

Pinewood Press

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April 2019 Newsletter

Principal's Message – Judi Poole

Happy Poetry Month!

Welcome back from a well-deserved two weeks off! As was hoped for, yes, there is much less, if any at all, of the white stuff (snow) and green sprouts and a field fit for running club are the long awaited-for signs of spring! Hurrah!

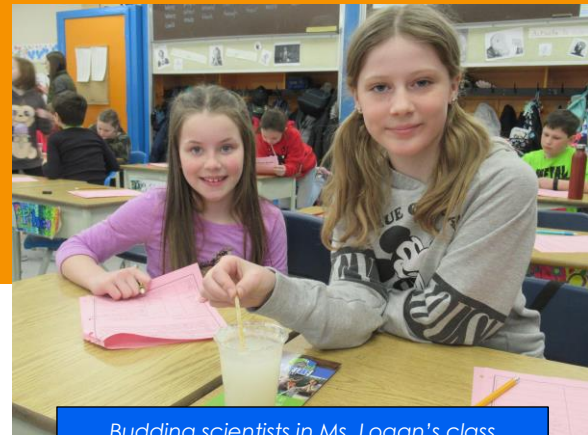
As many of you have noticed, we have a new look to our school: our orange trim has become blue. Our library, music portable and side offices have new carpeting and a fresh coat of paint. A change is as good as a rest some say, and now that much of the library is comprised of furniture that can be easily moved, this space will certainly take on many forms and functions, perfect for our learners and their learning styles!

April is our poetry month so please make sure that you scan our bulletin boards for poems that range in ages and variety from our kindergarten students to our Gr. 6 students. As well, you are all invited to attend our Poetry Assembly on the 26th at 10:50 am, as each class presents poems that will certainly make you chuckle, smile and possibly make your hearts sing!

What is a Poem?

A poem is a present.
You give it to yourself.
Find one in a dusty book
nestled on your shelf.
Find one in a face
of a person you don't know.
Feel one on a windy day.
Hear a poem blow.
See a poem in a mouse.
Watch a poem run.
Smell a breakfast poem
when morning offers sun.
You may think a poem
is always made of words.
But poems can be chocolate.
Poems can be birds.
Poems can be secrets
or shouts upon the air.
A poem is a present
hiding everywhere.

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Budding scientists in Ms. Logan's class explore solutions!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ April 3 – Orders for April 10 hot lunch due
- ❖ April 4 – K-3 students to Key City Theatre – 9 am
- ❖ April 5 - Hat Day for House Team points
- ❖ April 8 – Pro-D Day, Students not in session
- ❖ April 10 – Gr 6 to Key City Theatre for middle school transition presentation
- ❖ April 10 – Hot Lunch (Pizza and Booster Juice)
- ❖ April 17 – Stuffie & Book Walk
- ❖ April 17 – Orders for April 24 hot lunch due
- ❖ April 19 & 22 – Good Friday and Easter Monday, School not in session
- ❖ April 24 – Hot Lunch (Taco Time and Booster Juice)
- ❖ *NEW* April 24 – PAC meeting, 6:30 pm in Library
- ❖ April 25 – Ready Set Learn, 9:30 am
- ❖ April 26 – Poetry Assembly, 10:50 am
- ❖ April 26 – Patki Nana Group, 1 pm
- ❖ May 1 – Kindness Virtue Assembly, K class
- ❖ May 1 – Orders for May 8 hot lunch due
- ❖ May 3 – Pro-D Day, Students not in session

In honour of National Poetry month, I would like to share a few reasons as to why poetry is so important:

Poetry promotes literacy, builds community, and fosters emotional resilience. It can cross boundaries that little else can.

Poetry can allow kids to paint sketches of their lives, using metaphor, imagery and symbolic language to describe experiences.

When read aloud, poetry is rhythm and music and sounds and beats.

(<https://www.edutopia.org/blog/five-reasons-poetry-needed-schools-elena-aguilar>)

Why to Read Aloud to Children

10 Benefits of Reading Aloud to Children

- builds vocabulary
- improves reading comprehension
- promotes empathy
- reduces stress
- boosts brain development
- exposes children to different experiences
- increases chances of later success
- helps develop communication skills
- builds self-esteem
- deepens family connections

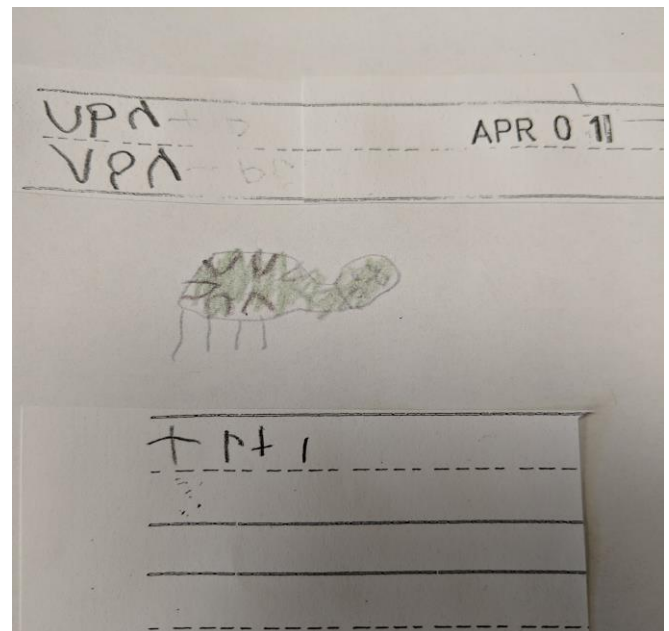
fb.com/whatdowedoallday.com



Musicians Gordon Stobbe and JJ Guy had us up and dancing!

STUDENT WRITING

Each month we will feature writing from a Pinewood student. Please enjoy this journal submission from Van in Kindergarten.



Mr. Naegeli's Grade 1-2 class teaches us some codes of cooperation!

The "Draft" annual school calendar for 2020/2021 is posted to the district website and a copy is attached. Comments/suggestions will be accepted in writing to gail.rousseau@sd5.bc.ca on or before April 15, 2019. The information collected will be taken to the Board of Education for their consideration.

Disc golf at Pinewood

With the help of Ms. Kristen Shields and her enthusiasm and knowledge of the sport our Gr. 2/3 class students will learn the skills of how to play disc golf. A big shout out and thank you to the PAC for subsidizing the cost of the nets that are in our primary field.

MindUP program returns to Pinewood!

Our Gr. 3/4 and 4/5 classes will be taking part in the MindUP program this month. MindUP is a comprehensive, classroom – tested, evidence – based program framed around easily implemented lessons that foster social and emotional awareness, enhance psychological well- being and promote academic success. We look forward to hearing about the benefits that will come out of having our students practicing 'Mindfulness'!