

LSK NEWS

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Penatmuiku's/April 2024



VICE PRINCIPAL...

Mr. Greg Marr

Dear Staff, Parents, students and community members,

Penatmuiku's is the time for the birds to lay their eggs. The weather seems to be warming up, but we are in Nova Scotia, and we know the weather here can change in a flash. We continue to ask parents to ensure their children are dressed appropriately for the weather. The ground is beginning to thaw and has mud and many puddles.

Surprisingly, Easter will not be in April this year.

Here are some dates to remember:

March 28th, 2024 - Grade Primary to Grade 8 will be having a site based Parent Meeting PD. There will be no students for P-8. Grades 9 - 12 will have their regular classes.

Good Friday will fall on March 29th, 2024

Easter Sunday will be March 31st, 2024

Easter Monday will be on April 1st, 2024

Principal's meeting will be April 3rd, 2024 in Paqtnkek

April showers will bring May Flowers.

Have a great month.



Library News...

Mrs. Sharon Culbertson

March was a very busy month, what with our Winter Carnival activities/field trips, and our March Break. It was a well deserved break.

Not much happened in the library for the month of March with the exception of more purging of our older stock. Thankfully I had help from a few of the grade nine students.

Now that library sessions are in full swing again, I have been receiving many requests from students for certain books and/or series that they would like to read, so I guess that I will have to place my order very soon.

If your child has a special series that he/she would like to read, please let me know and I will add them to our library wish list!

Upcoming Events...

1st - April Fool's Day

1st - Easter Monday (No School)

15th - Report Cards for grades 10-12

19th - Parent/Teacher Meetings for grades 10-12 (No classes for these grades)

19th - PD for grades 10-12

22nd - Earth Day

30th - Primary Registration

High School Learning Centre...

Mr. Robert MacIntosh

The race is now on. March was a quick month with March Break and Winter Carnival. Once this month is finished its nose to the grindstone. So far so good. Co-op students are very happy with their placements and the feedback has been positive. Math 11 students are on track for a very positive outcome for their midterm marks. Plus online work has been a success.

Happy Easter!
Mr. Mac



Elementary Resource...

Ms. Leslie Paul

Kwe'/Hi

March was a busy month in which everyone enjoyed winter carnival and March break. We have 17 students receiving resource support in their language arts skills this term. It is a pleasure working with the students and observing their growth in reading and writing. I remember the saying "April showers bring May flowers" which makes me think that we will all be enjoying nice spring weather soon.

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



Junior High Literacy...

Ms. Lyssa Steponaitis

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March Break is such a refreshing reset for so many of us. I hope you all enjoyed your time together!

Once students know enough letters, vowels, digraphs and chunks to start writing sentences [very early!!], then they learn a self-correcting strategy called CAPS. CAPS, as you may have guessed, is an acronym where they check off each letter as they ask each item question. C stands for capitals - when do we use capitals? Have I used them at the proper place and are they formed properly? A stands for appearance - are each of the letters formed correctly? Are there proper spaces between each word? P stands for punctuation - what are the options for punctuation and which one is most appropriate here? S stands for spelling - what does each word actually say? Does the sentence read exactly as we want it to? After the student is able to accurately self-answer each question, they're done! When students are able to internalize this mini-checklist, their efficiency and accuracy improves dramatically.

As always, if you have any questions about your junior high child and what they're working on, or questions about English language parts please feel free to reach out. Email is definitely best:

LSTEPONAITIS@lkschool.ca

Happy checking! Kwe'

Grade Six...

Ms. Alisha Duhan

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Easter!

Here's what's been happening in Grade 6 in March:

English Language Arts (ELA):

In ELA, we've been delving into articles centered around technology that helps students hone their prediction strategies to enhance their understanding of reading materials and foster connections within the text. Our focus in writing has been on delving into the intricate elements of storytelling. This preparation will serve as a solid foundation as students gear up to craft their own stories next month.

Mathematics: March and April has been all about fractions, ratio, and percentage in math class! Through real-life examples and the utilization of the IXL learning tool, students



are gaining a deeper understanding of this concept.

Science: We've embarked on an exciting journey into space in our science class. Students are enthusiastically researching various planets and preparing presentations to share their findings with the class.

Health: In health education, students are learning about healthy and unhealthy boundaries, as well as identifying safe adults to confide in.

Art: In art class, students have been engaging in a mesmerizing exercise with beaded necklaces, which promotes concentration and focus. This creative endeavor not only nurtures artistic skills but also enhances cognitive abilities.

