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Acting Principal's Message...

Ms. Joanne Julian

Hi Staff and Students,

We are fast approaching the end of the school year. The homeroom teachers are very excited to be planning the year-end trips.

The weather is beginning to warm up but we still have chilly days every once in a while. I would like the students to dress appropriately for the weather outside.

Our soccer field is not cleaned up yet. Could I have the students refrain from going down to the soccer field. We are unsure of what kind of debris is lying in that pile of garbage that is in the field. We would not like it if one of our students were to get hurt while being down on the soccer field.

Have a wonderful time finishing up the school year. Enjoy the time we have left.

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Vice Principal's Message...

Mr. Greg Marr

For the month of May (Etquljuiku's - Frog Croaking Time) our students in Junior and Senior High will be participating in our annual Jr High Bass Fishing Trip. This year our fishing trip/presentations will take place on May 22nd and 23rd, 2024.

May 15th - 17th, 2024, we will have our language teachers and elders represent LSK at the Lnui'sultinej Conference in Eskasoni, Cape Breton.

In closing, I look forward to working with our school staff and connecting with parents and guardians.

Greg Marr, M.Ed.

Upcoming Events...

May 6

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/Red Dress Awareness Day on May 5th, but will be observed on May 6th.

May 6

Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6th to 10th).

May 12

Mother's Day

May 13

Show Me Your Math (Grades 6-12)

May 13

Walters Tournament (Grades 4-12)

May 16

MK Dodgeball (LSK)

May 20

Victoria Day - No School

May 21

Grade 8 Learning Assessments (start date is May 21st, ending on June 4th)

May 22

Bass Fishing Derby (Grades 6-12)

May 23

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High School Learning Centre...

Mr. Robert MacIntosh

Well, the rainy month of April is all but done and we are all hoping to dry out in May and start to enjoy some blue sky. This April has been a busy month indeed. Math ten students have been working on a Design and Measurement unit. They have designed a floor plan for a one-story house where they have measured length and area and have found the price of the flooring for the house. The students are now focusing their attention on planning a town which includes streets, shopping areas, housing developments and hospitals, just to name a few. Online work has been a success so far and the student has recently finished *War Horse*. Some changes have been made to the Co-op course and we hope this will allow students to explore different work ventures in the community.

Well, that's it for me. Enjoy May. Cheers!
Mr. Mac

Grade Nine...

Mr. Steven DeLisle

Spring is here and the junior high school students are still learning a lot about mathematics. The grade seven class will be solving equations that they would find in everyday situations such as rates of pay, car rentals and dosages of medicine. Grade eight will begin to look at data and graphs to learn about the best way to communicate ideas. 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.

Junior High Mi'kmaq Language...

Ms. Raylene Syliboy

Kwe' Emist,

We welcome Etquljuiku's the frog croaking month, the sounds of Siwkw (spring) are promising and Wsitqamu is wide awake. We are busy getting prepared for a Waltes tournament we will be hosting. Students are practicing the Mi'kmaq terms for Waltes and how the game is won! Good luck to everyone who will be participating.

Etquljuiku's is when the ji'kaw runs, we will be hosting our annual ji'kaw fishing derby down the Stewiacke River. This year we invited both HERH students and Millbrook Youth Centre students. This year we are aiming for 80 students and more than 20 adult volunteers and organizations. Again, we will have Acadia University who will size and tag the ji'kaw that are caught. Mi'kmaw Debert representatives will be at the river documenting the students as they fish for traditional food. We are all looking forward to all our events.

Wela'lloq, Mrs. Raye

Library News...

Mrs. Sharon Culbertson

"April showers bring May flowers". I can't believe that we are already in the month of May. Pretty soon it will be time to start mowing lawns and gardening. That also means that the bass is running and Mayflies are out. Time for lighter jackets and don't forget the rubber boots; the ground is still wet. It is hard to concentrate in class if your feet are wet. An extra change of clothes wouldn't hurt.

