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Principal's Message...

Ms. Kelly Oliver

March, Siewkesiku's, means the forerunner of Spring. We are excited to have Spring on its way. February was full of snow days and outdoor learning experiences, including rabbit snaring and cleaning with the Fisheries Guardians and Department of Land & Resources.

This month's Seven Sacred teaching is humility, Wanqwjite'teken. Humility is to know yourself as a sacred part of Creation. In the Mi'kmaq language, this word can also mean "compassion." You are equal to others, but you are not better. It is also considering others before yourself. The wolf represents humanity for its giving nature and devotion to working for the good of the whole pack.

We have been working on making our school a safe and welcoming environment where kids want to be. We want all kids to feel loved and valued and this is achieved through building strong positive relationships.

Winter Carnival is held every year the week before March Break, March 8th-12th. Due to COVID-19 procedures, this year's Winter Carnival will look different and we will not be taking field trip. As we brought the pumpkin patch to LSK, we will also be bringing Cineplex movies to LSK by renting movies online and viewing them within our bubbles. We will continue to have theme days and activities associated with the days which include Mi'kmaq Day, Movie Day, Craft Day, Outdoor Day and Game Day. Due to the pandemic, our students have missed out on many of our normal fun traditional events, so we will work our best to make it as fun and enjoyable as we can, as our students definitely need it with everything that has been going on in the world.

March Break is March 15th-19th. Following March Break LSK will host a Virtual Science Fair. We hope you get to see the many exciting experiments our students are conducting.

We also hope to see the community at the AGA on the evening of March 9th. Please come to see the exciting things happening in the Education Department including an update on our Cultural trail.

***Sacred Teachings of the Month: Humility Wanqwjite'teken
Humility is to know yourself as a sacred part of Creation.***



Upcoming Events

March 8

Winter Carnival

March 14

Daylight Saving Time Begin (clocks spring forward)

March 15

March Break - No School

March 17

St. Patrick's Day

March 26

Professional Development Day - No classes for students



Library News...

Mrs. Sharon Culbertson

There isn't much happening in the library these days due to the fact that I am still acting vice principal. What a busy job, but with the assistance from co-workers and students, I am doing my best. My thoughts are with Ms. Amy and I hope she feels better soon.

We are currently planning our Winter Carnival events... keeping in mind all the Covid protocols that need to be followed. Our activities will be in-house and I am looking forward to our movie day. It has been such a long time since I saw a new movie.

March Break will soon be upon us. I am looking forward to that time off. I am sure that our students are also looking forward to a week-long break. I hope we have some snow so students can enjoy some outdoor activities while they are off. They have to remember to dress warmly.

Finally, don't forget to set your clocks an hour ahead on the 14th... "spring" forward!!

Grade Primary...

Mrs. Sheri Brooks

The primary students have been very busy throughout the month of February. We have been doing lots of reading and learning new things. We were very excited to share special Valentine's with our friends and lots of sweet treats to eat on Valentine's day! The students noticed how fast the month of February has gone by, I told them time flies when you're having fun! We are excited for winter carnival week in March, then March break. We will be looking out on March 1st to see if March comes in like a lion or lamb. What do you think it will be? We would like to wish Alexis a very happy birthday in March! Stay safe everyone!

Mrs. Brooks & Mrs. Levi

Grade One...

Ms. Leanne Foster

And just like that we are halfway through the school year. Of course, it wasn't just like that- this year has been a year like no other and honestly a lot tougher. The grade 1 continue to be eager learners. They are becoming readers and writers! We can count to 100 and skip count by 2, 5 and 10's. We know more and less; we know how to add and subtract by counting on and counting back. We have begun our unit on understanding addition. We have learned about the 4 seasons, cultural groups in Nova Scotia and how to take care of ourselves to be happy and healthy. We had a great Valentine's day theme and party. Thank you to everyone who contributed cards and treats. We look forward to warmer temperatures and the end of Covid 19!

Grade Two...

Mr. Tyler Schussler

As we continued to move forward into 2021 and are now at the end of February, students have settled back into their routines and schedules. It was great to get back into the swing of things because February was a month full of fun and learning. In ELA, students expanded their knowledge of non-fictional texts. We looked at specific features that are common in non-fictional texts and highlighted information that improved our understanding. We also compared non-fiction with fiction, so students could see the differences and similarities. In math, students continued to work on addition and subtraction strategies. Students were given larger number problems to solve, which challenged students to use and practice any new strategies they've learned. February was African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia, so we used the opportunity to learn about people with African heritage that have made a difference in the world especially regarding equality. We studied contributions made by prominent African Canadian/Americans

such as; Viola Desmond, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. In art, students were able to take the spirit of Valentine's Day to create hearts using paint and cotton balls as dabbers. February was filled with fun learning activities that will help us move into March.

