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# Alf Cuthbert Newsletter



## Principal's Message



May!! Wow, the time is flying past us at high speed. After what seemed to be a long cold winter, we are finally able to enjoy the warm sun, green grass and spring flowers.

After a very busy winter of learning a variety of curricula, we look forward to the fun events to finish up the year. There are field trips, baseball tournaments, Town Cleanup, Jump Rope for Heart, Track and Field, planting/gardening, and of course our Kindergarten and Grade 8 Grads. Of course, there are still many things to work towards mastering and demonstrating our learning. Final assessments are crucial and we expect all students to try their best in aspects of their learning. Attendance over the rest of the year is very important and we look forward to everyone being at school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students, families and staff for their hard work and dedication to the growth and learning of our students. It is amazing to see the growth, determination, and perseverance of all students throughout the school year. Here is to a wonderful wrap up of the year and a fun filled summer ahead of us.

## Important Dates

- May 9 - Town Clean Up
- May 19 - No School
- May 20 - No School
- May 22 - Grade 7-8 Field Trip
- May 23 - Jump Rope for Heart
- May 28 - K Registration
- May 30 - Gr.5-8 Dodgeball Tournament
- June 6 - Grade 5-6 Field Trip
- June 10 - 5/6 Baseball
- June 11 - 7/8 Baseball
- June 17 - K-4 Field Trip
- June 20 - Track and Field
- June 25 - Grade 8 Grad 1:30
- June 26 - K Grad 1:30 and Report Cards go home!
- June 27 - No School & Happy Summer!!





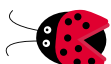
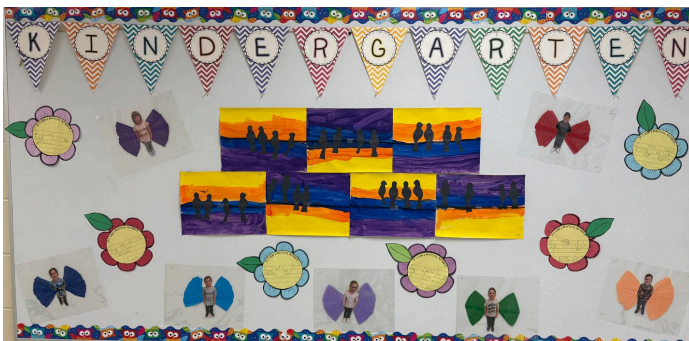
# Kindergarten

Spring is in the air as you can tell from our beautiful bulletin board in the hallway. We did all kinds of writing and reading about spring! Our other themes since the last newsletter were about bears, Easter, and Earth Day! We learned so many sight words and are learning to put together sounds to make words through our UFLI program.

In math we can count way past 30, can count by 10s, and count backwards! We are learning more about number lines and can even complete some addition and subtraction questions using the number line! We are getting better at working with numbers and finding several ways to represent the numbers.

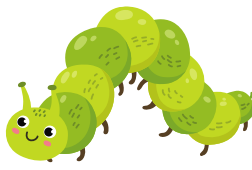
We are excited to get ready for our graduation. We will be getting ready to learn some new songs and cannot wait to share our talent. We also have several events coming up and will be busy for the rest of the year with our field trip, jump rope for heart, and track and field day.

This has been a wonderful year for kindergarten, and it is exciting to see how much every child has grown!



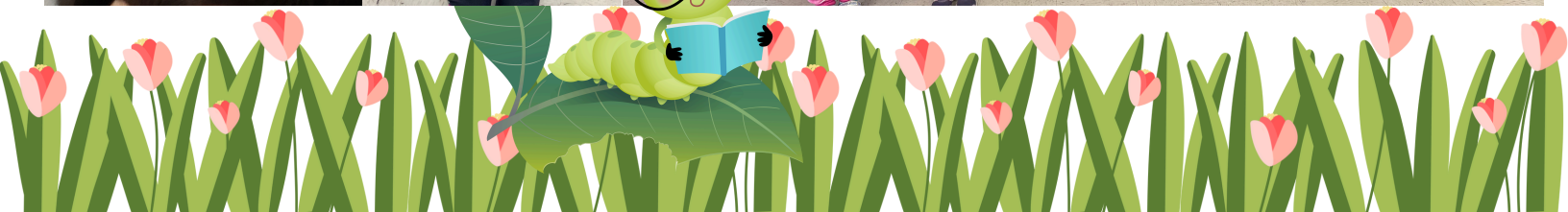


# Grade 1/2



The grade 1/2 class has been learning many interesting things so far in Term 3. In math, we finished our unit on 2-digit addition and subtraction and are way more confident using larger numbers. In Social Studies, we learned about different important Canadians and had the opportunity to find the places they are from on a map of Canada. In Art, we are continuing to learn about different artists and their unique styles. We will now be studying 2 and 3-dimensional shapes and starting our final Science unit of the year.

There are many exciting things from now until the end of the year that we are looking forward to, especially our field trip. It will be a great time to relax and have fun together after working hard all year long. We are proud of all we've accomplished and how much we've learned together. It's amazing how fast it has gone by. We hope everyone has a great rest of their year.





# Grade 3/4

Hello from grade 3/4!