Thank you for your ongoing support in your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Best Regards,
Alisha Duhan



Grade Five...

Ms. Raebeka Williams

Welcome Spring!!!

This month Grade 5's will be exploring fractions. Fractions can sometimes be tricky but we encourage students to practice and have patience with themselves. Our learners are sure to master this important concept.

In Science, we will be working on body systems. Students will learn about various human body systems, how they work together and how to keep their bodies healthy. We will be doing hands-on experiments to explore how systems work.

We will be making the most of the beautiful weather with continued outdoor education. Please ensure your student has the proper footwear for indoors and outdoors. If you need any support with this, please reach out to myself or the administration. Our field trip to Hope For Wildlife is rescheduled for April 16th so please keep an eye out for a new permission slip.

Enjoy the beautiful weather!!
Ms. Rae Williams



Elementary Learning Centre...

Mr. Kyle Busche

This April we are getting ready to welcome warmer weather in the Elementary Learning Centre. This means we'll be spending more time outside both on the playground and using our cultural trail behind the school. Our students have been using new technology to communicate and they are doing very well with it. We are always looking for more opportunities for our students to interact with people throughout the school. If you see us, stop by and say hi!

Grade Four...

Ms. Tabettha Stephens

March was a blast and went in a flash. We all had a great time during the Winter Carnival. The students enjoyed all the activities, even the unplanned one (Bowling). They enjoyed it so much that they hope this will be added to next year's winter carnival.

We have finished our Read Aloud, *The One and Only Ivan*. It was an emotional book, which made us tear up a few times. This book raises a lot of questions about animal rights and animal cruelty. We watched the Movie to compare and contrast the book.

Some new units coming on up by subjects are:

Math: Fractions

Science: Rocks and Minerals

Health: Puberty

A big thank you, to Leanna for teaching our class how to make a dreamcatcher using natural materials. The grade 4 students want to thank you for your patience and expertise!

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Spring & Happy Easter!

Grade Two...

Mr. Tyler Schussler

March was a great month in grade 2. Students were given a lot of opportunities to learn and have fun. In literacy, students continued their study of non-fictional texts. We read and explored books related to spring, animals and weather. In math, students continued exploring 3D shapes as students had a lot of fun creating shapes using playdough and toothpicks. Our geometry unit was followed with more challenging addition and subtraction problems. Easter landed in the month of March this year, which was used as our inspiration for art-based paintings and crafts. Our winter carnival also took place in March and it was wonderful to see all the students laugh, learn and have fun as they enjoyed multiple field trips that included a trip to the bowling alley and to the swimming pool. Fun themes and activities were also incorporated into our daily routine throughout winter carnival week, which only added to the student's fun experience. As we say goodbye to March and say hello to April, we're excited for what the new month will bring in grade 2.

Looking ahead into April, the spring season will be used as a theme for literacy, art and math activities. Earth Day also falls in the month of April, which will hopefully inspire students to learn about why it's important to protect our planet and learn ways in which we can help protect our Earth from the harms of pollution. In ELA, we'll be finishing up our unit working on non-fictional texts and move into poetry. In math, students will continue to enhance their mathematical skills using strategies such as borrowing and carrying over to solve more difficult addition and subtraction problems. In social studies, students will learn about natural resources, we'll discuss the difference between items that are man-made and natural resources. April will be a great month and I'm looking forward to continuing the learning and fun.

Tree Tapping March 2024
(Photo by Lyssa)



Grade Nine...

Mr. Steve DeLise



learning how to use patterns to solve equations, the grade eight class is using ratios and rate to compare numbers and quantities, and the grade nine class have been learning about linear equations and inequalities and how they occur in everyday situations involving ratios and rates, scientific contexts and financial applications.

The students also had a great time swimming, rock climbing and playing hockey at the Rath Centre in Truro during our Winter Carnival the week before March break.

Tech Ed...

Mr. Mark Cox

Kwe!

This past month, students have been busy making a lot of shavings in the wood lab. Most students are about finished their first project, a fly swatter. They learned how to safely split the ash wood and use a draw knife to shape it, sanding and applying stain and finish. They also learned how to carve and tool leather for their flyswatter. They are now prepared for an onslaught of spring horse flies! Their next project is a Band Saw box.

Our senior class have been making a fly swatter, as well as a turned pen, and a bowl using the lathe.

Next month we have a presenter, Andrew Foran from St. FX,

coming and spending a few days with us teaching students how to make a traditional canoe paddle. Later in the spring he will return and we will take a canoe trip on the Shubie River where he will teach students how to properly paddle.

