

GRADE 5/6 NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR! WELCOME 2020!

Happy New Year! Much health and happiness to all!

A wonderfully busy month for us this January! Our main focus in Mathematics for the first half of this month continues to be Number Sense – Fractions. We will be having a look at Measurement later this month and into February. We shift to a focus on oral communication in January with speeches. Students are beginning to research their speech topics. Rough drafts are due on Wednesday January 22nd. We will be presenting our speeches in class January 28th through the 30th. Successful students who wish to present to the student body will be invited to present in the gym in early February; successful presenters will be invited to participate in the Royal Canadian Legion Speech Competition, date TBA. We will also be wrapping up our novel studies with a variety of interesting options

available for students to demonstrate their learning. Our writing focus will be essay and poetry compositions about the *Meaning of Home*, sponsored by Habitat for Humanity and Genworth Canada. Student winners can garner up to a \$30,000 grand prize to be awarded to our local Habitat for Humanity as well as an iPad and pizza party for our class. For more information, please visit <https://meaningofhome.ca/parents/>.

We have been considering government responsibilities and national/global issues in our Social Studies investigations. Throughout January we will continue considering issues of social justice and our role and responsibilities in addressing injustice both from a governmental and a personal perspective. Our Grade 6s will be presenting a group project about Space with solar system models, due January 24th. Grade 5's begin to explore Conservation of Energy this month in Science. Following their presentations, Grade 6s will jump into a study of Electricity.

We received some amazing news this week. Our class was entered into a draw for tickets to The Brier and we were chosen as one of the classes to attend! We will be visiting the Leon's Centre in Kingston on Monday March 2nd for Draw 6 of The Brier. This is a very exciting opportunity for our students, and we hope our signs and enthusiasm will make the cut and we'll be captured on TSN's coverage of this prestigious Canadian sports event!

We begin Basketball in Phys Ed this month with an eye to taking part in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition. We will be discussing Canada's Food Guide in our Health focus and students will be completing a week-long review of meals to consider the food choices we make and how these choices impact our health. Please keep an eye on Remind and our School Website for important information as this is a very busy month!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

January 4	Happy Birthday Nathan
January 9	Pita Day
January 16	Pizza Day
January 21	Happy Birthday Mary
January 22	Speech Drafts due
	Scholastic Book Orders due
January 23	Pita Day
January 24	Grade 6 Space Project due
January 27	WWJD Assembly 2:45 p.m.
January 28 – 30	Speech Presentations
January 30	Pizza Day
January 31	P/A Day

AUTHENTICITY

Our Umbrella Project focus in January is Authenticity. Authenticity is our ability to be our genuine selves, staying true to our values and beliefs, while still adapting to the world around us. Authenticity comes from having actions that match the words we say and trying not to be someone else to impress others. Authenticity helps us to feel confident in ourselves and it improves others ability to trust us, a characteristic highly valued in leaders.