In the library we have a couple of new series available. They are the *"Diary of a Roblox Pro"* and *"Minecraft: Woodworth Chronicles"*. Another book that is new to our inventory is *"Creeboy"*. I enjoyed reading this book because it talks about a young Cree boy's struggle within himself and his family. He loves to dance at pow-wows, but he lives in a community where there are gangs, of which his father and older brother are members.

In addition to these books, I have also purchased some lower level reads for our younger students.

Don't forget to check our website for calendars, pictures, newsletter, etc. ...

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Grade Five...

Mrs. Raebeka Williams

Kwe' Families,

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful sunshine Spring has brought us.

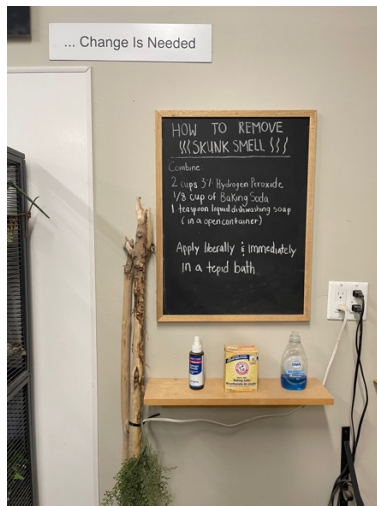
Our *Hope for Wildlife* trip was a huge success. Thanks, Miss Elle, for taking us as part of our Mi'kmaw learning. We were able to visit with many animals that students were not already familiar with.

As we head into May, we will be delving into poetry. This creative exploration will allow students to express themselves through words and imagery. In our math lessons, we will be working on decimals and connecting decimals to our unit from last month, fractions. This foundational understanding will pave the way for more complex mathematical concepts in the future. In health, we will be focusing on nutrition as we explore the importance of making healthy food choices. We will also be looking at the impact different foods have on our overall health.

Hope you have an amazing month and feel free to contact me with any questions, or concerns.

Best Wishes,

Ms. Rae



Grade Seven...

Ms. Erika Hilchey

Hello Parents and Guardians,

For the past few months students in grades 7-9 have been working hard on Science Fair Projects. Thanks to all the students for working so hard and participating in the Scientific process. This included coming up with their own idea, creating their own procedure and following through on an experiment. From there students made visual displays and were interviewed about their project. The LSK Science Fair was held on Monday April 22nd and the winners are as follows:

3rd Place - Leela Simon Julian - Cookie Monster
2nd Place - Emmaline Knockwood - Paranormal Reactions
1st Place - Jocelyn Augustine - Strong Stitches

Cultural Connections Project - Treasure McDonald - Pitch Perfect
Environmental Project - Tomas Brooks - Way to go H2- Woah!
Best Visual Display - Dalanie Paul - Forget Me Not

Thank you to all the judges who helped make this day successful!
Erika Hilchey and Kelly Oliver
Grade 7-9 Science Teachers



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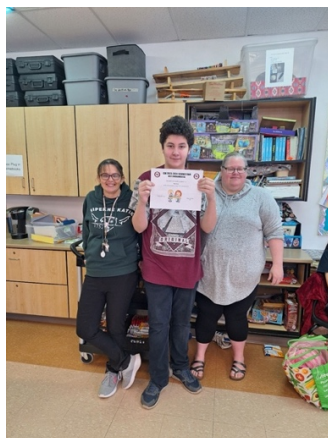
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Junior High Literacy...