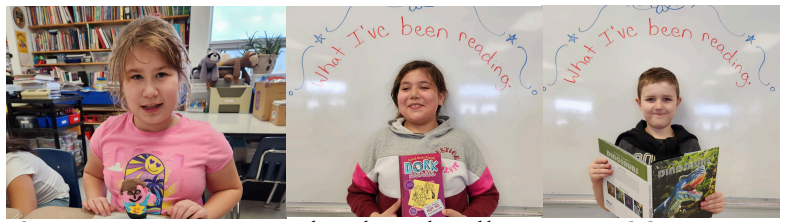
It's almost summer break! The second half of our year was packed with all sorts of fun learning and interesting events. In the 3/4 classroom we have been having a blast with poetry in ELA, practicing our math skills and estimation, experimenting with rocks, minerals and erosion in science, and learning all about our province in social studies.

We have continued learning all about famous Canadian artists as a part of our art and social studies units this year. We've been looking at one artist for every province and territory in Canada and trying out their individual styles and techniques. We've finished up all the northern artists and are moving on to artists from the west coast and prairies! In social studies we had a fantastic time learning all about the people and culture of Canada's northern territories, and how they helped shape our country.

We had a few interesting in-class and whole school visits from a variety of presenters. We got to meet Bill the Access Reading dog, had a visit from Agriculture in the classroom to learn all about farming in Manitoba, had a virtual presentation from Oak Hammock Marsh about Manitoba's native bat species, and had an in person visit from author and scientist Dana Clark to learn about turning scientific research into nonfiction children's books.

The grade 3/4s have been setting goals for our reading and math work this year. We passed our goal of 1000 books read in Epic! before the end of the year and earned a kick-baseball game against the 1/2s! Our final goal is to answer over 25 000 correct questions in IXL before the end of June, we're currently at 22 800, we can do it!

Our class is looking forward to all the fun activities that will be coming up at the end of the year. We have town clean-up day, Jump Rope for Heart, our K-4 field trip, Track and Field day and much more are all coming up fast. Time flies by when you're having so much fun! The 3 / 4 class wishes you all the best and hopes you have a wonderful summer!





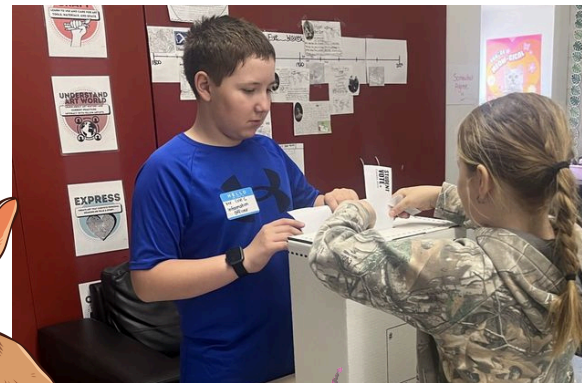
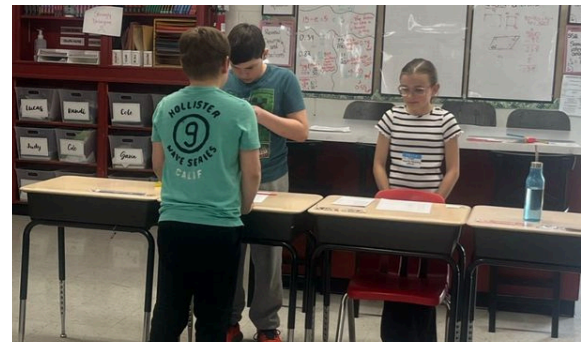
# Grade 5/6

Happy Spring from Grade 5/6!

There has been lots of events and fun learning. The Grade 5/6's want to highlight 2 fun events they have had. On April 8<sup>th</sup>, the Grade 5/6 class went to Fisher Branch to participate in a full day of Badminton. We joined Ashern school on the bus and spent the day eating yummy food and playing lots and lots of games. We are looking forward to the dodgeball tournament (which is new for Alf) and the baseball tournament in the coming months!

On April 24<sup>th</sup> students participated in our Student Vote. For the month of April students have been exploring what is democracy, rights and responsibilities, levels of government: Municipal, Provincial and Federal and explored the different political parties. The day of our election students had different roles; voting member or poll workers. The results got sent to Student Vote and once the real Federal election was complete we compared our student data to the real results. It was a great experience to learn how voting works and practicing your right to vote.

We are looking forward to our Field Trip in June to Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site alongside the Ashern Grade 5/6 class!





# Grade 7/8



The grade 7/8's had an in-house 7 team double elimination badminton tournament. Brody and Conway narrowly defeated Taylor and Ethan in the doubles final. We participated in the Divisional Badminton tournament in Ashern on April 9th. Students competed in three categories of play. Girls singles: Alexis, Georgie, Hayleigh; Boys singles: Alex, Conway; Boys doubles: Alen & Andrew, Ethan & Carson, Taylor & Brody, Marcus & Ryker. Games were to 15 points, and we got to play against teams from Ashern, Eriksdale, and Fisher Branch. It was an enjoyable day of badminton!

The focus for math is algebra. Expressions, equations, solving for the unknown, and modelling with algebra tiles are key concepts. Review for the last foundational outcome quiz is ongoing. In science we are studying Forces and Structures which allows for building with various materials to test structural strength and stability. A read aloud book in ELA will close out the year.

The grade 8's enjoyed mooing over the intercom as "mystery mooers" for spirit week. Currently, the grade 8's are designing their ceiling tile and making plans for grad. Exciting times!

Our class field trip to the Manitoba Electrical Museum and Golf Dome is May 22nd.

