

# W.J. BEREZOWSKY PUBLIC SCHOOL

*"Every Child Matters"*



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## MAY 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
		"Taco In A Bag" lunch for students (free) – Co-op Gift Cards Sold 	"Taco In A Bag" lunch Pre-K & Kind. (Tues./Thurs.) Students (free) – Co-op Gift Cards Sold Gr. 8 Students Tour Carlton 9:00 – 11:30 Pre-K & Kind. Family Fun Night 6:00 - 7:00 pm	
8	9	10	11	12
				 Sunday, May 14 <sup>th</sup> !
15	16	17	18	19
		Band Camp Grades 5 & 6 Camp Kinasao, Christopher Lake	Band Camp Grades 5 & 6 Camp Kinasao, Christopher Lake	No Classes
22	23	24	25	26
No Classes			Band Camp Grades 7 & 8 Camp Kinasao, Christopher Lake	Band Camp Grades 7 & 8 Camp Kinasao, Christopher Lake  Kinsmen Community Pow Wow Grades 3 – 8
29	30	31		
Pre-K & Kind. Family Resource Centre 12:45 – 2:15 pm				



## PRINCIPAL & VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The students at W.J. Berezowsky Public School are very excited to be able to play, run and have classes outside in this beautiful sunny spring. It is also great to see some students riding their bikes to school. Please remember to have your child wear a helmet if they choose to ride their bike to school and a lock to ensure the safety of their bike. We also ask all parents and guardians to talk to their children about needle safety. As we all know, in the spring, there are many needles that surface on the streets and playgrounds where children play. These needles are very dirty and children should not attempt to touch them. If your child finds a needle, he or she should inform an adult and the adult should dispose of it properly.

Our students in grade 7 and grade 8 were privileged to receive a presentation from MADD Canada **SmartWheels** Program. **SmartWheels** raises student's awareness about the risks of alcohol and drugs before they are exposed to them, influences responsible decision-making and teaches safety strategies. **SmartWheels** is inspiring and empowering young people to make a difference and be the generation that chooses not to drive impaired by alcohol and/or drugs. At the end of May, students in grades 1-8 will be participating in a SCI-FI Camp. The workshops for the students will be:

- Grade 1 & 2 Adventures with Ozobots
- Grade 3 Magnets, Magnets Everywhere!
- Grade 4 Geology Rocks!
- Grade 5 Fun with Forces
- Grade 6 Fantastic Flights
- Grade 7 Captivating Chemistry
- Grade 8 Outstanding Optics

These workshops look very interesting and I am sure that students will be engaged and excited with the SCI-FI presentations.

Many classroom field trips will occur in the month of May and June. Please watch for letters from your child's teacher with detailed information about their field trip(s).

Mr. Tournier, Principal

Mrs. Court, Vice Principal





## PRE-K

May is here and Pre-K will be exploring and experiencing all that the outdoors has to offer as much as possible. We will have some of our story time outside and maybe some picnics and hopefully we will be able to paint and make mud outside too! Please send a hat for your child and extra clothes in case we get really dirty! Our potato plants have really grown and soon we will be taking them outside to get some sunshine. Hopefully we will be able to harvest some potatoes!

We will have some parent/family events happening in May and June starting with family gym night on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:00 for Pre-K and Kindergarten families. Please plan to attend. Notes will be going home regarding additional events.

Mrs. Keller



## KINDERGARTEN

May is here! We will continue observing the butterfly life cycle in science and watching our baby chicks grow. We will continue learning about capacity, mass, and length in math. As the weather continues to get warmer, we will be outside more and more. Please begin to put sunscreen on your child and have them bring a hat and water bottle each day. You can also have your child bring their sunscreen bottle to school each for reapplication. Spray sunscreen bottles are recommended for a quick application while at school. Towards the end of May and all of June, we will also have days where we pull out our sprinkler. Please have your child bring a bathing suit and towel to school every day.