Ms. Lyssa Steponaitis

Kwe'

As we swing into late spring, and edge ever nearer the end of the school year, many of the students I work with have passed into long vowels. The first long vowel patterns that students learn in the program are vowel-consonant-e. This written pattern and represented sound can seem revolutionary for students that have not recognized this pattern before: Alternatively referred to as "Bossy E" or "Silent E" or even "Superhero E!" This new "job of e" is the first time that students will see a vowel doing any job other than making a short vowel sound. First, three words are repeated, such as cake, tame and pale, and students are asked for the **sound** that they hear in all three. Once they have identified the long A sound [the first time that we will see a long vowel sound where the letter says its name!] the words are written down and together, we look at the words to notice the pattern of a-consonant-e. Students are given a chance to mark up those words after being shown a model to help them pronounce the words properly. After a-consonant-e comes i-, o- and e-consonant-e. U - consonant-e comes last, as it has two distinct sounds, with or without the sound of 'y' at the beginning, as demonstrated in cube versus tube.

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 Spring!!

Grade Twelve...

Mrs. Tammy Maloney

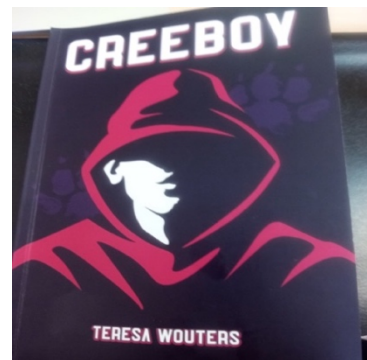
Tammy Maloney Grade 11 and 12's

It's been a busy new semester with High school.

In Mi'kmaq Studies 11 we made Wooden Flowers along with the Grade 7's with Jennifer Gloade and Dan Stephens, along with our in-school elder, Mrs. Mary Lou Bernard. The students really had a great time learning about the teachings of ash trees, while making their own wooden flower.

In Foods and Hospitality students have been busy working on their "Tank of Gas Trip" for two projects, and I am looking forward to their final brochures.

In Grade 11 Communications we have to doing a novel study with the Novel "CreeBoy". My students highly recommend this book about Gangs on reserves.





Grade Six...

Ms. Alisha Duhan

Hello Parents and Guardians,

Here's what's been happening in Grade 6 classrooms this month: We've been working into the elements of stories. Kids are crafting their own imaginative tales, exploring characters, settings, and plots.



Grade 6's in Tech Ed.

In math, our focus has been on geometry and measurement. Students are mastering division and multiplication, using the area model. They can practice this skill at home too! Our journey through space continues! We're learning about how seasons are formed and each student has completed a research project on a specific planet. Discussions on human rights and puberty are ongoing in health class, helping students understand themselves and the world around them. In Social Studies, we are exploring different countries, students have been investigating the PEPS aspects (Political, Economic, Social, and Physical) of their chosen nation. This hands-on approach enhances their understanding of global diversity.

Additionally, students had their first woodworking class with Mr. Mark, which they thoroughly enjoyed. It's a fantastic opportunity for hands-on learning and creativity.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's education.
Warm regards,
Alisha Duhan

Grade Two...

Mr. Tyler Schussler

The grade 2's had a great month of April and as the calendar moved deeper into spring, the weather started to get warmer. We took advantage of the nice weather by heading out to the nature trails for a couple of walks outside of the classroom. Having Earth Day fall in the month of April inspired students to learn about why it's important to protect our planet. The theme of protecting the Earth was included into art and music all month long. In ELA, we finished our unit on working with non-fictional text. In math, students continued 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 learned about natural resources; we discussed the difference between items that were man-made and natural resources. April was a great month for the grade 2's and I'm looking forward to the upcoming month of May.

As the year shifts into the month of May, students will continue to learn and have fun in and out of the classroom. Our class will continue to utilize the nature trails especially with the weather only getting nicer. In literacy students will start their poetry unit. In math, students will continue our measurement unit as they use non-standard and standard units to measure a variety of items in and around our classroom. We only have two months left but there's still a lot of learning to be had and I'm looking forward to every minute of it.

Elementary Learning Centre...

