the novel. Children are encouraged to choose books from the class and school library at their reading level.

Writing - Students have completed a wide range of written tasks, including vocabulary tasks and reading responses. They will continue with daily journal writing, and various grammar exercises.

Art - Students reviewed art elements (pattern, shape, space, texture, form, value, etc ...) before completing their neurographic art. They were encouraged to incorporate a minimum of three elements of art in their design, to create harmony and movement. They were mindful of how they used lines and connectors to create shapes, and used warm and cool colors to create light and dark shadows in their paintings.

Health - We will be learning about growth and development in puberty. Age-appropriate, inclusive and interactive lessons that promote self-esteem and body positivity, will be used to address physical, emotional and social changes in Grade 7 students.

ADST - Students have started their 'Genius Hour' projects. They choose a topic they want to learn more about, or a problem that they would like to solve. For one hour a week they plan, research and implement their ideas. They are expected to present their projects at the end of the term.

Science - Students have been introduced to the basic concepts of magnetism and electricity, including magnets, circuits, and battery cells. Students work individually, in small groups, and whole class instruction.

Careers - Our topic this month is: 'Getting Ready For High School: Top Ten Study Skills'. As part of their personal development, students are expected to understand the difference between procrastination and motivation, and to implement strategies such as time management and organization to guide them through their daily lives.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

May 4 - Owl pellet dissection lab. with Mr. Bassett (from CNC)

May 7 - "Alice in Wonderland" 1pm and 6.30pm

May 8 - "Alice in Wonderland" 10.30pm and 6.30pm

May 10 - Mother's Day

May 11 - Exploration Place - BC Hydro Electric Safety Week (1200-2pm)

May 14 - Visit to CHSS (1015-1115am) * Duchess Park visit

May 15 - Pro-D - no classes

May 18 - Victoria Day - no classes

May 19-22 - Testing Week

May 21 - Spirit Day

May 22 - School Mass (0900am)

May 27-29 - Northern Spirit Cup Soccer trip to Terrace

Enjoy the beautiful weather!

Jean Garcia

