

GRADE 4 NEWS

May 2026

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Dear Parents

Welcome to 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 very much appreciated!

INDEPENDENT NOVEL STUDIES. 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 will do independent novel studies for 6 weeks. They will have time each day in class to complete the reading tasks but students may 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 have started our *decimals* unit (converting between fractions and decimals, comparing and ordering decimals, adding and subtracting decimals and money). Please continue to work on memorizing multiplication tables daily to work on fact fluency and basic number sense.

FORT ST. JAMES We are currently planning our year end trip, with Grade 5s, to **Fort St. James National Historic Site** for **Wednesday, June 17th**. This is a full day trip (8:30 am – 2:30pm) and will require parent drivers as the bus cost is prohibitive. More information regarding costs, agenda, etc., will follow shortly, once we have determined whether we have enough parents. If you are interested in joining us for this trip, please save the date.

The Grade 4s and 5s go together and alternate between Barkerville and Fort St. James each year. Next year, the grade 4s and 5s will be going to Barkerville together.

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

Sincerely,

Kate O'Brien

In Class:

LITERACY – independent novel study; suffixes, prefixes; read aloud: *Wonder* by RJ Palacio

MATH – decimals

SCIENCE – forms of energy

RELIGION – Pentecost, compassion