Looking ahead to March, the fun and learning doesn't stop. In March, we will be continuing to explore non-fictional texts. In math, students are going to start exploring 3D shapes, which will follow an addition and subtraction unit that will include more challenging problems. During our exploration unit in March, students will be looking at the different states of matter. St. Patrick's Day also falls in the month of March, which will provide us our theme for an art-based painting project. February is almost in the rear-view mirror and I can't wait for all the learning opportunities that will happen in March.

Grade Three...

Ms. Ambrah MacNeil

Hello All,

Can you believe March is here!? Before we know it the grass will be growing, flowers will be blooming and we will have thrived through another winter, in the middle of a pandemic no less! Students are looking forward to our upcoming carnival week. Like most things this year, it will look a little different but we as a staff have put our heads together to come up with some really fun themes and activities. The kids deserve to have as much fun this carnival than any other one.

Grade 3s have started working with non-fiction texts in literacy and they are loving it. They like sharing their knowledge of the animals we have been reading about but they also enjoy learning new things. We are also learning about how text features can help us navigate through non-fiction texts. Ask your kids about some of the cool facts they have learned about some animals.

In Math, we are working with 2- and 3-digit numbers and learning different strategies for adding and subtracting. They enjoy playing the games and watching the videos that help solidify some of these concepts in fun ways.

That's all for now!
Over and Out

Grade Four

Ms. Tabettha Stephens

Can you believe it, it's already March?! It marks one year of uncertainty and many many changes due to Covid- 19. One minute we are in class, then next we are sent home for online learning, then back to in class, then back to online, then back in class. It's been a whirlwind. However, during all of this the students have shown incredible strength, tremendous flexibility and resilience. This was a major learning curve for everyone but we made it through.

March will be another exciting, educational and a short month. We will have a Covid-19 safe Winter carnival happening during the week of March 8-12. List of themes & activities will be sent home. March Break this year will be on March 15-19.

We have started to grow Tobacco, beans and basil so far. We are hoping to grow all four sacred medicines in our classroom. We will plant these in our garden this spring.

It's the first year for these new scientists to participate in the LSK's Science Fair. Our science fair will take place on March 24th. A science fair project involves reading, logical thinking, writing, grammar and spelling, math, statistics and data analysis, computer science, and graphic arts, as well as scientific methodology. When students participate in a formal competition, then they will also practice public speaking, and learn how to explain and defend their work in front of a panel of judges. We all sure hope this will ignite a new love for science. Good Luck to all the participants!

We hope everyone has a safe & adventurous March Break and come back feeling refreshed!

Wela'lin
Ms. Stephens

Grade Five...

Mrs. Rae Williams

“Pride is concerned with who is right. Humility is concerned with what is right.”

- Ezra Benson

Hard to believe it is March already!!

March is going to be full of fun. We have Winter Carnival week, then Spring Break, followed by Science Fair week. Your students have been working on their science fair in class but will need to make sure that they are complete by the time we return from Spring Break.

We have recently started a Vermicomposting (worm) farm in our classroom. We look forward to working together to learn more about composting and red wiggler worms. We also have been growing radish and salad greens in the classroom. As the weather warms up, we will be growing more things in class to add to our gardens.

Grade Six...

Mrs. Joan Oderkirk

The Grade 6 class has had a very busy month. The students went out rabbit snaring and thanks to the Creator...they caught a rabbit!! How wonderful to learn from the Elders, at this school, the value of taking care of ourselves and providing food for each other. I wish to thank those involved with all aspects of this program from the trapping to the cleaning to the cooking and cleaning up. In these most challenging times, it is important for us to look to the world around us and learn how it provides for us. To be able to walk in the woods and be a part of the natural world is a gift. I thank Mr. Marr and the children for letting me tag along. It brought back wonderful memories of my own childhood trapping with my Dad!

The children have created a 3-D representation of the Solar System on a cardboard backing. It will be coming home soon. Please praise them for their perseverance!!! They are completing the assignment by making a PowerPoint presentation. They are working diligently to complete the sides. We painted the solar system as part of our art class and we watched the video clip of the PERSEVERANCE landing on Mars. Amazing! Also, in Science, we are working on our Science Fair projects. Please encourage your child to think of a topic so we can gather the necessary materials.