Mrs. Jefferson



## GRADE 1

Happy May everyone. Students have been very eager to get outside to learn, play and enjoy this warmer weather. Students have been learning about self-image in Health and how we can talk positively about ourselves and others. They have been working hard in math manipulating numbers for adding and subtracting, as well as before & after numbers. We will continue to work hard on our number sense for the remainder of the month. Asking your child to count by 2's, 5's and 10's is always good practice to help them remember. Students continue to work very hard on reading, and of course they could always use at home support with this goal. We are continuing with our writing goal in ELA. Have your child write sentences at home. Ask them what good sentences start and end with. Our time with our intern-teacher, Mr. Lambert has come to an end. The students had so much fun learning with him and we wish him all the best wherever he ends up teaching. I am so proud of our grade 1 students for working so hard this past month. Let's have a great May, everyone!!!

Ms. Wintringham



## GRADE 2

Spring is finally here, and we couldn't be happier! We have many fun activities planned for the month of May!

The countdown has begun- we will be watching for our chicks to hatch the second week of the month. We have been busy learning about animal life cycles and also some fun chicken facts! Our caterpillars are due to arrive the first week of the month, and we will be watching them change and grow until we can release them as butterflies! We will also be setting up our ant farm.

As it gets warmer outside, we will be spending more time outside. Please check with your child to ensure they are dressed for the weather. Light jackets and proper shoes make it easier and more comfortable for students to go for walks, explore and spend longer periods outside.

We are also working on finalizing details for an end of year field trip. Stay tuned for more details soon!

Have a great month!

**Mrs. Dansereau**

## GRADE 3

Hello May! Wow, time sure is flying by. Great things are happening in the Grade 3 classroom. Since April did bring the occasional shower, we will watch to see if May brings some flowers. In Science, we continue to investigate soil and continue into plant growth. We have been investigating soil composition, learning the importance of soil not only for plants but also for Metis and First Nations people. The most exciting part of our study this month is planting seeds to see what will grow!

Finally, Happy Mother's Day to our mom, those who fill the role of mom, and the mother figures out there! We appreciate all you do. Enjoy your special day.

**Mrs. Winsor**

## GRADE 4W

April flowers bring May flowers! We are very excited about Spring in Grade Four! We have been busy learning about Medieval Times, agriculture, and decimals! I have also started reading Harry Potter to the class! Thank you for getting your school fees paid! We had a great trip to the museum and we are looking forward to a few outings in June! I have many students who are still squinting to see the board and are not wearing or bringing their glasses on a regular basis. Please make sure they are getting to school and I will do my best to remind them at school! We will also be focusing on a lot of writing in the last two months! We really need to build up some stamina and improve our writing! A great idea to help with writing is to have your child write in a journal at home! It could be a gratitude journal or a story journal! The Dollarama has so many great inexpensive journals! As always if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call!

**Mrs. Willie**



## GRADE 4P

Sunshiny spring greetings from the grade 4P classroom!

Since we have returned from the Easter Break, the students have been given many opportunities to sharpen their writing skills. They have focused on writing complete sentences that include a subject and a predicate, and make sense to read. All year we have been working on including eight words in each sentence, and are continuing to challenge ourselves to include as much detail as possible. We have also been trying to choose more descriptive words and to stay away from overused words, such as, fun, good, great, and awesome.

Our classroom has joined, *The Great Canadian Farm Tour*. On this tour we will virtually visit 10 farms across Canada and learn all about the different types of farming opportunities in Canada. So far, we have visited a Potato Farm in New Brunswick, a Tomato Farm in British Columbia, a Research Farm in Prince Edward Island, and a Sheep Farm in Saskatchewan. Along with learning the specifics related to the different types of farming, the students are also learning a little more about each province. They are being taught the capital city, the official bird, and the official flower of each province, as well as shown a landmark from each province. Did you know sheep have rectangular pupils? Or, did you know potatoes can get sunburned and turn green? You should not eat the green part of a potato because it could be toxic. We also learned tomatoes are actually fruit, and not vegetables, as so many of us have always thought.

The world of syllabication has entered our classroom and we could not be more excited to learn all about syllables. A syllable is a part of a word, or an entire word, that contains a single vowel sound and is pronounced as a unit. It is important for students to learn about syllables because they help students decode multisyllabic words more effectively. They will be chunking the sounds in a word, rather than sounding out each individual letter. Students learn about syllables so they are able to read more fluently and accurately, pronounce words properly, and spell words correctly. Please talk to your child about what they have been learning because they are all becoming experts. We have become well-versed in open and closed syllables, and are ready to move on and learn more about the other four types of syllables.

