

St. Martin of Tours Catholic School

Newsletter

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Royal Canadian Legion Poster and Literacy Contest Winners!

Congratulations to Ashton, Ava, Lily, Payton, Ryan and September for winning a variety of awards for their posters, poems and essays in this year's contest!

We just heard that Lily, Ava and September, who had on moved on to the Zone Competition with their first-place entries, also won prizes from the Zone! We are awaiting the arrival of their submissions and prizes from a legion representative and they will then be sent home! Congratulations to all of our winners and to all of our participants! We are all so proud of you!

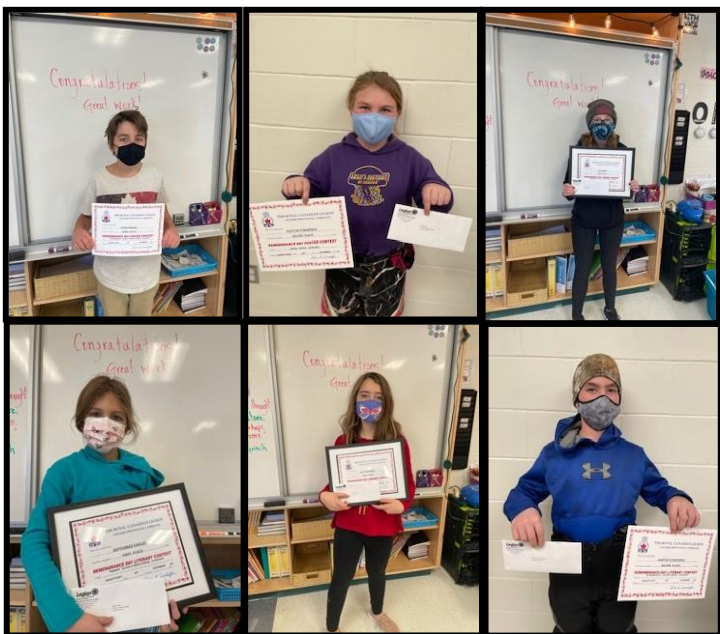
Bell Let's Talk Day

We began the day with a discussion about mental health awareness in which we explained the importance of mental health during this unprecedented time and always. Afterward, students enjoyed a Mental Health Hour in which they participated in an activity of their choosing that was pre-planned.

Students worked on a media-literacy activity with Mrs. Armstrong in which they compared this year's and last year's Bell Let's Talk official commercials. Students noticed that in the past the commercials focused on the hardships of mental health and discovered that this year's message was more lighthearted and reminded us to acknowledge that mental health challenges can affect anyone at any time, but we should not feel ashamed of it.

Throughout the day the class kept track of the amount of money raised for CAMH and they were amazed at how quickly the amount raised grew. Students were provided with an opportunity to help support the cause by watching the official video.

We are all so proud of how well our students responded to the day and always remind everyone to be kind and reach out if you ever need anything. We are all here for each other!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten Registration for 2021-2022 is now open on the ALCDSB website! Click the link "Register for School" and continue to the pre-registration form. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office at 613-637-2720 and someone will be more than happy to help you. We can also provide paper forms if online registration is not possible. We look forward to meeting our future students!

National Sweater Day



Our school will be taking part in National Sweater Day on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4th! National Sweater Day is an annual event organized by World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Canada. On National Sweater Day, WWF asks Canadians from coast to coast to turn down thermostats by two degrees Celsius at home, at school and at work to highlight the role that energy conservation plays in preventing climate change. Our school buildings will be a little chillier on February 4th, so we are asking that all students wear or bring a sweater to school. Through participation, we hope to understand how everyday actions affect our planet's future. We are looking forward to a cozy day in the classroom!

Monday, February 15th - Holiday



Valentine's Day



If your child/ren would like to bring in Valentine cards or treats, please send them in on the 8th. Renfrew Public Health requires that they sit for a minimum of 72 hours before being touched by other students. Any treats sent in must also be pre-packaged and sit for 72 hours. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us follow these public health directives. We can do this and still have a fun Valentine's Day celebrations with our students on the 12th.

Below is a list of student's names for Valentine cards.

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| Ryder A | | Ryder L |
| Ryland | | Ben |
| Monica | | Ryan |
| September | | Ashton |
| Addie | | Ava |
| Lily | | Chris E |
| Matt | | Christopher |
| Payton | | |



BRRRRR!



Winter is definitely here! Please be reminded that outdoor recess during the lunch period is 40 minutes. Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor play at school: snow pants; warm, water-proof gloves/mittens, warm scarves & hats; and of course, boots. It is also a good idea to send in extra pairs of dry socks and mittens.



**REPORT CARDS AND IEPs
WILL BE COMING HOME ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th**

Outdoor Education

Students participated in an Outdoor Education Course with Mr. Bibby, Special Assignment Teacher of Outdoor & Environmental Education today. They had a blast snowshoeing in the gorgeous sunshine we were blessed with and got to soak up some vitamin D. A big thank you to Mrs. Raisanen and her father Jarmo, for allowing us use of the farm for our day and to Mrs. Armstrong for bringing in wood for our bonfire!