Here are some of the things we have been learning in our assorted subjects. In Art, we painted a heart-shaped rock and drawing a sunflower on black construction paper, using light coloured pencils. In Health, we are studying nutrition and looking at labels on foods. For Math, students are learning division, exploring decimals by using assorted manipulatives. We finished our reading assessments for this term. In class we read for 15 minutes daily. We have discussed several topics surrounding Black History Month and students continue to utilize the Chromebooks. It has been learning curve for me so I appreciate the help from my students.... Especially from Malaki. He is my HERO!

We are working in the traditional way and with the Chromebooks. That has been a learning curve for me and I appreciate the help the students give me when I am lost in cyberspace. Thankfully that is less each day! Malaki is my HERO! All the children are way better than I am!

You should be very proud of your children they have worked hard. I am extremely proud of their efforts. Each day out creates its own challenges when we return to class. The pandemic is always at the back of our minds as well. Staying calm and breathing deeply is sometimes the very best thing we can do. Your children are treating each other kindly. They are offering support to each other and taking great care of their environment (the Classroom). Our Caretaker has complimented us several times. Well Done Grade 6.

May each of you at home Be Safe and Stay Well.
As Ever, Ms. O

Grade Seven...

Ms. Erika Hilchey

Hello Parents and Guardians!

February has flown by in the blink of an eye. With a few snow days mixed in there, we still managed to get a lot of work done. Grade 7 has almost completed their Ancient Greece Unit – with mask making as the final project. All students in grades 7-9 have begun their science fair projects. It's going to be a great learning time up in our wing. Science Fair will be virtual this year, with projects being presented via PowerPoint and video. Look to the LSK School Webpage for winning presentations in early April!

Wela'in,
Erika

Grade Eight...

Ms. Meredith Conrad

Happy March LSK! It will be a fun filled month with Winter Carnival Week, and of course March break coming up. Our Citizenship 9 course has begun this semester, we have been learning about types of political activism and students are researching young indigenous activists who represent their communities from around the world. In Social Studies 7 our class has been studying African Canadian history, and to end off our unit on Viola Desmond we created a class mosaic art piece (photo attached). In ELA we have completed our class novel studies of Hatchet in ELA 8 and Indian Horse in ELA 9, congrats on your hard work everyone.



Wela'in,
Meredith

Grade Nine...

Mr. Steve DeLisle

The grade seven class will begin the month by learning how to add and subtract positive fractions and mixed numbers. They will use fractions to read gauges, shop, measure, etc. The grade eight class are beginning to solve problems involving percents, ratios and rates. They have been using ratios and rates to compare numbers and quantities and comparing prices when shopping. The grade nine class will be learning about polynomials which are the building blocks of algebra. They will be using polynomials to model real-world situations in business, science, medicine and engineering.

Grade Ten...

Ms. Carol Howe

No Submission Available

"Pride is concerned with who is right. Humility is concerned with what is right".

- Ezra Benson

Grade Eleven...

Mr. Robert Watson

Hello everyone! It is time again for another update on school activities. Here goes:

Math 11 Essentials - So far this semester we have been focussing on what investments are and how to appropriately plan investments that matter to you. We are discussing pension planning, GICs, mutual funds, and how the stock market affects prices. We looked at methods of data collection before this. Our next topic will be home finance and mortgage.

Math 11 At Work - So far this semester we have been focussing on calculating surface area of prisms. We are still engaged in this at the moment. We also have taken a look at converting Metric units to Imperial and vice versa.

Visual Art 12 - Students have been partaking in a number of drawing exercises, focussing on simple pencil drawings first. So far student work has been coming along very well. In the near future other styles of art will be studied including paint, design, and pottery.

Keep up the good work everyone!

Grade Twelve...

Mrs. Nikki Maloney

Our High School students this month have been busy working away in their classes. Our Grade 10 English have been working away on their Short Story Unit. with themes of Nature, Addictions, and Travel. They will be moving on to Persuasive Writing & a Drama Unit- Romeo & Juliet.

Grade 11 English have just finished exploring the theme of academic achievement, overcoming fears and are working on finalizing, drafting, and sharing their creative writing assignment of their history and what makes them unique. We are exploring the writing process and I are very proud of their hard work.

