



APRIL 2024



ST. BASIL'S NEWS

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

March flew by at St. Basil's and was filled with learning and fun! We celebrated Tropical Day to kick off our March Break as well as completing a Lent Challenge as we prepared for Easter. The students enjoyed completing the challenge tasks each day which included ways to be kind to others, conflict resolution and ways to be helpful to those around us. We attended Mass with Father Joe to begin our Easter weekend.

The Virtue of the Month for March was "Kindness/Discipleship/Solidarity." We will be handing out awards at the Assembly on Thursday April 4.

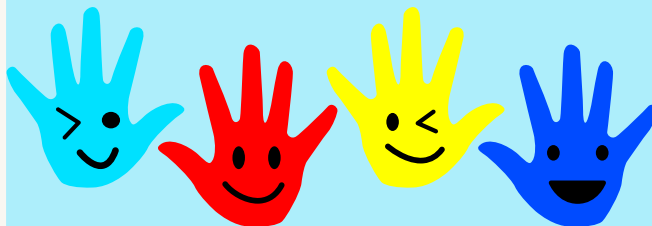
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION is being accepted for September.

If your child will be turning 4 in 2024 Please contact the school to register.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. BASIL'S

In April we will be celebrating World Autism Day, Earth Day and of course Secretary's Day when we thank Mrs. Thibeault for all that she does for each of us every day! There is also a couple trips planned for the Grade 5-8 class, some Art Clubs, hot lunch days and of course visits to the Public Library! We will be kicking off our annual Jump Rope for Heart campaign where we raise money for Heart and Stroke!

We are all looking forward to some sunshine and warmer weather as we get into the Spring months of Growing Together in Faith and Learning!



Kindergarten Grade One & Two NEWS

We are so proud of our students for their amazing work preparing for the Lenten Season and Holy Week. They are such a spiritual group of students and they are growing closer to God each day. We have been learning about Lent and Holy Week, preparing displays, and working together to complete special Holy Week activities for the hallway. They truly are a special gift from God.

In Open Court, Y1 students continue to learn their letters, letter blends, letter sounds, and they are beginning to write words independently. They are growing in confidence during their writing workshop to write full sentences independently.

Our Y2, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students continue to use the UFLI program and are loving it! The growth and progress is amazing in their word blending skills, reading strategies and decoding skills, and writing. They are working on writing paragraphs independently, using the proper letter formation, finger spaces and punctuation. Added with our Guided Reading Program, they are gaining the confidence to read with confidence and decoding difficult words independently. It's amazing to see the growth happening in the classroom. The students really love our 6+1 Write Traits program, they are always eager to work with the teacher to write creative and unique stories. They are really allowing their imagination to soar. This month we will be exploring rhyming words and Poetry.

In Math, we are concluding our Addition and Subtraction unit. We will move into our Algebra Unit, this involves exploring patterns. We will explore and create repeating patterns, growing patterns and shrinking patterns. We will be using hands-on games and manipulatives for this unit. The Grade 1 students will explore number patterns.

In Science, we will explore Earth Science by examining the solar system, the sun and the moon. We will also explore different natural and man-made resources. We will learn about uses of land, water, and caring for the Earth. Of course, add in some fun and exciting Earth Day activities. Our Science unit will tie into a brand new Dramatic Play Centre: The Space Station. They love this centre! We have a rocket ship, the solar system, a telescope, and a weigh station and microscope to examine space rocks. They love learning about the different planets in our solar system and each week they get so excited to learn more on this subject. We love their eagerness.



Grade Two, Three, Four NEWS

April is here! In a flash we are into a new month! The grade 2, 3, 4 class is anxiously waiting for Spring-like weather to arrive and STAY! In the meantime we are keeping diligent with our daily routines and lessons.

In Math we are continuing to work through Spatial Sense Measurement, Time, Location, and Movement Measurement as well, we will begin Data with a focus on Probability. Students are making good progress in Spatial Sense and expect to see some homework pages coming home if work has not been completed during class time.

Religion will continue to focus on Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus, through stories, discussions and activities. Students have completed discussing the Story of Easter Booklet and have brought them home to share with family. I hope you all have a blessed Easter shared with loved ones!

Language will provide students the opportunity for more practice with their writing skills and examining Media Literacy. We will be taking a look at magazine articles, advertisements, and websites to learn more about how this form can influence an audience. Students will then create their own piece to share with their peers and determine how effective their writing has been.

We will start to explore People and Their Environments and build an understanding of how people live and grow as community members in different locations. Our Matter and Energy unit will also continue and wrap up this month, more experiments to come, which is always fun!

Have a great start to Spring!

Warmest Regards, Ms. Belisle



Grade Five to Eight

FSL & THE ARTS

March seems to have come and gone without notice. The Grade 5/6/7/8 Class enjoyed the March Break, and came back ready to do work. I have been pleased with how well most of the students have been working in class. We have made a lot of progress in Math and Science, and are looking forward to a unit in Geography starting next week. We will be having a Science test on Wednesday or Thursday of next week, so I encourage you to encourage your students to study in preparation for that.

Coming up for April and into May, we are looking forward to trips to the STEAM Lab and to Shingwauk University in the Sault. More information will follow. We're also hopeful that we can do some outdoor activities to go along with the Geography unit, especially since we lost out on our St. Kateri trip and all of our snowshoeing this winter.

April and May are important months for students as they are covering the last new topics for the year, and beginning to review, consolidate, and build on concepts they were introduced to earlier in the year (especially in Math). Attendance is really important for students to stay caught up and to not miss important discussions in class. If students need to be away, I encourage you to check in with them on the work they need to be doing to get caught up. I work really hard to limit the amount of work students need to bring home, but there are times when they need to get some work done at home as well.

As always, I am appreciative of the support I receive from parents.

Happy April!

When they say time flies when you're having fun, they aren't kidding! March was filled with so much fun and it just flew by!

We worked on our house unit in the 2-4 and 5-8 classes and they wrapped up their unit by creating dioramas of a room and then creating a French write up about the furniture items they placed inside.

In Jk-2 we began a new unit around the French alphabet. Each week we have been focusing on 2 letters and their pronunciation and even some French words beginning with our letters.

In Art the 2-4 and 5-8s were very busy with researching an artist of their choosing to complete their project and we have been presenting them to the class. It has gone very well and we learned some interesting things about artists around the world!

Next month we will be shifting our focus once again and will be introducing some Spring words and starting a whole new unit which is yet to be determined!

We are also going to be starting a new drama unit this month!

Have a wonderful April!



ST. BASIL'S SCHOOL

What's happening in April?

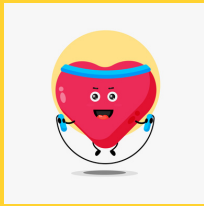


Monday April 8 at approximately 3:15 pm there will be a solar eclipse.

IMPORTANT!

Do not look at the sun without special eye protection!

Jump Rope for Heart
Kick-off April 26



Jump Afternoon
May 24th

Subway Lunch
Wednesday April 10th



Hot Dog Day
Wednesday, April 24th

**REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE**



After School Art Club

Grade 4-8
April 3 & April 17



Wear Blue on April 2



AUTISM

AWARENESS

MONTH



Reminders

Please be sure your child is dressed for the weather to play outside and to walk to the public library with their classmates.

Please ensure children have a change of indoor clothing including socks.

Wet winter weather can make clothing quite soggy.