Mr. Kyle Busche

We had a great April celebrating Autism awareness month in the elementary learning centre. We are looking forward to May as we will be continuing to use the cultural trail and other outdoor areas as the weather gets nicer. Our students are happy to be participating in school activities and have made great progress so far this year. We are very proud of them and all the work they have put in to achieve success. Moving forward, we will be continuing to work on the students' social and academic goals. As always, if you see us around in school, stop by and say hi!



Elementary Mi'kmaq Language and Culture...

Ms. Elle Michael



In Elementary Mi'kmaq Language and Culture this month, we are making crafts! One craft in particular is our "Kojua Dancer". Using construction paper and cardboard, the students created a little bouncy figure that they can wiggle back and forth as they sing the song. This was a fun activity that was hands on and open to all sorts of creations. Be on the lookout for more crafts from the Early Mi'kmaq Language & Culture!

Grade Six...

Ms. Alisha Duhan

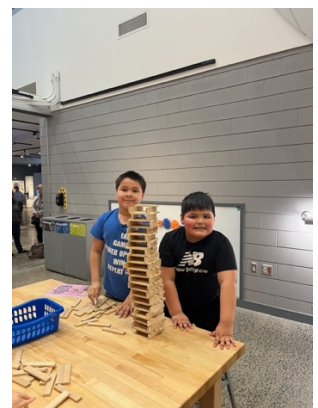


We're thrilled to share that our students are showcasing their skills on the basketball court! Our budding athletes have been dribbling, passing, and shooting hoops with enthusiasm and teamwork.

Grade One...

Ms. Daphrose and Ms. Cheryl

Photos of the students on the cultural trail for the Autism Awareness Day and at the Discovery Centre in Halifax.



Grade Primary...

Mrs. Sheri Brooks

Welcome beautiful weather and sunny days! The primary students have been so excited for the nicer weather and sunny days! We are learning about living things and have been noticing our world changing before our eyes.

We took a walk through the cultural trail for Earth Day and observed all the signs of Spring and enjoyed spending time in the trail exploring the brook and forest. The students are very excited to go back soon to look for more signs of spring, tadpoles and flowers.

We went on a field trip to the Discovery Centre to check out the Science of Hockey and the Sky Dome. The students were very excited to learn about hockey sticks, slaps shots and hockey players. We also learned about the different plants, constellations and seasons.

We had special guests from CMM join us for our Cultural Day. Quinton brought honey bees for students to learn about and we were able to plant some tobacco plants with Jillian. They will be coming back in June to help us transplant our tobacco plants and teach us about the Three Sisters Plants, corn, squash and beans.

We planted seeds and will soon have some sunflowers and pumpkin plants to transplant outside once the weather gets past the frost stage. Each student will get a pumpkin and sunflower plant to plant on the school grounds and one to take home. We hope the plants grow big and beautiful!

We would like to wish Daphne a very happy birthday in May!

Grade Four...