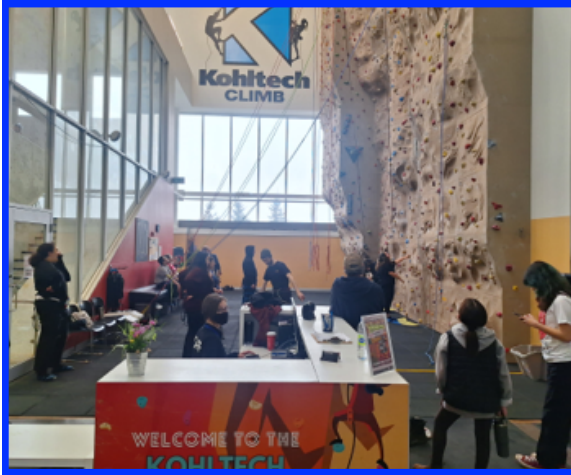
Wela'lioq!



Spring is here and the junior high school students are still working hard. The grade seven class is

Winter Carnival - March 2024...

Photos by Lyssa



Rock Climbing and Teachers vs. Students Hockey Game

Grade Primary...

Mrs. Sheri Brooks

The primary class has been busy this past month, and are very excited that spring has finally arrived! We have been learning about the different signs of Siwk, and the students are excited to see how nature will be changing over the next few weeks. If you see any signs, be sure to share them with your family.

The students had a great time during the winter carnival activities last month. They were excited to swim at the RECC centre and had a great time bowling! I was very happy to see everyone after March break, and to get back into our routines! We are excited to get back to learning with only a few months left of the school year!

We are looking forward to exploring the cultural trail more often now that nicer weather has arrived. Our students were very excited to explore the trail for our Siwk Cultural Day and enjoyed the beautiful sights while learning about maple trees and how syrup is made. Big shout to Cheryl for bringing some delicious Luski & tea biscuits which were made by Simon Francis. The students sure enjoyed their snack!

We hope everyone has a Happy Easter and gets to enjoy some of this beautiful spring weather!

Mrs. Brooks



Tree Tapping...



April Birthday Greetings...

01 - Carmine Julian (10)
05 - Damaris Peter-Paul (1)
06 - A'mya Glasgow (3)
08 - Robert Paul (6)
15 - Chayce Michael (8)
20 - Alicia Peter-Paul (3)
21 - Daniel Drummond (3)
26 - Emmaline Knockwood (7)
28 - Giles Higgins (2)
30 - Dakota Maloney (7)

Acting Principal...

Ms. Joanne Julian

Hello Students and Staff.

As you are well aware that the weather is becoming very wet, please wear the appropriate clothes and shoes or boots that are required for the outdoors. We will like our students to stay safe and dry during this wet month.

I would like to thank the students and staff at this time for being patient with me during my time in the office as Acting Principal.

My door is always open to whomever likes to come and chat.

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Grade Eleven...

Mr. Robert Watson

Happy Spring everyone! Finally the Winter weather seems to be slowing down and summer is on the horizon. Now is a time for more outdoor activities both at home and at school. Let's keep our focus on our goals and continue to work hard to obtain them!

Science 10

Students are finishing up a unit on ecology. They have studied food webs and the roles organisms play within an ecosystem. We will be taking our class outside in the near future with weather permitting, to gather specimens to study with the aid of microscopes. This will lead us into our units on Chemistry and Biology.

English 11

Students continue to read and interpret the novel *The Chrysalids*. Most seem to be enjoying both the story and the theme of the novel. This will continue until they complete the novel. Students have also begun writing responses to different topics from a list of topics that they have a choice of.

Geology 12

Students have already looked at Plate Tectonics, which of course leads to the formation of the 3 types of rocks found on Earth. They have begun learning how to identify the types of rock with various tests. They have also begun to explore how crystals form within some rocks and have shown some keen interest in gathering specimens and cracking them open in search of crystals. Soon students will be creating their own crystals in class with some experiments.

Keep up the good work everyone and remember to keep your attendance to class strong. Don't let absences be the reason you don't get your credits!!

Easter Door Decorating Contest...

Category K4 to 6

1st Place (\$100) - Grade 4



2nd Place (\$75) - SEP



3rd Place (\$50) - Grade 3



Category 7 to 12 plus Specialty classes:

1st Place (\$100) - Grade 8



2nd Place (\$100) - Jr. Mi'kmaq



3rd Place (\$100) - Grade 7