Our graduates have all applied to interested post-secondary institutions. Some have received acceptance and some are patiently awaiting their acceptance letters. Scholarships have been shared and it is now the time if interested to start working on those personal essays of achievement.

Our grade 12 graduates have been fundraising for their end of the year graduation trip. Their virtual fundraiser is a WT80 Draw that occurs weekly. We have raised to date approximately \$1800 from this and we want to thank everyone for their continued support. If interested in participating in the e-transfer is lskgraduationclass@gmail.com.

We are all looking forward to March Break and the beginning of warm weather and spring.



Levelled Literacy Intervention...

Ms. Angela Maloney

K'we

New Levelled Literacy Intervention (LLI) groups have started and will continue until June. There are six groups of three, each group will receive 15 weeks of Levelled Literacy Intervention. (LLI) Each Levelled Literacy Intervention (LLI) session is 40 mins each day.

Levelled Literacy Intervention (LLI) is a short-term, supplementary, small-group literacy intervention designed to help struggling readers achieve grade-level competency. LLI helps teachers match students with texts of progressing difficulty and deliver systematic lessons targeted to a student's reading ability.

Elementary Resource...

Ms. Leslie Paul

Kwe'/Hi,

February was a busy month celebrating Valentine's Day and Family Day. We have seventeen students receiving resource support in their Language arts skills. Many of our resource students are learning sound-symbol correspondence and/or decoding skills. Every resource student is working at their own pace and making gains in their literacy skills. It is a pleasure working with the students and observing their growth in reading and writing. I hope everyone enjoys their well-deserved break in March and have a happy St. Patrick's Day. ✨

If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the program planning process or elementary resource, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Wela'lin/Thank you,
Ms. Leslie Paul

Elementary Learning Centre...

Ms. Joanne Julian

No Submission Available

*"If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion".
– Dalai Luma*

High School Learning Centre...

Mr. Robert MacIntosh

Well it's now time to say good bye to February and welcome March. Even though February is the shortest month it also feels like the longest month of the year. The Learning Centre has been very busy this past month. Most days the tables are filled with students who either need extra help in a one-on-one setting or students who need a quiet place to study. Teachers have been great with sending students and their work down to the Centre and there is a real sense of collaboration.

Well that's it for me. Just remember spring is almost here.
Cheers,
Mr. Mac

High School Math/Science...

Mr. Morgan MacDonald

Semester 2 is off to a good start here in High School land and Just like that February is behind us.

Math 12 is working on different types of functions (quadratic, cubic, exponential and logarithmic)

Math 10 at work is working on linear relationships.

Math at Work 10 is working on imperial and metric measurements.

Keep up the good work!

Guidance...

Mr. Bryan Brooks

Kwe',

We have a new practicum student (Counselling) coming to LSK, Tara. She will be with us until the end of the school year. We will be sending our permission slips to parents/guardians of children from Primary - Grade 6. This is exciting to have more help to reach out to our students.

We will be starting our lobster trap making with the grade 9's and some high school students in March. We will be working with fisheries to make this happen.

We are wrapping up our rabbit snaring with grades 4-12. The students learned a lot about snaring from patterns, making a snare, skinning a rabbit, cleaning and cooking. This project was put together by Greg Marr, Jon Michael and myself. We will continue this every year.

If your child wishes to have a chat, they can let their teacher know or stop in to arrange a time. Individual sessions, a mask is not required since we will be 6ft apart. Group sessions, a mask is required.

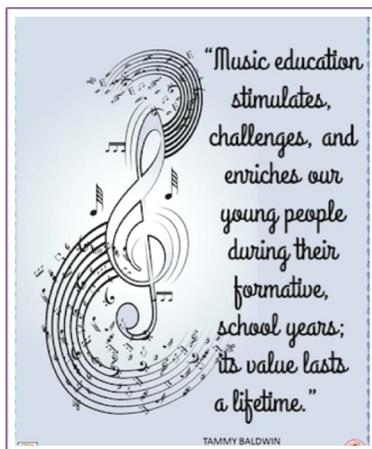
Hope all is well,

Bryan Brooks
Jr and Sr High School Counsellor

*"The soul is healed by being with children". -
Fyodor Dostoevsky*

Music...

Ms. Bev Cheverie



Notes from the Music Room...

In February, all classes have been busy making music while celebrating Valentine's Day and Black History Month. Through singing, listening, reading music, playing instruments and enjoying singing games, the students continue to gain musical knowledge while working through the music curriculum.