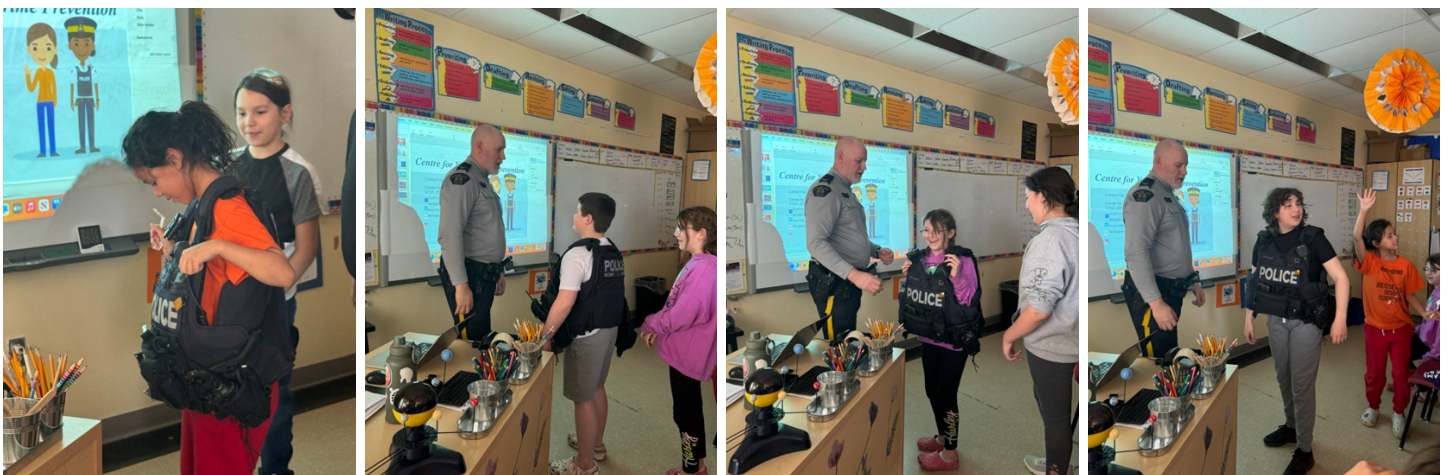
Ms. Tabetha Stephens

Kwe' from grade 4's. We had a great month in April. We are pretty excited that we are one of the classrooms that got picked for the Seeds for Success workshop. By participating, we received a Hydroponics growing Kit. We have already started to grow food in our classroom. We are currently growing strawberries, spinach, lettuce, basil, and tomatoes. The students are enjoying eating fresh lettuce and spinach right from the indoor garden.

The Grade 4-6 had the RMCP Constable Shawn join us to talk about consent. The students had lots of great questions. They were also very interested in his job. They got to try on his vest to see just how much extra weight he has to carry around on him.

The grade 4's had fun breaking open geodes and gems. While learning about Rock & minerals.

April is Poetry month. So, they students have been working on a Poetry Book. It is a collection of their own poems of different styles. We can't wait till its complete!



Science Fair...

Photos provided by Ms. Lyssa Steponaitis



Science Fair Project by Adrianna Grant, Grade 8

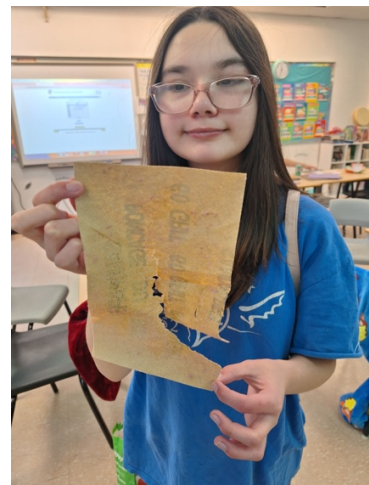
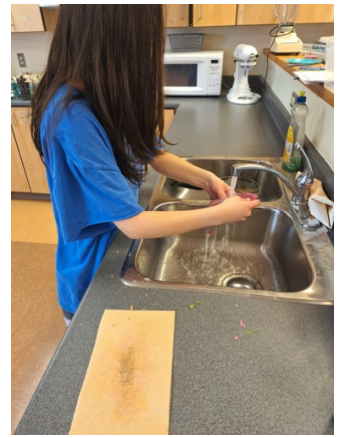


Science Fair Project by Rory Brooks, Grade 8



More Science Fair...

Photos provided by Ms. Lyssa Steponaitis



Science Fair Project by Jocelyn Augustine, Grade 8

May Birthday Greetings...

- 03 - Cody Paul (2)
- 05 - Orion Knockwood-Gehue (K4)
- 08 - Jonathan Little (11)
- 17 - Daphne Googoo (Primary)
- 17 - Caroline Mullin (K4)
- 21 - Stella Grant (8)
- 21 - Lathias Howe (12)
- 23 - Keiran Syliboy (4)
- 27 - Trizdyn Sack (1)

Classroom plants
grown by the
Grade Four class.