Now that we are into our final two months of the year, we are looking forward to some learning opportunities outside of the classroom. On May 26, we will be attending the Heart of the Youth Community Pow Wow in Prince Albert. Please watch for a note with more information to be sent home closer to this date. Other dates to watch for in May include: there will be no school on Friday, May 19 and Monday, May 22 for the Victoria Day holiday. I will leave you with one final thought about spring, "In the spring, at the end of the day you should smell like dirt." ☺

Ms. Paterson




HELLO,  
**MAY**

May this month bring you satisfaction, peace and joy.

May all the desires of your heart be granted.

May this be the beginning of new things in your life.

Stay strong, be positive and fulfill your dreams

Happy new month friends! 

## GRADE 5

Hopefully May brings us warmer weather! The grade 5 students have been learning about geometry. We have finished 2D shapes and their attributes. We have now started learning about 3D shapes. Be sure to ask your child to tell you all about parallel lines, perpendicular lines, and other attributes of shapes. Be sure to continue to read and write every night! If you bring me an answer to this riddle - you may receive a prize! "How do oysters call their friends?"

**Ms. Cournoyer**



## GRADE 6

Welcome May!! The snow has melted and spring has finally arrived. With the spring weather upon us, we only have a couple months of school left. That means students need to buckle down and work hard so they can complete the grade 6 outcomes in preparation for the grade 7 school year. We continue daily with our morning meetings. We find these meetings are a great way to begin our day connecting with one another and building strong friendships. We are working on work daily with the focus on prefixes, suffixes, and word meaning. We will soon be adding syllabication to their word study. These learnings will further enhance their literacy skills. Students have recently completed the novel Wonder and are now in the process of writing their exam.

The last book report of the year will be due on June the 9th. This will be a fiction book of choice. It will be a homework assignment, so please make sure your child is reading daily. Once the reading is complete, they can get started on the writing portion of the assignment. The "Famous Dinner Table" creative writing is finally complete with well written paragraphs and proper use of dialogue. Students are eager to share their writing with their classmates. Lastly, students have completed their Social Studies country reports and many have already presented to the class. I will be uploading those videos of your child's presentation to Edsby for you to view. Please make sure to check it out!

Also, a huge Congratulations goes out to the grade 6 class on the coop gift card fundraising. The class enjoyed an ice cream party as a reward for their hard work and efforts.

Well, that's all for now! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to message through Class Dojo or call me at the school.

Enjoy the sunshine and warmer weather. From sweet April showers spring May flowers!

**Mrs. Donaldson**

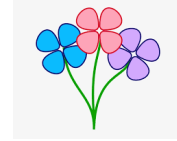




## GRADE 7

May is going to be a busy, hardworking month for the Grade 7's! A SCIENCE FAIR IS BACK!!! I am excited to announce that the grades 6 and 7's will be having a science fair on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. This is open to the parents to come and see their child's project. It will be held in our library from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

**Ms. Deschambeault**



## GRADE 8

April showers hopefully bring warmer weather for May. The last two months are here and they are going to fly by very fast. I am hoping to get outside and start some work on our photography unit. We are continuing to work on our novel study of Two Degrees by Alan Gratz which has a focus on global warming and sustainability. Just a reminder to check with your child on any assignments they may have that are not finished. They need to make sure that if they are not getting their work done in class, they have to finish it at home.

**Ms. Strom**

## LOST & FOUND

There are quite a few items in our "Lost & Found" - if your child is missing anything, please feel free to come to school and look in bin.



## TRACK & FIELD

Do you like running? Jumping? Throwing?

The WJB Track & Field season is underway for the month of May!

Any interested students in grades 4-8 are eligible to practice during the noon hour.

The P4A Track Extravaganza will be held on:

Monday, June 5 1000/1200m (afterschool)

Tuesday-Wednesday, June 6-7

Coach Cournoyer

Coach Strom

Coach Mack