We may not all grow up to be accomplished musicians but we will grow to understand more about the world around us through music.

Yours in music education,
Ms. Bev

Physical Education...

Mr. Gordon Pictou

February seemed to fly by! Just a couple of notes this month:

Grades 4 and up got to go snowshoeing on the cultural trail which was a fun way to experience winter.

The grade 7's have started a unit focused on teambuilding and working collaboratively. Grade 10 has started a work-out plan and visits the fitness centre last period on each Day 1.

We have lots of fun activities planned for Winter Carnival coming up this month and once the weather warms up a bit we will be going outside more often again.

A number of students do not have indoor shoes anymore and this is making it difficult and sometimes dangerous to participate. Boots can't be worn on the gym floor and socks are very slippery.

Elementary Mi'kmaw Language...

Ms. Tania Gould

Kwe'

Me'katu taleyin kiskuk?

Wow! We are in March already, and the end of winter. March break time, time to play some hockey, I hope. (I mean the children). This school year has been a very hard and different one for all of us. We have been working hard with what we have to work with. I missed the field trips the most, outdoor play is not enough. Keep your mask on, do your six feet and stay home if you can. Easter is just a few weeks away, and the children are getting excited for that. I wish everyone a happy Easter! Happy March Break!

Wela'lin
Tania Gould

Junior High Mi'kmaw Language...

Mr. Greg Marr

No Submission Available

Please regularly check Covid Exposed Areas to check if you have been at any of the following locations during the designated times. If you were at any of these locations, you should be going for a COVID test.

Tech Ed...

Mr. Walter Palethorpe

No Submission Available

<http://www.nshealth.ca/covid-exposures>

*"Every person that you meet knows something that you don't; learn from them."
H. Jackson Brown Jr.*

March Birthday Greetings...

01 - Jaxton Paul (7)
01 - Carmine Julian (9)
02 - Ms. Carol Howe
02 - Ms. Teressa Augustine
03 - Makayla McDonald (One)
03 - Cassidy Augustine (11)
04 - Payton Brooks (3)
04 - Masin Maloney (3)
06 - Keon Nevin (5)
09 - Keythan Julian (8)
13 - Rekayla Maloney-Morris (2)
18 - Cole McDonald (9)
19 - Alexis Paul-Francis (Primary)
22 - Camden Maloney (7)
22 - Ms. Kelly Oliver
25 - Bella Masty (8)
25 - Dora Masty (8)
27 - Sophia Brooks (7)
31 - Aryiz Augustine (K4)

March Mi'kmaw Words...

Ms. Bev Cheverie

Sikewiku's (March) – spawning moon
Si'stewey - Wednesday
Mntmu - oysters
Uncle - klamukisis
Waking up - tukwiet
Scared - jipasi
Amount of - te'sik
By the time - we'kaw
Suliewey - silver
Musqunamu'k - blue
Ta'pu - two
Store - malsano'kuom
Alipqomink - to skate
Kmis - older sister
Knekk - far
Kne'ji'jk - In a little while.

WINTER CARNIVAL (March 8th to 12th) ...

Monday (March 8th)

CRAZY HAT/HAIR DAY and/or INSIDE-OUT, BACKWARDS DAY

Activities: Craft Day (Elementary - Creating snowflakes out of various materials to decorate the lobby and for Jr./Sr. High School - YouTube painting)

Tuesday (March 9th)

Theme: PAJAMA DAY

Activities: Movie Day (movie rentals from Cineplex and popcorn)

Wednesday (March 10th)

Theme: MI'KMAQ DAY (Mi'kmaq colours or traditional wear)

Activities: Waltes Championship; Mi'kmaq pursuit; Snow snake in the field (a traditional game where a wooden snake is launched up a ramp made of snow and ice - furthest wins) and/or Mi'kmaq craft

Thursday (March 11th)

Theme: JERSEY DAY and/or FAVOURITE SHIRT DAY

Activities: Game Day ("Minute-to-win-it"); Scavenger Hunt outside; board games; video games; ball hockey in the gym (staff vs. Jr./Sr. High School - masked); ice-cream sundaes

Friday (March 12th)

Theme: FAVOURITE CHARACTER DAY (Superhero or twin day - dress like your friend)

Activities: Outdoor Day (Snow sculptures, snowshoeing, sledding, hiking along the trail, Bonfire with storytelling with roasting hotdogs and Tim's Hot chocolate)